

# BLACKSMITHS' GUILD OF THE POTOMAC, INC.

## Spring Fling - April 14-15, 2023

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

### Frederick County Fairgrounds

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

Friday, April 14, 3:00 PM until 6:00 PM

- Open Forge, Hearth, and Tailgating

Saturday, April 15, 9:00AM until 6:00 PM

- Demonstrations, Open Forge, and Tailgating

**BRING YOUR OWN FOOD AND BEVERAGES**

*Local carry out options available*

### FEATURING

**CAITLIN MORRIS**

**MS. CAITLIN'S SCHOOL OF BLACKSMITHING**

PLUS

**RICHARD SULLIVAN** - Gunsmith Shop

**COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG**

PLUS

**Broom Making with Marnie Dollinger**

**See Attachment for Fee and Details**

**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 friends old and new.*

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

#### **150MM CHALLENGE**

Use a single piece of mild steel, 3/4" x 3/4" square, 6 inches long (150mm). Forge it into anything using only that material. Entries judged on creativity and skill. Pieces may be weighed for compliance.

All entries must be delivered in person at the Spring Fling.

Judging will be at 5:00 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 extras 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"; 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).

**Please 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 work 5:15 PM, Saturday. 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.,** We invite you to join us and share the fun at our annual Spring Fling!

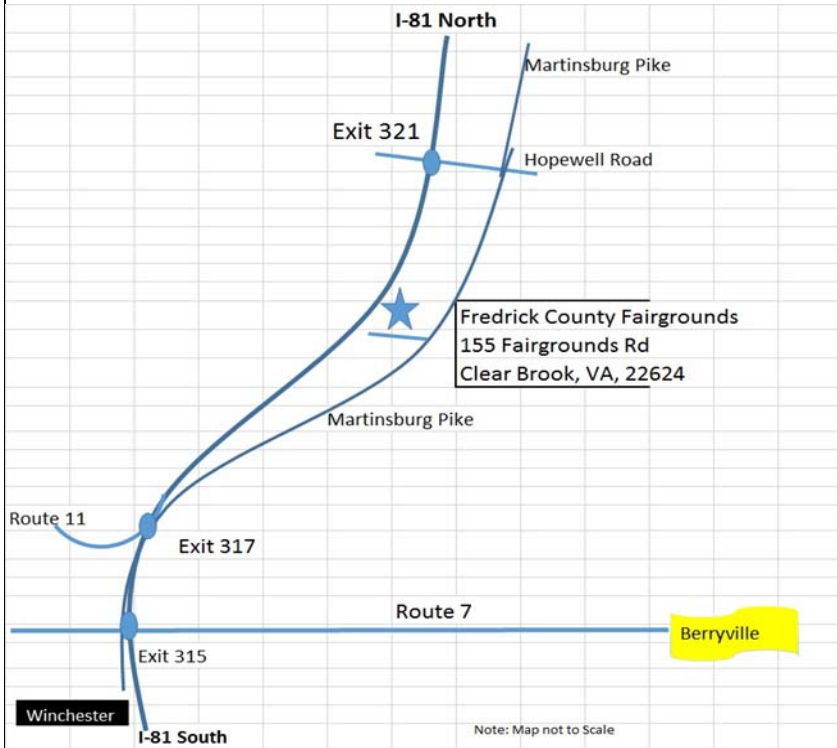
Sincerely,

**DANIEL CLARK. & KEITH KUCK**  
Spring Fling Co-Chairmen

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### DIRECTIONS

<https://goo.gl/maps/P4t2cQASZF6ZkXpB6>

From Washington DC

Take I 66 West into Virginia

go right for I-81 North

go right for VA-37 /  
 Henson / Winchester  
 S-11 N / VA-37 N /

turn onto Fairground Rd

2.8 miles into Virginia  
 go right toward  
 Brook.  
 Hopewell Rd  
 S-11 Martinsburg Pike  
 Fairground Rd

go right for VA-37 /  
 Henson / Winchester  
 S-11 N / VA-37 N /

Martinsburg Pike

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<https://binged.it/2gmYtUy>

### 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