

## DIRECTIONS TO RIVERFRONT PARK IN FITCHBURG, MA

**By bus or train:** Daily MBTA trains to and from Boston stop on Main St. in Fitchburg. Facing Main St., walk west (left) from the train station. Pass Montuori Tire and underneath the Water Street bridge. The entrance to the park is the next left onto Cushing Street.

**From the West:** Route 2 to Exit 30 (Merriam Ave.). At the end of the ramp take a right. After the first set of lights, Merriam Ave. becomes South St. Follow directions above from that point.

**From the East:** Route 2 to Exit 30 (South St.). At the end of the ramp turn right at South St. (signs for Merriam Ave./Leominster, then bear left towards lights. At lights, take left onto South St. (also called Whalon St.). Follow straight through two sets of lights. At the bottom of South Street hill turn left at Laurel St. (Rte. 12). Take first right at Putnam St. (crossing bridge over river). Turn right at Boulder Drive. The park will be on the right.



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Trellis in Riverfront Park featuring past entries

Come participate in the

In conjunction  
with AutumnFest

# 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FITCHBURG FORGE-IN FESTIVAL

The Fitchburg Forge-In is a non-profit project for the purpose of reviving the art and craft of blacksmithy.



Oct. 18th, 2008  
10am – Dusk  
Riverfront Park,  
Fitchburg, MA

**Saturday  
following  
Columbus  
Day**

## JURIED COMPETITIONS

**OVER \$10,000 IN PRIZES,  
CASH & AWARDS**

### DECORATIVE PANEL COMPETITION

*Theme: "Life Around the River"*

Create a 2-sided panel to fit into an 18" x 18" grid in the decorative screen at the park. Prizes are awarded based on originality, quality of workmanship and execution. These panels will become the property of the City of Fitchburg and will be permanently attached to the Riverfront Park Trellis. *See photo on back.*

- 1st Prize: \$1000
- 2nd Prize: \$300
- Merit Prize (2): \$150 ea.



### LIVE FORGING COMPETITION

*See details inside*

<b>Division I</b>	Novice
<b>Division II</b>	Intermediate
<b>Division III</b>	Professional Blacksmith

- Ribbons ■ Cash Prizes
- Finalist Awards
- Championship Awards

Judge: Carl Close Jr.  
Concord, MA

Carl Close Jr. will demonstrate his blacksmithy skills.  
Prizes will be awarded by the Mayor of Fitchburg, Ms. Lisa Wong.

Sponsored by: City of Fitchburg, ACHLA Designs® & a grant from the Fitchburg Cultural Alliance.

Carl's fascination with Arts & Crafts started at an early age when he would observe his father creating steam engines, firearms and woodworking tools. As a teenager, Carl learned about works of great metal-smiths like Samuel Yellin, Frank Koralewsky, Cyril Colnik, Edward Guy and Joe Tucker. His career in Metal crafts started upon his visit to late Samuel Yellin's (1885-1940) workshop in its final week before closing forever.

In 1993 Carl and his wife Susan formed Hammersmith Studios presently located at 50 Beharrell Street, Concord, MA [www.hammersmithstudio.com](http://www.hammersmithstudio.com)

He has demonstrated his techniques at many regional and national blacksmith conferences. His work can be seen in Boston, New York City, Oklahoma and Washington DC as well as in Japan, England and Sweden. His studio just completed a two-year restoration project for a National Historic Site at Saugus Iron Works.

## RULES - LIVE COMPETITION

1. All Demonstrators & Competitors must wear eye protection.
2. Competition is individual; helpers are not permitted except when indicated.
3. Officials reserve the right to decline entry to any individual. They may prohibit a competitor from participating without being liable for compensation.
4. All work is to be "hand-forged". Use of power tools other than forge blowers will incur elimination.
5. Three entrants are required to hold a session.
6. **Div. I** For students, those at entry level or with less than one year experience.  
**Div. II** For the serious hobbyist who has more than one year of experience.  
**Div. III** For those with more experience than Div. II.
7. Only novice competitors may enter Div. I. Div. II competitors may enter classes in Div. III, but Div. III competitors may not enter classes in Div. II.
8. Participants in the Forge-In must sign a waiver prior to competition.
9. All stock is to be cold at the beginning of competition. Hot stock will be grounds for disqualification.
10. Participants must complete all projects assigned in the three sessions (as listed in this mailer) of their respective divisions to enter this Competition.
11. Decisions of the judge or judges are final.
12. All items submitted for judging are property of Fitchburg Forge-In.
13. Fitchburg Forge-In, The City of Fitchburg, ACHLA Designs®, Forge-In officials, sponsors and event committees will not be held responsible for any loss or damage that may occur.

**ALL PARTICIPANTS BRING THEIR OWN TOOLS, ANVILS, FORGES, ETC.**

**NO PROPANE TANKS OVER 20 LBS. ALLOWED - FIRE DEPARTMENT'S RULE**

**Division I:** Best of Novice Competitor/Live Demonstration – \$200.00

**Division II:** Best of Intermediate Competitor/Live Demonstration – \$200.00

**Division III:** Best of Open Competitor/Live Demonstration – \$300.00

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property of the  
Fitchburg Forge-In

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS & LIVE COMPETITION

## Registration & Setup

7:00 - 9:30 am

## Judges meeting with all participants

9:30 - 10:00 am

## Session I

10:00 - 11:00 am

## Break

11:00 - 11:15 am

## Session II

11:15 am - 12:15 pm

## Lunch & Demonstration by Carl Close Jr.

12:15 - 2:15 pm

## Session III

2:15 - 3:45 pm

## Clean-up & Packing

## Awards Ceremony conducted by Mayor Wong

4:30 pm

All divisions have been assigned projects to be completed in each session as listed.

Precut stock will be provided to pre-registered participants. Those registering on-site will be required to purchase stock for \$25.00.

\* Specimens will be provided to participants.



### \* DIV. I *Less than 1 yr. of exp.*

Session I	Pair of S-Hooks	2 pcs.- 3/8" round x 10"L
Session II	Pair of Drive Beam Hooks	2 pcs.- 1/4" round x 6"L
Session III	BBQ Fork	3/8" square x 24"L

### \* DIV. II *1 yr. + of exp., considering career in blacksmithy*

Session I	Pair of Swivel S-Hooks	2 pcs.- 3/8" round x 4"L 1" x 1/4" x 4"L
Session II	Stylized Matching Pair of Door Pulls	2 pcs.- 1" x 1/4" x 6"L
Session III	Pete Bennett's Trivet	3 pcs.- 1/2" square x 9 1/2"L

Directions available upon request - published in NEB Journal and also on Forge-In website

### DIV. III *A working blacksmith*

Session I	Russian Rose (aka Rolled Rose w/ leaf)	1" x 1/4" x 9"L
Session II	Rolled Eye Strap Hinge with Pintle	1" x 1/4" sq. x 10"L 1/2" sq. x 5"L
Session III	Door Knocker (including nail & strap)	Sheet stock (20 gauge) Two squares: 6" x 6" and 3" x 3" 1/2" sq. x 18"L 1/4" round x 10" (for nail/strap)



## REGISTRATION FORM

**Registration is  
free but required**

Please mail back to:

Forge-In / ACHLA Designs®  
65 Arbor Way  
Fitchburg, MA 01420

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Check appropriate box : I will compete in **Division: I**  **II**  **III**

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle which applies: I will / will not be submitting a panel for the Riverfront Park Trellis.