

## Make A Traditional Appalachian Hand-Tied Forge Broom

Date: Friday April 14 at BGOP Spring Fling

Location: Frederick County Fairgrounds, Clear Brook, VA (indoors)

Start time: 6:00pm

### Details:

Make your own forge broom with Marnie from Stone Heart Forge. Marnie has been making hand tied Appalachian broomcorn brooms for over 5 years and runs a professional broom making shop in Woodbridge, VA.

The forge broom is a short-handled broom traditionally tied onto a forged steel handle. It has a gathered shape and basket-woven top similar to a hearth broom, but more compact. This style of compact broom would be a perfect fit and design for a fireplace tool set.

You can bring your own forged handle or purchase one before the class. All proceeds from the pre-made handles go to BGOP.

DIY handles will need to have a finished end ready for a broom. Upon registration for the class, you will receive info on what to bring, broom handle options and finishing. If you are interested in making a forged broom handle and want some instruction or ideas on design and finishing, there will be a broom handle demo and tutorial at the BGOP Meeting on March 17.

### Cost:

The cost for the class is \$60 with the option to bring your own handle or purchase a handle at the class. There will also be forge broom kits available for those wanting the materials to make another broom at their home forge.

Class participation is limited to 10 people with a 3-person minimum. If there is enough interest a second class may open.

### Registration:

Register by emailing [marnie@stoneheartforge.com](mailto:marnie@stoneheartforge.com) to get on the list or to be placed on the waitlist. Registered participants will receive instructions on pre-payment, forged broom handle forms & finishing, class preparation details and info.