

BLACKSMITHS' GUILD OF THE POTOMAC, INC.

17th Spring Fling April 20–22, 2012

An invitation to Members & Friends of the Blacksmiths' Guild of the Potomac to attend our annual Spring Fling

Friday 3pm thru Sunday Lunch

Clarke County Ruritan Fairgrounds
890 West Main Street

Berryville, Virginia 22611

\$60 pre-registration by 4/2/2012

\$45 Sunday morning only

\$75 fee at gate

Fee includes these meals:

Friday - dinner

Saturday - continental breakfast, lunch & dinner

Sunday - continental breakfast & lunch

Arrive early for

Friday night Dinner & Discussion with demonstrators

FEATURING

JAMES VISTE from Detroit, Michigan

www.collegeforcreativestudies.edu/ce/faculty

PLUS

Expert and Astounding Smiths from

COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG

Demonstrations from these experts Saturday & Sunday
Iron-In-The-Hat raffles during lunch Saturday & Sunday
Auction before dinner on Saturday.

As always, there will be impromptu demonstrations, open forge, show and tell, shop talk, and meeting and greeting old friends and new.

** CONTEST **

A LIGHTING DEVICE using incandescent bulbs. Entries must be mostly forged, any metal, any size please use UL approved fixtures and wire. Must be signed 2011 or 2012 by all parties. Judging will be based on design and workmanship. The decision of the judges is final. You must be present to win.

THE PRIZE: a refund of your registration fee; 10 free Iron in the Hat tickets for the Sunday drawing; and the option of auctioning the piece with 50% of the top bid to go to the guild and 50% to the winner.

SAFETY GLASSES must be worn by ANYONE watching the demos or working at an open forge. Extra glasses will be available on-site.

TO REGISTER: fill out both sides of the enclosed form, enclose it with your check made out to "The Blacksmiths' Guild of the Potomac" in the envelope provided, and mail to Connie Badowski. Do this as soon as possible, allowing us to get an accurate count for the meals and time to have all the name tags prepared. Email address is requested for confirmation purposes. There will be NO phone confirmation.

Guests, spouses and children are welcome to join us as long as they are registered. No charge for children under 16.

Registration deadline is Monday, April 2, 2012.

MORE DETAILS

TAILGATING: Starts at 3pm Friday. Remember to bring your surplus blacksmithing items to sell or swap.

IRON-IN-THE-HAT: We look forward to your donations of items such as tools, stock, books and shop supplies for the raffle. We will again have a special table of hand forged and signed work. This is a chance to win a fine piece of blacksmithing craft; please also bring an item to add to the selection. So that no one will miss any of the demos, drawing will pause when the demos start up. The remaining tickets will be pulled that afternoon and winners posted for later pick up.

AUCTION: There will be an auction of hand-forged ironwork just before Saturday night dinner. Please bring a donation!

DISPLAY TABLES: Those bringing an item for display will qualify for the drawing of a special prize. These pieces must be the original work of the maker, signed, and made within the past year.

DIVERSIONS FOR THE NON-SMITHS: those who enjoy life best without coal smoke and blisters are invited to gather in the dining hall between meals for a 'Stitch'n'Bitch' session.

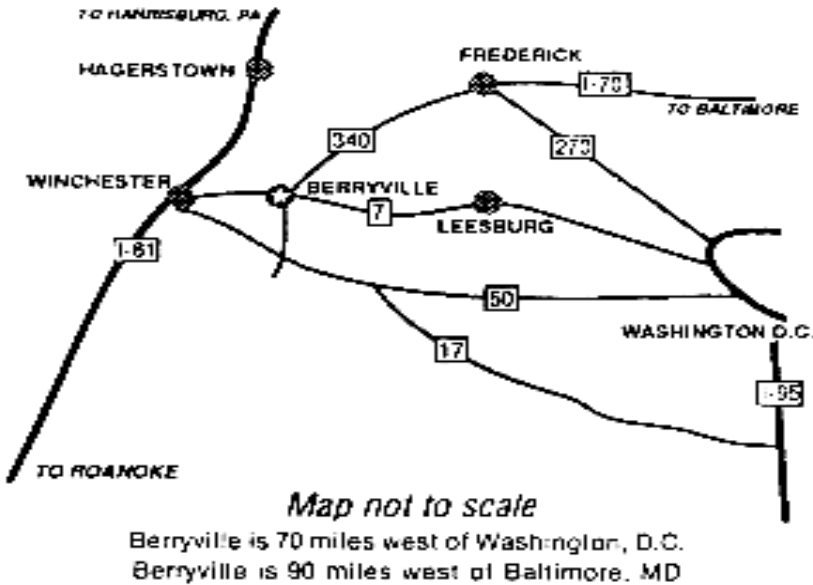
ON BEHALF OF THE BLACKSMITHS' GUILD OF THE POTOMAC, INC., I invite you to join us and share the fun at our 17th annual Spring Fling.

Sincerely,
MICHAEL BRISKIN, President

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Berryville, Virginia 22611



DIRECTIONS

- From Washington DC**
- Take I-66 West into Virginia
 - At exit 67, take right onto Rt. 267 (Dulles Toll Road)
 - Keep on toll road through the Dulles Greenway toward Leesburg, Virginia
 - At Dulles Greenway exit 1A bear left onto Rt. 7 West.
 - Continue past the first Business Route 7 (west) and past Route 340 for Berryville and turn Left at Business Route 7 EAST.
 - The Fairgrounds are on the left in a quarter mile.

- From Rt. 81**
- Take 81 to Route 7 East (11.5 miles)
 - Turn right onto Rt. 7 Business
 - Turn left into Fairgrounds

CAMPING:

- There is no fee for "dry" (tent) camping for those registered for Spring Fling.
- There are a limited number of sites with power hookups available for a fee on a first-come-first-served basis starting on Friday afternoon. **NOTE: there are FEES for ALL electric hook-ups and ALL RV'S.** Spaces *with* electric hookup are \$15/day, without electric hookup are \$10/day. **NO water hookups are available.**
- This is administered by the fairgrounds on site - DO NOT send fee with registration.

HOTELS: in Winchester, 8 miles west of Fairgrounds on Route 7. There are many hotels in the area.

Hampton Inn Winchester-North

1204 Berryville Avenue (Route 7)
 Winchester, Virginia, 22601
 Tel: +1-540-678-4000
 Fax: +1-540-678-8277
 \$89/night plus tax
 Must book by April 2nd & reference
 Blacksmiths' Guild of the Potomac.

TownePlace Suites Winchester

170 Getty Ln, Winchester, VA 22602
 (540) 722-2722

Best Western Lee-Jackson Motor Inn

711 Millwood Avenue, Winchester, VA 22601-5168
 (540) 662-4154

**America's Best Value Inn,
 Winchester-North (formerly Shoney's)**

1347 Berryville Avenue (Route 7)
 Winchester, VA 22601
 (540) 665-1700
 \$50/night plus tax
 reference BGOP or
 Blacksmiths' Guild of the Potomac

Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites Winchester

142 Fox Ridge Lane, Winchester, VA 22601
 (540) 667-7050 (877) 863-4780

Comfort Inn

1601 Martinsburg Pike, Winchester, VA 22603
 (540) 667-8894

BGOP does not endorse any specific hotel.