

HABA Meeting August 15, 2009

THE HOUSTON AREA BLACKSMITH'S  
ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

## DISCUSSIONS ABOUT

- ORIGINS OF THE FORGING CRAFT
- BLACKSMITHING COMES TO AMERICA
- WOOTZ STEEL
- HEAT TREATING FERROUS METAL

PUBLIC INVITED

9:00 KLEB WOODS NATURE CENTER

AUGUST 15, 2009

The August meeting will be held indoors and will offer HABA members and members of the public to learn more about the craft of forging ferrous , blacksmithing. There will be three speakers.

Dave Koenig will lead off with a talk he has given to three groups since the first of the year titled A Story of the Smith and Forging. The focus of his talk is on the very beginnings of the craft, how it started and the role of the smith in antiquity.

Richard Boswell will follow with a talk that will bring the blacksmithing craft from the Middle East to the U. S. A. Richard's presentation will be a condensed class he presented to the American Society of Metallurgists last year.

Bob Nichols is preparing two new talks on two subjects that smiths cannot seem to get enough information, Wootz steel, the original Damascus and a bit of science about Heat Treating Ferrous Metals. Bob's talks will greatly augment and compliment the previous presentations.

Each talk will allow plenty of time for discussion and will almost certainly guarantee that everyone will leave Kleb Woods with a new appreciation of the blacksmithing craft. This day will not be spent on 'How To' forging processes but on broadening our appreciation of the origins, development and impact of the person and the craft on world cultures.

#### Directions to Kleb Woods Nature Center

The Kleb Nature Center is officially located at 20301 Mueschke Road, Tomball, TX but the parking lot and Nature Center are off of Draper Road. Just follow the County, Precinct 3 signs from Mueschke Road.

Here is the County's map link:

[http://maps.live.com/default.aspx?v=2&cp=30.072269~-95.737782&style=r&lvl=15&tilt=-90&dir=0&alt=-1000&scene=10378709&sp=Point.p0bwgx70ntgz\\_20301%20Mueschke%20Rd%2C%20Tomball%2C%20TX%2077375%2C%20United%20States\\_\\_\\_&encType=1](http://maps.live.com/default.aspx?v=2&cp=30.072269~-95.737782&style=r&lvl=15&tilt=-90&dir=0&alt=-1000&scene=10378709&sp=Point.p0bwgx70ntgz_20301%20Mueschke%20Rd%2C%20Tomball%2C%20TX%2077375%2C%20United%20States___&encType=1)

Directions to the Nature Center from where you live are available from this link.

#### What to Bring

Bring a lot of curiosity and maybe even a notebook.

Plan to bring a lunch or eat at a local restaurant.

You do not have to be a member to attend HABA meetings so bring one or more guests.

Bring your Membership Dues if you want to work at a forge in the future and are not a current Member!

Minors are welcome but must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Saturday Schedule for, August 15, 2009

The schedule looks like this for Saturday:

- 8:30 AM : HABA Meeting and Announcements.
- 9:00 AM : Dave Koenig's Talk and Q&A and Short Break.
- 10:30 AM : Richard Boswell's Talk and Q&A.
  
- 12 PM : Break for Lunch.
  
- 1 PM : Bob Nichols' Talk on Wootz and Q&A and Short Break.
- 2:15 PM : Bob Nichols' Talk on Heat Treating Ferrous Metals and Q&A.
- 3:15 PM : Meeting Adjourned.