

8th 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. Sponsored by: Fitchburg Art Museum, City of Fitchburg, ACHLA Designs® & The Massachusetts Cultural Council.

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Oct. 1st, 2011 10 am – 4:30 pm **Riverfront Park** Boulder Drive, Fitchburg, MA

LIVE FORGING COMPETITION

See details on opposite side

- Ribbons ■ Cash Prizes ■ Finalist Awards
- Championship Awards and Jackets

Total Prize Money for Each Division

Div. I	Novice	\$675.00
Div. II	Intermediate	\$950.00
Div. III	Professional Blacksmith	\$1275.00

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. 1st Place, 2nd Place & Merit Prizes are awarded based on originality, quality of workmanship and execution. Panels become property of the City of Fitchburg and are permanently attached to the Riverfront Park Trellis.

For examples, *see www.fitchburgforgein.com*.

1st \$1000 **2nd** \$300 **Merit** 2 prizes at \$150 ea.

REGISTRATION FORM

Registration is required

Pre-registration is FREE; must be submitted by 9/18/2011.

On-site registration is \$25.00.

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Telephone: _____

Please check a box: I will compete in Division:

I **II** **III**

Please circle either: I **will** / **will not** submit a panel for the Riverfront Park Trellis.



Please clip and mail back to:

Blacksmith Festival 2011/ACHLA Designs®

65 Arbor Way, Fitchburg, MA 01420

Special Guest Metalsmith & Competition Judge Bob Compton of Rising Sun Forge will demonstrate his blacksmithy skills. Bob Compton has been blacksmithing professionally since 1983. In 1989 he opened his own studio to pursue custom architectural projects. Primarily creating work for private homes he has developed a style that brings traditional joinery and forging techniques to contemporary design. His work has been shown at the National Ornamental Metal Museum in Memphis Tennessee. Current work includes a public art piece for the Bridge of Flowers in Shelburne Falls, MA. Bob has demonstrated extensively and taught both at blacksmithing schools and at his own studio.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS / FORGING COMPETITION PROGRAM

Session I

10:00 - 11:00 am

Break

11:00 - 11:15 am

Session II

11:15 am - 12:15 pm

Lunch & Demonstration by Bob Compton

12:15 - 2:00 pm

Session III

2:00 - 4:00 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 September.
- * = specimens will be provided to participants.



DIV. I Less than 1 year of experience *

Session I Matching Pair of Coat Hooks

Sess. II Barbeque Fork

Sess. III Boot Scraper

DIV. II 1 yr. + of experience, considering career as blacksmith *

Session I Matching Pair of Shelf Brackets w/ tapered or fishtail scroll

Sess. II 9" Trivet

Sess. III Candle Holder

DIV. III A working blacksmith

Session I Matching Pair of Shelf Brackets w/ floral, leaves, splits, etc.

Sess. II 3D Snowflake

Sess. III Bunch of Flowers (numbering 3 - 5)

STRICT REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPETITORS

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. 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**.
9. Participants in the Forge-In must sign a waiver prior to competition.
10. All stock is to be cold at the beginning of competition. Hot stock will be grounds for disqualification.
11. **Division I** students, those at entry level or with less than one year experience.
Division II serious hobbyists who have more than one year of experience.
Division III more experience than Div. II.
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®, Fitchburg Art Museum, Forge-In officials, sponsors and event committees will not be held responsible for any loss or damage that may occur.