

NC ABANA Membership Application

Name: _____
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Phone (Home): _____ (Cell): _____
Email Address: _____
Blacksmithing Experience _____
Areas of Blacksmithing Interest: _____
Web Site: _____ Forge Name: _____
How Did You Hear About Us? _____

Annual dues are \$25 (inside USA), \$35 (outside USA). Make check or money order payable to **NC ABANA**. Cut out the form above and send it along with your check or money order to:

**NC ABANA c/o J. Phillips
97 Trinity Ridge Lane
Banner Elk, NC 28604**

For more information email:
northcarolina.abana@gmail.com

Local Groups

Local groups hold their own meetings. Please contact the host to confirm date, time and location. Members may attend any of these meeting.

Triad Area Blacksmiths
Marshall Swaringen Advance, NC
(336) 998-7827
1st Tuesday 6:30PM for demos
3rd Saturday 9:00AM for business,
and all day forging
Dixie Fairgrounds, Winston Salem, NC

Southern Foothills Blacksmiths
Steve Barringer Mooresville, NC
(704) 660-1560
2nd Sunday, each month

Triangle Blacksmith Guild
Randy Stoltz Cary, NC
(919) 481-9263
1st Saturday, even # months

Brasstown Blacksmiths
Paul Garrett Brasstown, NC
(828) 835-8441
3rd Saturday 12 noon, even # months
Noon to 4PM

B.O.L.T.S Blacksmith Guild
Amos Tucker Kenly, NC
(252) – 289-7317
1st Sat. or Sun, Even # months

Southeastern Blacksmith Group
Paul Whitty Wilmington, NC
(910) – 228-8925

***Blacksmithing
In
North
Carolina
With
NC ABANA****

**North Carolina Affiliate
of the
Artist-Blacksmith Association
of North America*



www.ncabana.org

What Is NC ABANA?

NC ABANA is the North Carolina Affiliate of the Artist Blacksmith Association of North America, an organization of men and women who are practicing and preserving the skills of blacksmithing. The organization includes hobbyists, farriers (people who shoe horses), blade smiths (knife makers), architectural fabricators, sculptors, museum interpreters, furniture makers, and other artists and craftsmen who utilize the traditional skills of the blacksmith to create useful and beautiful objects. NC ABANA members include beginners, enthusiasts, hobbyists, and professional blacksmiths. All skill levels are welcomed into the organization.

Learn More About Blacksmithing.

The best way to learn blacksmithing is to work with another blacksmith where you can get hands-on experience and learn basic blacksmithing skills. Joining NC ABANA is inexpensive and one of the best ways to connect with other blacksmiths. Additionally, NC ABANA is a great resource for information, tools, equipment, and supplies. We have local groups that meet at various locations around the state. At many of these meetings you will get the chance to work at the forge.

In addition to the local meetings we have four quarterly chapter meetings held at various locations around North Carolina. These meetings are usually held on the third Saturday of the month, and generally run from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Visit the NC ABANA website for the latest meeting schedule and details.

Benefits of Membership.

1. Members receive "The Hot Iron Sparkle", quarterly. This excellent newsletter contains news of the organization, schedule and location of meetings, as well as informative articles on blacksmithing techniques, plans for neat projects: and valuable safety tips. The newsletter contains schedules of blacksmithing conferences held throughout the country, and blacksmithing classes being taught in North Carolina and elsewhere.
2. Members have access to the library containing many of the most authoritative books on blacksmithing and metal sculpture. The library also has videotapes and DVDs of blacksmithing demonstrations.
3. Members are eligible, after one year to apply for one of several scholarships that are given annually. Scholarships may be used at the John C. Campbell Folk School, the Penland School of Crafts, or at any other institution teaching blacksmithing.
4. Membership in our Google Email Group (a listserve), a convenient way for our members to share all kinds of information by email.

What Goes On At Meetings?

The meetings are usually a mixture of demonstrations of blacksmithing techniques, shoptalk about tools and supplies, tool swap among members, and displays of member's work. An "Iron-in-the-Hat" drawing is held to raise money for the scholarship fund. Often, multiple forges are set up for beginners to try their hand and learn from the more experienced blacksmiths. Lunch is available, at chapter meetings, for a reasonable cost.

What Does Membership Cost?

Annual dues in NC ABANA are only \$25.00 per year (\$35.00 outside USA). We are a non-profit organization and approved as such by the IRS. These family memberships cover everyone living in your household.

Where Can We See Blacksmiths At Work?

Members of NC ABANA regularly demonstrate at the Dixie Classic Fair in Winston-Salem, NC, at the North Carolina State Fair in Raleigh, and at various festivals throughout the state. Visit the NC ABANA website for the schedule of blacksmithing events. Additionally, blacksmiths interpret the traditional craft at living history museums such as Old Salem, and Colonial Williamsburg.

And of course you are welcome to visit one of our chapter or local meetings and watch the demonstrations.

For More Information

Visit the NC ABANA website at:

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IF YOU HAVE AN INTEREST IN
BLACKSMITHING AND METAL
WORKING, WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN
WITH US IN THE NORTH CAROLINA
ARTIST BLACKSMITH ASSOCIATION
OF NORTH AMERICA.