

# BLACKSMITHS' GUILD OF THE POTOMAC, INC.

## Spring Fling - April 22-23, 2022

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

### Fredrick County Fairgrounds

**155 Fairgrounds Road  
Clear Brook, VA 22624**

**Friday, April 22, 3:00 PM until 6:00 PM**

- **Open Forge, Hearth, and Tailgating**

**Saturday, April 23, 9:00AM until 6:00 PM**

- **Demonstrations, Open Forge, and Tailgating**

***BRING YOUR OWN FOOD AND BEVERAGES***

*Local carry out options available*

### FEATURING

**AISLINN LEWIS & MARK SPERRY** - Blacksmith Shop  
COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG

PLUS

**RICHARD SULLIVAN** - Gunsmith Shop  
COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG

PLUS

**JOSHUA FIKENTSCHER** – Crucible Steel Friday Evening  
**BLACKSMITHS' GUILD OF THE POTOMAC**

**Demonstrations** from these experts take place Saturday  
**Iron-In-The-Hat** raffles during the lunch break Saturday  
**Auction** 4:00 PM, Saturday

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

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

#### **METAL BLACKSMITH CROSS, MADE BY THE PERSON ENTERING IT IN THE CONTEST**

Judging will be at 4:00 PM, Saturday. The decision of the judges is final. You must be present to win.

**THE PRIZE:** refund of winner's registration and option to auction the piece, 50% of the top bid to go to the Guild, 50% to the winner.

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

**COVID SAFETY.** We will comply with the current the VA health protocol, to be posted 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 the form and check to Keith Kuck. Or mail just this form and pay with Zelle [BGOPINFO@gmail.com](mailto:BGOPINFO@gmail.com).

Do this as soon as possible, allowing us ample time to prepare name tags. Email address is requested for confirmation purposes. There will be NO phone confirmation.

Guests, including members' spouses or children, are welcome to join us if they are registered.

No charge for children under 16.

### **MORE DETAILS**

**TAILGATING:** Starts at 3:00 PM, Friday until Saturday close. Remember to bring your surplus blacksmithing items to sell or swap. **We now have 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.

So that no one will miss any of the demos on Saturday, drawing will pause when the demos start up. The remaining tickets will be pulled Saturday 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.

**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!

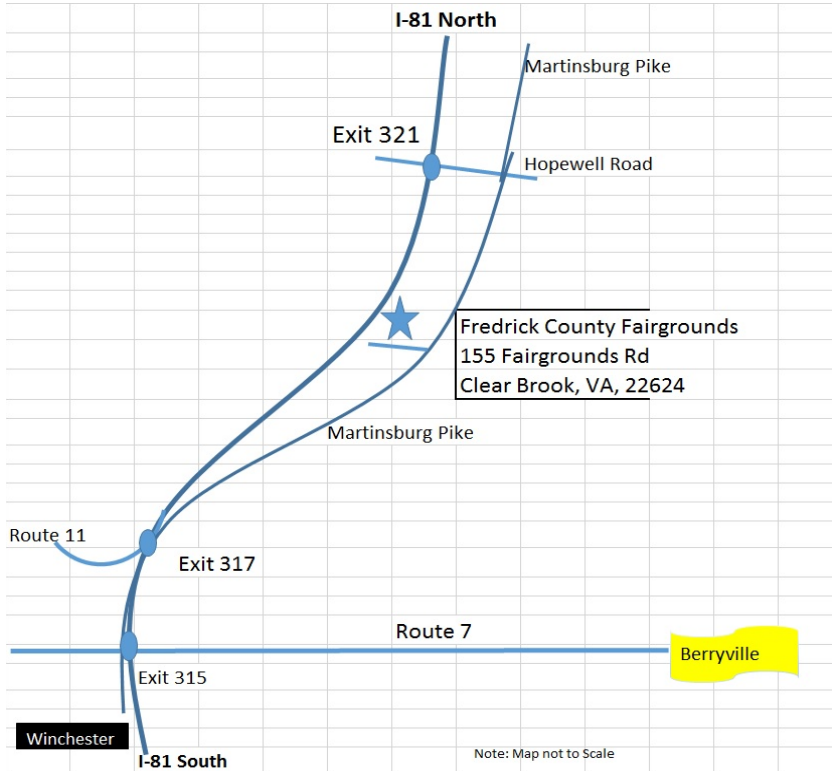
Sincerely,

**DANIEL CLARK.,** Spring Fling Chairman

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### 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

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

- There is ample "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.

### 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

#### **Quality 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