

6th Annual Fitchburg Forge-In BLACKSMITH FESTIVAL

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



Oct. 17th, 2009
10 am – Dusk
Riverfront Park,
Fitchburg, MA

Saturday
following
Columbus
Day

JURIED COMPETITIONS

OVER \$5,000 IN PRIZES,
CASH & AWARDS

DECORATIVE PANEL COMPETITION

Theme: "Life Around the River"

Create a 2-sided panel to fit into an 18" square grid in the park's decorative screen. Prizes are awarded based on originality, quality of workmanship and execution. Panels become property of the City of Fitchburg and will be permanently attached to the Riverfront Park Trellis.

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



LIVE FORGING COMPETITION

See details inside

- Division I** Novice
- Division II** Intermediate
- Division III** Professional Blacksmith

- Ribbons
- Cash Prizes
- Finalist Awards
- Championship Awards

Susan Madacsi of Connecticut, will demonstrate her blacksmithy skills. Prizes will be awarded by the Mayor of Fitchburg, Ms. Lisa Wong.

Sponsored by: City of Fitchburg, ACHLA Designs® & The Massachusetts Cultural Council

Judge

Susan Madacsi – Traditional/Contemporary Metal Worker

After receiving a BFA in Idaho, Susan moved to Texas where she developed her blacksmithing skills. Previously working for Stanley Architects and Artisans, she now focuses on designing and creating custom metalwork out of her studio in Stonington, Connecticut. Susan has received the Connecticut Artist Fellowship Award in Crafts and two residencies at the Vermont Sculpture Studio from the Connecticut Commission on Arts and Tourism. In the spring of 2006, she curated a show at the Brookfield Center for Crafts which emphasized contemporary blacksmithing and art. It was reviewed and published in *Metalsmith Magazine*. In the spring of 2005 she traveled to Vechta, Germany, to participate in *Ferro 2005*, an international blacksmithing event organized by Master Smith Alfred Bullermann. In 2008 she received a purchase award from Highland Hospital in Evanston, Illinois. In 2004, the guild presented her with an Emerging Artist Award and the Berkshire Blacksmiths awarded her for Best of Show. She is an active member of the Artist Blacksmith Association of North America, regional blacksmithing organizations in New England, and The American Craft Council. Susan has shown her work nationally including The Kentucky Museum of Arts and Design, Louisville, KY; The Museum of Art and Science in Anchorage, AK; and The Worcester Center for Crafts, Worcester, MA. Her work has also been featured in publications such as "Contemporary Blacksmithing: Inside and Out", "Ironwork: Dynamic Details," "Tea Pots: Makers and Collectors", and "Stylish Screens". Some of Madacsi's private clients include Ralph Lauren, Baker Knapp and Tubbs, and the Mohegan Sun Casino. Susan's work has been featured in venues such as the Smithsonian Craft Show, The Society for Contemporary Craft in Pittsburgh, PA, Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, Craft's Boston and the American Craft Council Show in Baltimore.

RULES - LIVE COMPETITION

1. All Demonstrators & Competitors must wear eye protection.
2. All participants bring their own tools, anvils, forges, etc.
3. No Propane Tanks over 20 lbs. allowed - Fire Department's rule
4. Competition is individual; helpers are not permitted except when indicated.
5. Officials reserve the right to decline entry to any individual. They may prohibit a competitor from participating without being liable for compensation.
6. All work is to be "hand-forged". Use of power tools other than forge blowers will incur elimination.
7. Three entrants are required to hold a session.
8. **Div. I** students, those at entry level or with less than one year experience.
Div. II serious hobbyist who has more than one year of experience.
Div. III more experience than Div. II.
9. 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.
10. Participants in the Forge-In must sign a waiver prior to competition.
11. All stock is to be cold at the beginning of competition. Hot stock will be grounds for disqualification.
12. Participants must complete all projects assigned in the three sessions (as listed in this mailer) of their respective divisions to enter this Competition.
13. Decisions of the judge or judges are final.
14. All items submitted for judging are property of Fitchburg Forge-In.
15. 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.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS & LIVE COMPETITION

Registration & Setup

7:00 - 9:30 am

Judges meeting with all participants

9:30 - 9:45 am

Session I

10:00 - 11:00 am

Break

11:00 - 11:30 am

Session II

11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Lunch & Demonstration by Susan Madacsi

12:30 - 2:30 pm

Session III

2:30 - 4:30 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.
 - List of stock sizes and drawings will be available on Forge-In website in August.
- * = specimens will be provided to participants.



DIV. I Less than 1 yr. of experience*

Session I Matching Pair of S-Hooks

Session II Bottle Opener

Session III Footed Candle Holder

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

Session I Plant Hanger

Session II Cheese Slicer

Session III Candle Stick

DIV. III A working blacksmith

Session I Tool Bar with 3 Hooks

Session II Raised Bowl

Session III Flower w/ 2 Leaves mounted in a rock

Competition Champions: **Division I:** \$150.00 **Division II:** \$200.00 **Division III:** \$300.00



REGISTRATION FORM

must be submitted Aug. 31, 2009

Registration is required

Pre-registration: FREE

On-site registration: \$25.00

Please mail back to:

Forge-In / ACHLA Designs®

65 Arbor Way

Fitchburg, MA 01420

Name: _____ Address: _____

E-mail: _____ Telephone: _____

(Please check appropriate box) I will compete in Division: **I** **II** **III**

(Please circle which applies) I **will** / **will not** submit a panel for the Riverfront Park Trellis.