

# BLACKSMITHS' GUILD OF THE POTOMAC, INC.

## Spring Fling April 21-23, 2017

An invitation to Members & Friends of the Blacksmiths' Guild of the Potomac to attend our annual Spring Fling

Friday 3pm thru Sunday Lunch

**Fredrick County Fairgrounds**

**155 Fairgrounds Rd**

**Clear Brook, VA, 22624**

\*\*\* \$60 pre-registration by 3/25/2017 \*\*\*

**After 3/25/17 - \$75**

\$45 Sunday morning only

\$75 fee at gate

*Fee includes these meals:*

Friday - dinner

Saturday - continental breakfast, lunch & dinner

Sunday - continental breakfast & lunch

Arrive early for

Friday night Dinner & Discussion with demonstrators

NEW

### FEATURING

**KIM THOMAS**

SEVILLE OHIO

PLUS

COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG

**RICHARD SULLIVAN** - Gunsmith Shop

PLUS

**CRUCIBLE STEEL MELT SATURDAY EVENING**

**Joshua Fikentscher**

**Demonstrations** from these experts Saturday & Sunday  
**Iron-In-The-Hat** raffles during lunch Saturday & Sunday  
**Auction** before dinner on Saturday.

*As always, there will be impromptu demonstrations, open forge, show and tell, shop talk, and meeting and greeting old friends and new.*

### **\*\* CONTEST \*\***

**TRIANGLE DINNER BELL WITH STRIKER, HAND-MADE IN THE LAST YEAR BY THE PERSON ENTERING IT IN THE CONTEST.**

Judging will be based on design and workmanship. The decision of the judges is final. You must be present to win. Judging will be at 5:15pm Saturday.

**THE PRIZE:** a refund of your registration fee plus 10 free Iron in the Hat tickets for the Sunday drawing; and the option of auctioning the piece with 50% of the top bid to go to the guild and 50% to the winner.

**SAFETY GLASSES** must be worn by ANYONE watching the demos or working at an open forge. Extra glasses will be available on-site.

**TO REGISTER:** fill out both sides of the enclosed form, enclose it with your check made out to "The Blacksmiths' Guild of the Potomac" in the envelope provided, and mail to Eric Johnson. Do this as soon as possible, allowing us to get an accurate count for the meals and time to have all the name tags prepared. Email address is requested for confirmation purposes. There will be NO phone confirmation.

Guests, spouses and children are welcome to join us as long as they are registered. No charge for children under 16.

### **MORE DETAILS**

**TAILGATING:** Starts at 3pm Friday. Remember to bring your surplus blacksmithing items to sell or swap. **New this year indoor tailgating space.**

**IRON-IN-THE-HAT:** We look forward to your donations of items such as tools, stock, books and shop supplies for the raffle. We will again have a special table of hand forged and signed work. This is a chance to win a fine piece of blacksmithing craft; please also bring an item to add to the selection. So that no one will miss any of the demos, drawing will pause when the demos start up. The remaining tickets will be pulled that afternoon and winners posted for later pick up.

**AUCTION:** There will be an auction of hand-forged ironwork just before Saturday night dinner. Please bring a donation!

**DISPLAY TABLES:** Those bringing an item for display will qualify for the drawing of a special prize. These pieces must be the original work of the maker, signed, and made within the past year.

**DIVERSIONS FOR THE NON-SMITHS:** Those who enjoy life best without coal smoke and blisters are invited to gather in the dining hall between meals for a 'Stitch'n'Bitch' session.

**ON BEHALF OF THE BLACKSMITHS' GUILD OF THE POTOMAC, INC.,** I invite you to join us and share the fun at our annual Spring Fling.

