



# Balcones Forge Dispatch

President's Corner

June 2022

Greetings,

We had great time at the Old Settler's Association in Round Rock. The crowds were great and always happy to see what we are forging. We also had 2 new members get into the forge for the first time. They both made an S-Hook and worked on a horseshoe knife. Several kids were able to help forge out a nail for them to take home. As always I appreciate the time that the members who showed up and made this an excellent event.

FP Lilly who helped Rick Dawdy make an elaborate plant hanger. We had Blacksmiths demoing and teaching for the public and Blacksmiths helping Blacksmiths. This is what makes this a great organization and craft. The sharing of knowledge is essential for us to thrive.

Balcones Forge will be hosting our next meeting on June 18th 0930 at Blackhawk Millworks at 2780 Dreibrodt Rd, San Marcus. It will be an open forge and there will be mentors there to help those who need a bit of coaching.

As always, wear non-synthetic clothes and closed toed shoes with a preference to leather. You will also have to be a member in good standing (dues paid) to work in the forge.

Look forward to seeing y'all soon. Keep forging.

John Meyer, President

## Meeting is on June 18

Meeting starts at 9:30am



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## VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The first day of summer is officially June 21st but it's here already. If you weren't able to make it to the Crossroads Forging Conference you missed a great show our very own Sue Howerter put a great show. Mark Ling ,Joshua Rachita,and many others did a great job putting it together. The June meeting will be on the 18th in Zorn Doug at Blackhawk Millworks is once again generously donating us some shop space. It is hot so we will kick things off at 9:00 a.m. hope to see y'all there.

Arron Tilton, Vice President



Sue Howerter at the Crossroads Conference.

photo by Arron Tilton

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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Get your blade steel without the shipping costs at the June meeting!

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# The Anvil: a selection of anvils through the centuries

Got lost for hours in the world wide web of Blacksmith History... here is just a bit of what I found.

The artifact that began the journey...

800BC - 100CE Iron Age or Romano-British iron anvil from Sutton Walls hillfort. Forged from a single bloom of iron which has been carburised during the reheating for forging, or from steel produced directly from the ore. 111lb weight, 10.5 ins. high with a base 9 ins square . Excavated by Kathleen Kenyon from Sutton Walls, Herefordshire in 1948-1951.



↓Anvil Museum Collection - Roman anvil dating to approximately 200 A.D. and discovered in an archeological dig in Czechoslovakia.



←National Museum of Transylvanian History 2nd century CE. Weight - 50 kg



Ancient German Art anvil with face.



13th-14th century



15th-16th century, France. Iron and Railway Museum, Vallorbe



Armor Anvil 16th Century



"Tree Anvil" dated 1533



Anvil, forged, 17th century, Canton of Vaud, Switzerland. Iron and Railway Museum, Vallorbe, 2012 expo. Wgt: ~90kg.



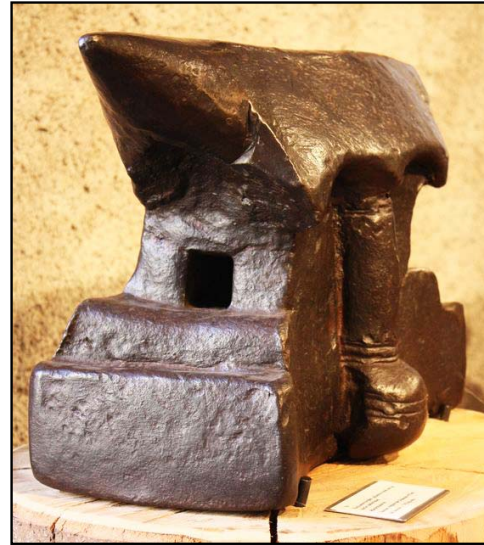
Medieval Continental Anvil, Europe, 15th or 16th century.



At Herstmonceux Castle, Herstmonceux, East Sussex, England, 16th century



Anvil for small ironwork originating in the region of Styria in Austria. Dated 1671. Weight: about 20 kg.



Farrier's anvil with a round pilaster on a spherical base. Swiss, Château d'Oex area, 16th century. Iron and Railway Museum, Vallorbe



←Five-legged farrier's anvil, central France, 17th century. Iron and Railway Museum, Vallorbe, 2012 expo. Wgt: ~130kg.



Anvil, carved and engraved iron, France dated 1793



Classic hornless church window style anvil, 1796, about 50-60kg,



Church window style anvil, dated 1763

Anvil Museum Collection - Swage Anvil, American Colonial





Originally from the Canton of Grisons in Switzerland. Dated from 1811. Weight: 96 kg.



Anvil Museum Collection - 1802  
- Stamped CK, 5th foot with church windows



1833, Northern Bohemia, about 100 kg



# *Build Your Own* **Ribbon Burner Forge**



**Sat. & Sun., July 30 - 31, 2022**  
**at Phenix Knives Blacksmith Shop in Bellville, TX**

**John Carman of Texas Forges** will teach theory, practical application, and help you build your own forced air ribbon burner forge - \$450.

Contact Cowboy Szymanski at 713-724-6813 to enroll.  
Class limited to 10 participants; some additional equipment needed.

Do you have any Blacksmith money?

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Was this really at last month's meeting?