



Balcones Forge Dispatch

President's Corner

June 2012



Greetings!

Well, another successful Bluebonnet Demo! Even though spring had come and gone, and the temperature soared, and the turnout was light, it was still a great event. Elizabeth Brim spent four days welding in the forge and barely broke a sweat. Not only

did she turn out incredible leaves, flowers and blow-up pieces, she did it all day long. Definitely one of the best demonstrators we have ever had.

Many thanks to: John & Carolyn, Dave & Elise, Jim Elliott, all the folks who brought anvils & forges, to all who donated to the auction and to those who bought all the donated items. And a special thanks to the folks (the Craigs) who bought items and then gave them back to someone else! Very special!

The Texas Natural & Swing Music Festival in San Marcos also turned out nicely. Lots of folks came by to visit and watch the smiths at work. Thanks to all who helped out with this one too.

Jerry Whitley has booked our June meeting near New Braunfels at Johnny Stout's. Check out www.stoutknives.com to see some of his world class knives. Johnny had hosted many times in the past and always has some cool stuff to demo.

The trade item is easy; it's a pair of "S" hooks. But, make them pretty and make them the same. It's not difficult to make some small items, but to make two exactly the same might be a challenge.

And then, I want to thank all of you for the life member plaque. I could not have been more surprised or honored and will cherish it forever.

See ya'll in New Braunfels.

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June meeting will be on Saturday the 30th

9:30 am

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Meeting Directions:

From Interstate 35, take Exit 189
Turn onto loop 337 West (toward Boerne)
Go about 5 miles and turn right onto Highway 46 West (toward Boerne)
Go about 1-1/4 miles and turn left on FM 1863
Go about one mile and turn left on Forrest Trail
It is about one mile to 1205 Forrest Trail

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. July 18-21st, 2012 . ABANA Conference . "Reunion on the Plains" .

The ABANA Conference is well under way of becoming the most memorable conference with the widest array of demonstrators from all over North America. Mexico, the United States, and Canada are all covered in the lineup. The only thing that can make this better is affiliate representation in the gallery, sponsor support, banner displays, and much more. The Affiliates are encouraged to set up an information table, at no cost, to share with everyone what you are doing. Feel free to bring your "colors" and display your banner too.

We are also looking for interested individuals and organizations to sponsor all aspects of the conference. With a monetary donation you can sponsor a demonstrator, tent, gallery, set up crew, and well, anything you think is representative of your affiliate. There are some specific amounts for certain aspects, but ABANA wants any support you can give. Your Affiliate name will be proudly displayed in the area of your support along with a listing in the conference booklet. Please contact Peyton Anderson if you are interested in supporting the conference:

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Feel free to also contact JoAnn in the Central Office for any information regarding the conference.

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