



You are invited to attend the:
36th NOB HAMMER-IN
HELD AT AUGLAIZE VILLAGE
DEFIANCE, OH.
May 03-04-05, 2024

Sponsored by the Northwest Ohio Blacksmiths Club
www.nob-blacksmiths.org

Location: 12298 Krouse Rd. Defiance, OH. 43512
From US-24, Exit 22 / Baltimore St.—West to Krouse Rd. Left on Krouse Rd. across the RR tracks to Auglaize Village on the right.

The website for Auglaize Village is:
<https://vintagedefiance.com/general-1>

General Information

Registration: This year we will have scheduled registration hours. Please register at the first available time slot. Once registered you must wear your badge to show you have done so.

Raffle Piece: A handmade item, made by you, is required with registration. While we all love ironwork, any item made by you will be accepted. The proceeds from the raffle are used to help defray the Hammer-In expenses. If you are a beginner and want help with your required registration piece, ask any NOB member and they will be happy to assist you. The registration piece must be completed before the banquet on Saturday.

There is a \$10.00 additional charge to the registration fee this year. When you present your registration piece for the raffle the \$10.00 fee will be refunded to you.

Gallery Contest: The contest challenge is “Animal Form.” The item can be made from any type of metal, it must be in the form of an animal in whole or in part. It must also be forged with a minimum of one dimension no less than 6 inches. **Three cash awards of \$50.00 each.**

Favorite Craft: This contest is for non-metal craft items. Anyone may enter and all crafts are welcome. Winners are chosen by a majority vote of the attendees.

Cash awards: 1st—\$50.00, 2nd—\$35.00, third—\$30.00, 4th \$20.00

Onsite Food Saturday and Sunday: The Auglaize kitchen staff will have breakfast and lunch available for purchase in the barn.

Blacksmith Coal: Dennis Coal Sales will have coal in 50 lb. bags available for sale on Saturday morning, first come first served. This is good blacksmith coal obtained for our use.

Lodging

Super 8: 1053 Hotel Drive. 419-782-8000

Comfort Inn: 1068 Hotel Drive 419-784-4900

Holiday Inn Express: 1148 Hotel Drive 419-784-0782

Hampton Inn: 1037 Hotel Drive 419-784-1515

Demonstrator Biographies

Main Demonstrator Terry Sheridan – Terry is a self-employed machinist, welder and blacksmith from Collingwood, Ontario, Canada. Most of his work is in the heavy construction machine industry and the local ski resort industry. At his business, most of his forging is for industrial applications using primarily gas forges and power hammers. His passion however, is at home using a good ole' coal forge and simple hand-forged tools to create historically correct items from centuries past including adzes, axes, chisels, knives, lead ladles and dividers to name a few. Terry has often demonstrated and taught at blacksmith organizations across the USA including SOFA Quadstate, Batson Blade Symposium, Alabama Forge Council, Pittsburgh Artist Blacksmith Assoc., Illinois, Maryland, and the Adirondack Blacksmith groups, in addition to John C. Campbell Folk School. Whether you are a blacksmith wanting to expand your tool-making knowledge or a craftsperson yearning for the skills to make the tools of your trade, **Terry's demo is for you. "Exploring forging tools for various needs, including those of the stonemason, mechanic, woodworker, farmer and more."**

Hands-on class by John Wolf: John's introduction to blacksmithing was at a historic village in central Michigan at age 5. He knew then that he had to do that. Instead, he hindered his dad building things from wood, and then eventually was able to start making woodworking tools in middle school shop. He had intended to become a tool-die maker after high school but found his way along a path with lots of twists and turns to a career as a farrier. He has recently retired from that and intends to spend the rest of his time making anything but sense. John will teach the morning class. **John's class project will be forging a punch from spring steel.**

Hands-on class by Chris Thomas: Chris is a 30-year-old blacksmith that has resided in Northwest Ohio since 2015. He has been blacksmithing for the last 6 years and smelting metal for the last 3 years. Chris currently serves as the NOB secretary. This is his second year serving the club in that capacity. Aside from blacksmithing, Chris is one of two agricultural educators for the Wauseon School District. Chris will teach the afternoon class. **The project will be a steel rose consisting of forged stem, shaped petals and combining each component to form a complete flower.**

S.N.O.B Hands-on class by Cheryl Sheridan: Cheryl is a weaver, fiber dyer and sock “cranker.” Her addiction to weaving began with a floor loom on the side of the road with a free sign hanging precariously from the unloved piece. Today, the Barn Studio houses more than twenty looms for participants to drop in, experience and use one’s imagination to create a one-of-a-kind hand-woven piece. Cheryl also has a collection of circular sock knitting machines. She has offered presentations to Guilds and conferences, a guest speaker and demonstrator at local museums and surrounding historical societies and finally, instructor of private and group lessons in weaving, fiber dyeing and sock cranking both at The Barn Studio and John C. Campbell Folk School. **For the S.N.O.B.s, Cheryl will offer an inkle loom weaving machine workshop where participants will have the choice to weave their own boot/shoelaces or eyeglass necklace or badge necklace, in a variety of fun colors.**

Friday Night

Please bring an item for the **Anvil Stew**, our Friday night supper. Vegetables or meats are always needed. Please also bring a dish to pass and participate in the food contest below.

Food Contest: Salads or desserts to compliment the anvil stew. Winners will be chosen by a vote of those attending.

Cash awards: 1st—\$40.00, 2nd—\$30.00, third—\$20.00, 4th \$10.00 for each category.

Theft Bingo: Bring 4 or 5 wrapped prizes (dollar value) or white elephant treasures. Everyone is welcome to play.

Saturday Night

The Saturday evening banquet is catered with the raffle and auction to follow. **Donated items for the auction are always appreciated. The auction has been a highlight of the Hammer-In and is a great fundraiser for the club. Raffle tickets will be \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00.**

Forging Competition: Last year’s winner is charged with the task of determining this year’s challenge. He or she will announce the task at the beginning of the competition.

Cash awards: 1st—\$80.00, 2nd—\$50.00, third—\$30.00

2024 Hammer-In Daily Schedule

Friday May 03

- All Afternoon** Anvil Stew preparation - In the Pavilion
Open forging available after set-up is complete
- 4:00 - 5:00PM** **Registration Open** - In the Barn
- 5:30 PM** Anvil Stew - Potluck Meal - Food Contest - In the Barn
- 7:00 PM** Theft Bingo and Open Forging in Cane Press area

Saturday May 04

- 8:00 - 9:00 AM** **Registration Open** - Breakfast - In the Barn
- 8:45 - 9:00 AM** Opening Ceremony in front of the Blacksmith Shop
- 9:00 - 12:00 AM** Main demonstrator Terry Sheridan - In Farm Museum
Hands-on by John Wolf – In Cane Press area
Hands-on by Cheryl Sheridan – In the Barn
- 12:00 - 1:00 PM** **Registration Open** - Lunch - In the Barn
- 1:00 - 4:00 PM** Main demonstrator Terry Sheridan - In Farm Museum
Hands-on by Chris Thomas – In Cane Press area
Hands-on by Cheryl Sheridan – In the Barn
- 4:00 - 5:00 PM** **Registration Open**
- 5:30 PM** Banquet - Awards - Raffle - Auction - In the Barn
- 7:30 PM** Forging Contest - In Cane Press area

Sunday May 05

- 7:00 - 9:00 AM** Breakfast - In the barn
- 9:00 - 12:00 AM** Main demonstrator Terry Sheridan - In Farm Museum
- 12:00 - 1:00 PM** Lunch followed by **Tear down and clean up. All help appreciated.**