Sincerely,

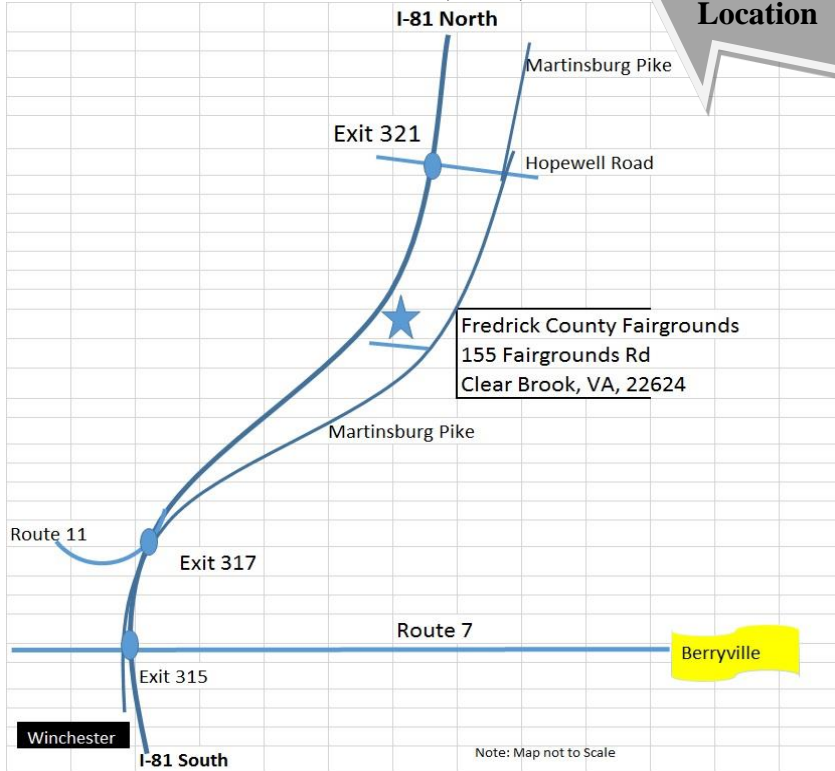
**PHIL HEATH**, Spring Fling Chairman

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Location**



### DIRECTIONS

#### From Washington DC

- Take I-66 West into Virginia
- Exit 1B, take ramp right for I-81 North toward Winchester
- Exit 317, take ramp right for VA-37 / US-11 toward Stephenson / Winchester
- Turn right onto US-11 N / VA-37 N / Martinsburg Pike
- 2.8 miles Turn left onto Fairground Rd

#### From the North

- Take I-81 South 7.8 miles into Virginia
- Exit 321, take ramp right toward Brucetown / Clearbrook.
- Turn left onto Hopewell Rd
- Turn right onto US-11 Martinsburg Pike
- Turn Right onto Fairground Rd

#### From the South

- Take I-81 North
- Exit 317, take ramp right for VA-37 / US-11 toward Stephenson / Winchester
- Turn right onto US-11 N / VA-37 N / Martinsburg Pike
- 2.8 miles Turn left onto Fairground Rd

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### CAMPING: *NOTE: There are NO FEES for Camping*

- There is no fee for "dry" (tent) camping for those registered for Spring Fling.
- There are a limited number of sites with power hookups and some with water available on a first-come-first-served basis starting on Friday afternoon.

**NEW**

**HOTELS:** in Winchester, 7 miles South of Fairgrounds on Route 7. There are many hotels in the area.

#### Hampton Inn Winchester-North

1204 Berryville Avenue (Route 7)  
 Winchester, Virginia, 22601  
 Tel: +1-540-678-4000

#### Best Western Lee-Jackson Motor Inn

711 Millwood Avenue, Winchester, VA 22601-5168  
 (540) 662-4154

#### TownePlace Suites Winchester

170 Getty Ln, Winchester, VA 22602  
 (540) 722-2722

#### Comfort Inn (3 Miles from Fairgrounds)

1601 Martinsburg Pike, Winchester, VA 22603  
 (540) 667-8894

BGOP does not endorse any specific hotel.

#### Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites Winchester

142 Fox Ridge Lane, Winchester, VA 22601  
 (540) 667-7050 (877) 863-4780