



Balcones Forge Dispatch

President's Corner

September 2023

Greetings,

We had a good turn out for our August meeting and signed up some new members. The next couple of months will provide plenty of opportunities to get in the forge.

September's meeting is on the 24th at the Wendish Fest in Serbin. (Yes, that is a Sunday). This is a really neat venue that Balcones has been going to for years. We always have a good time demonstrating for the public. The trade item for this month is an eating utensil; fork, spoon, etc. Remember you have to make one to take one.

October's meeting will be at Mr. Whitley's in Devine on the 21st. World famous Mark Ling will be our demonstrator. He always puts on a great demo. The Whitleys are excellent hosts as well. This is one you don't want to miss. Second Saturday in October is on the 7th.

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Meeting is on September 24

Start time is 9:00

Sunday!
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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Here is the schedule for the rest of the year.

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



Can you guess where this stamp is from?

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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Trade Items from the August Meeting

photos submitted by Lance Jensen

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- 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
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The Anvil's Ring is a quarterly, full-color, 60+ page magazine focused on traditional and contemporary forging arts. If you love blacksmithing and have experience with writing, graphic design, and editing for publications, this might be the perfect job for you!

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TRADE ITEM DETAILS

For September, the trade item is an “eating utensil”. 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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The Texas Wendish Heritage Society Presents:

THE 35TH ANNUAL

WENDISH FEST

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SERBIN, TEXAS
ALL DAY

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

Texas Wendish Heritage Museum &
St. Paul Lutheran Church Picnic Grounds, Serbin, Texas
Located 6 miles SW of Giddings @ FM 2239 & CR 212

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 9:30 Drive Thru Meal Line Opens
- 10-2 Silent Auction
- 10-3 Exhibits & Demonstrations
- 10-5 Museum Complex is Open
- 10:30 Coffee Cake Bake-Off Entry Deadline
Meal Announcements & Prayer
Meal Line & Refreshments Open
- 11:30 Ptaci Kwas - Presented by St. Paul Students
- 12:15 Introduction of TWHS Scholarship Recipients
- 12:30 Coffee Cake Bake-Off Winners Announced
- 12:45 Live Coffee Cake Auction
(benefitting the TWHS Scholarship Fund)
- 1-4 Shiner Hobo Band
- 1:00 Children's Stick Horse Races
- 1:30 Children's Coloring Contest
- 2:00 Coloring Contest Winners Announced
SLCVFD Train Rides for the Kids
Snack Booth Opens
- 3:00 Washer Pitching (sign up at 2:30)
- 4:45 Cross-Cut Sawing Demonstration

We invite you to worship with us at St. Paul Lutheran Church,
one of the Painted Churches of Texas
English Service at 8:30 & German Service at 10:30

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No reservations or presale tickets for the meal, just come on over & buy your plate at the event or drive thru!

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