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## From the Prez...

After the recent passing of Paul Newman, I caught a few clips where he had been interviewed regarding his successful career. When the actor was praised for his many philanthropic endeavors, he would modestly reply (paraphrased), "I'm just being a good farmer. You can't continue to reap without putting something back." Wow! That's powerful!

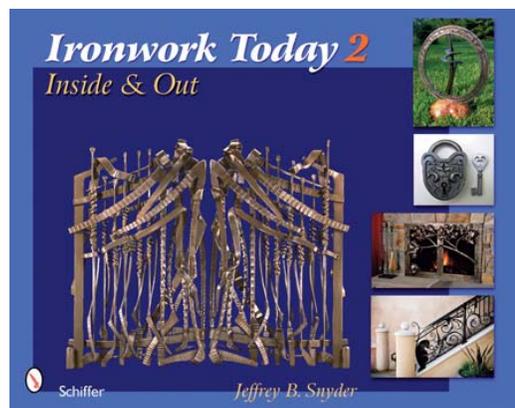
With that said, I wish to remind you it is time to elect new board members. Within the Board, specific officers such as President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary are appointed. Other positions needed are Librarian, T-Shirt Steward, and Coffee/Refreshment Host/Hostess. We need new faces -- some new blood -- to help with the forward movement of your organization. All these positions take very little time from your busy schedule. If you would like to know more about being a board member or the duties of the other positions, contact me or any board member -- we are the ones at the top of the page. See! There's a big perk -- your name on the newsletter! :-)

Now with that said, "Are you being a good farmer?"

Plowing ahead,  
Rudy

## Almost Famous

Balcones Forge was well represented in the newly published *Ironwork Today 2 - Inside and Out*. Todd Campbell, David Starr and Rudy Billings all have entries in this latest edition from Schiffer Publishing. Congratulations! When you get a chance, check out this beautiful book.



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## Short But Sweet Newsletter

It had to happen sometime in nearly 10 years -- Vince got too sick to publish the newsletter. Get better, Vince!

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Hey, have you checked out the new Balcones Forge website ([balconesforge.org](http://balconesforge.org))? Many improvements and features have been added. The discussion group works slightly different than before, so if you would like assistance setting up your features, please contact Rudy (512-461-7375 / [Rudy@BalconesForge.org](mailto:Rudy@BalconesForge.org)) or Terry ([webmaster@BalconesForge.org](mailto:webmaster@BalconesForge.org)). Get connected.

Saturday, October 25 -- 9:30 AM

## The Shop of George Schroeder



257 W. Turbo Drive, San Antonio

Turbo Drive is off Braniff Drive which is off Hwy 281 near W. Rhapsody Drive. It is near the airport.

Check out George's website at [www.metalmorphosisllc.com](http://www.metalmorphosisllc.com)

At the meeting, George will fire up his 1,500 pound power hammer and show us how to really smash metal. Also, Jerry will be demonstrating how to make a very large Fredrick cross. Don't miss it!

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