



Balcones Forge Dispatch

President's Corner

July 2023

Greetings,

The heat kept a lot of people away from the June meeting. Our host, Philip Waters, gave a great demo on chain making. There were three competitors in the chain making contest. Mr. Waters won the trade item competition and has picked something incorporating a leaf for the next one.

It is a quick turn around for the July meeting. It will be on July 8th at the Texas Handmade Furniture Museum in New Braunfels. This is the second Saturday so the museum will be having their living history events too. Remember we are there every second Saturday whether it's a meeting or not.

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Also, remember to stay hydrated during these hot weather months. Check for fires from your forging or welding projects. Keep a fire extinguisher or water hose handy since the grass will get very dry too.

Arron Tilton, Balcones Forge President

Meeting is on July 8

Start time is 9:00



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Here is the schedule for the rest of the year.

July 8th	Furniture Museum, New Braunfels	2nd Saturday
August 12th	Furniture Museum, New Braunfels	2nd Saturday
September 24th	Wendish Fest, Serbin (yes, this is a Sunday)	
October 21st	Rustyk Forge, Devine: Mark Ling, Demonstrator	
November 11th	Furniture Museum, New Braunfels	2nd saturday
December 9th	Furniture Museum, New Braunfels	2nd Saturday



More info in the two Balcones Forge Facebook pages. (You can check out the posts without having a Facebook account.)

<https://www.facebook.com/BFCTB/>
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Students of all ages attend classes at the Pioneer Farms Smithy.

Photos by the Editor.

TRADE ITEM DETAILS

For July, the trade item is “something incorporating a leaf”. To participate, simply make the item chosen for the month. Sometimes there are detailed instructions and sometimes you get to make what ever your imagination tells you. Bring it to the meeting, participate in the trade and you will walk away with another smith’s version of the item.

Remember, you gotta make one to take one!

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PRESENTS:

SECOND SATURDAYS

A FREE FAMILY FRIENDLY
LIVING HISTORY EVENT

10:00 AM-4:00PM

ROTATING DEMOS:

- BLACKSMITHING • WEAVING • BROOM MAKING
- HEARTH COOKING • CANDLE DIPPING • JEWELRY
- SEWING • CABIN LIFE • WOODWORKING
- WEAPONRY • MUSIC

DATES:

- 1/14/2023 • 2/11/2023 • 3/11/2023
- 4/15-16/2023 • 5/13/2023 • 6/10/2023
- 7/8/2023 • 8/12/2023 • 9/9/2023
- 10/14/2023 • 11/11/2023 • 12/9/2023

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HEAT-RELATED ILLNESSES:

SIGNS

HEAT STROKE

WHAT TO DO

- Red, hot or damp skin
- Confusion
- Losing consciousness

- Call 911 immediately
- Move worker to a cooler place
- DO NOT give the person anything to drink

SIGNS

HEAT EXHAUSTION

WHAT TO DO

- Cool, moist skin
- Dilates pupils
- Thirst
- Tiredness or weakness

- Give the worker plenty of water
- Cool worker with cold compresses and ice packs
- Loosen Clothes

SIGNS

HEAT CRAMPS

WHAT TO DO

- Cool, moist skin
- Dilates pupils
- Thirst
- Tiredness or weakness

- Worker should rest for at least a few hours before returning to strenuous work
- Give the worker plenty of water

SIGNS

HEAT RASH

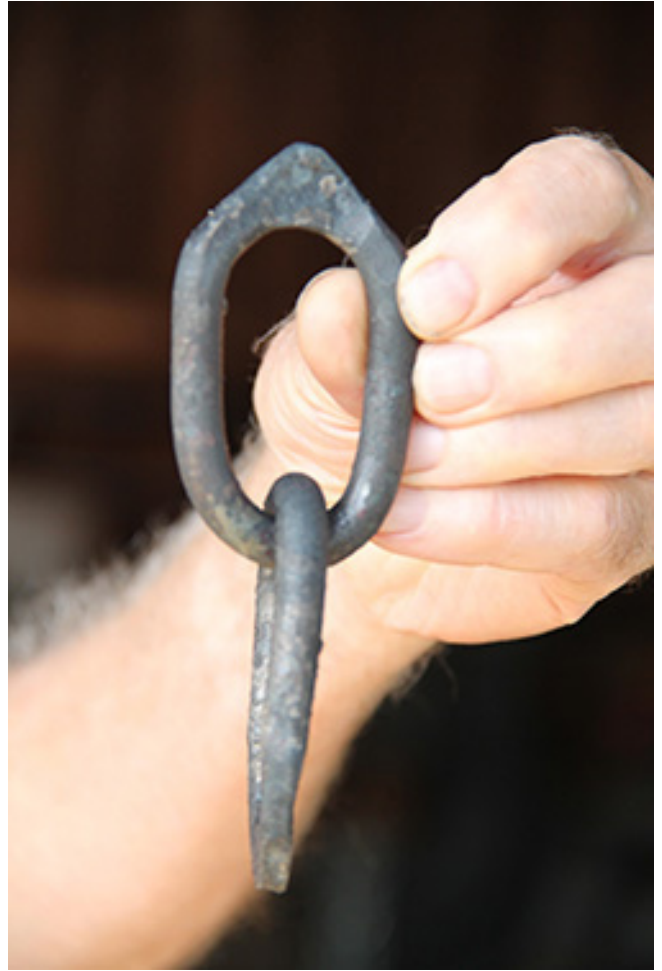
WHAT TO DO

- Red, raised bumps on skin, particularly on neck or chest
- Worker may complain of itchy irritable skin

- Keep rash dry
- Use a powder to soothe rash
- Move worker to cooler, less humid area



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Philip Waters is the lead blacksmith at Pioneer Farms. He was our demonstrator as well as host for the June meeting. If you haven't seen the new blacksmith shop at the Farm, you need to go see for yourself. Many of you missed an excellent demo and meeting.



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Editor's Soapbox

Perhaps it was the heat or a new location, but whatever the reason, the June meeting was not attended by many members. For me, it was great to visit with F. P. Lilly and Tom Lupton, as well as enjoy the demo put on by our host. Hopefully we will meet at the Farm again in the coming year and you can see what you missed.

Unfortunately I did not get a picture of the chain making contest winners. It seems my camera did not appreciate being left in the hot sun.

Have you noticed that we still do not have a Vice-President? What are you waiting for? Step up and help run the organization.

Our "standard" meeting is now on the 2nd Saturday of the month at the Museum in New Braunfels. However, when there are other events, we will meet at other locations and other dates. Keep your eyes on Facebook and the newsletter.

What do you want to see? Where do you want to go? Let the Board know. Talented smiths, yes; mind readers, no!

Our organization is what all of us make it.

Vince Herod, Editor.

