

Benefits of FABAA Membership



- ∞ Blacksmithing demonstrations in your area every month
- ∞ Monthly newsletter includes “how-to” projects
- ∞ Annual conference
- ∞ Family friendly
- ∞ Fellowship with other artists
- ∞ Access to tools and coal
- ∞ Access to information about blacksmithing

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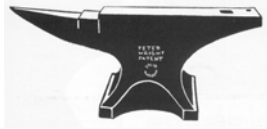
FLORIDA ARTIST BLACKSMITH ASSOCIATION



**A non-profit educational
organization serving Florida
since 1985**

What is the Florida Artist Blacksmith Association?

The Florida Artist Blacksmith Association (FABA) was founded May 18, 1985 by a handful of men and women who wanted to bring resurgence in the art and craft of blacksmithing to Florida. The purpose of the organization is to



encourage and develop the art and to educate FABA members

and the general public about blacksmithing. Our membership now exceeds 300 members. FABA is recognized as a non-profit, tax-exempt educational organization and is incorporated in the state of Florida.

What does FABA do?

FABA organizes lectures, exhibits, demonstrations and classes on all aspects of blacksmithing and bladesmithing. Practically every weekend, a FABA-sponsored event is held somewhere in Florida. Frequently, meetings are held in period blacksmith shops such as those located at the Pioneer Center for the Creative Arts (Barberville) or the Panhandle Pioneer Settlement (Blountstown). Meetings are also held at members' forges. The

biggest event is the annual conference held the second weekend in October which features highly accomplished blacksmiths and bladesmiths from around the country, blacksmithing classes, anvil shoot, tailgate tool sales and family classes such as broom making, basket weaving and quilting. Coal is also available at the conference.

Why join FABA?

The traditional method of passing the knowledge and techniques of this work from one generation to the next, from blacksmith to apprentice, was no longer feasible since, as recently as the mid-1970s, blacksmithing was dying out. There are many wonderful books on the subject but seeing and doing is the best teacher. FABA meetings usually involve "how-to" sessions and information sharing around the forge; inspiration is never far way and neither is a helping hand. In addition hard-to-find tools may be swapped or purchased at meetings.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION Florida Artist Blacksmith Association, Inc.

New Membership Renewal

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____

E-Mail _____

Spouse's Name: _____

If you do not wish to be listed in the printed FABA directory, please check here.

Send this application and membership dues of \$25.00 to:

Dorothy Butler, FABA Treasurer
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Make check or money order payable to FABA. Your FABA membership begins when we receive your payment and lasts one year. Membership is for a family.



Have questions or want additional information?
See our web site at www.blacksmithing.org.