



Sharing the  
Art and Craft of  
Blacksmithing  
in Michigan

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Please contact  
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### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

\*\*\*Please print\*\*\*

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

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ Family members: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_ +4 \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell/Home

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Publish/Do not publish in roster

Forging skill: \_\_\_\_\_ Beginner \_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate \_\_\_\_\_ Advanced

Smithing areas of interest \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks / MO's payable to "MABA"**

*Canadian applicants must have their bank certify  
& stamp the payment as US Funds*

Mail to: **Stu Smith, MABA Treasurer**

**4510 Baker Rd  
Bridgeport, MI 48722-9597**

**New, Lapsed or Renewal (Due in December) \*\*\*Please circle.\*\*\***

Membership **\$25-1Yr** **\$50-2Yrs** **\$75-3Yrs**

Contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Thank You!

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### MICHIGAN ARTIST BLACKSMITH ASSOCIATION LIABILITY RELEASE FORM

I, the undersigned, realizing the potential hazards involved in the craft of blacksmithing will not hold the MICHIGAN ARTIST BLACKSMITH ASSOCIATION, its officers, demonstrator(s), or host(s) responsible in the event of any accident or injury incurred during an association function or at any time a sponsored activity concerning blacksmithing or metal working is occurring.

I am aware of the requirement to wear safety glasses during association demonstrations and will do so. I am also aware of the possibility of hearing damage due to the nature of the craft and accept the responsibility of taking the necessary steps to protect my hearing.

It will be my responsibility to inform any family member or guest that I may bring to a demonstration of potential dangers and advise them of all necessary precautions.

➔ **Your Signature is REQUIRED below:**

\_\_\_\_\_

Guardian signature required if applicant is under 18 yrs old.  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*MABA requires a signed and dated liability release form to be included with your dues.\*\*\*



**M.A.B.A. is organized exclusively for educational purposes.**

- ❖ To provide *instruction and information* for anyone interested in learning to smith.
- ❖ To *share the art of blacksmithing* with the general public.
- ❖ To *serve as a center of information* about blacksmiths in Michigan for architects, interior designers, and other interested groups.
- ❖ M.A.B.A. is an *affiliate of ABANA*, The Artist Blacksmith Association of North America. We are one of over 70 affiliates world wide.
- ❖ M.A.B.A. is a 501c3-not for profit educational group.

**Guests** are welcome to attend a demonstration, but we ask you give an officer your signed liability release form found on the reverse side.

**Safety glasses are REQUIRED.** Ear protection, closed-toe shoes and cotton clothing are recommended.

For information on demonstration dates please check [www.miblacksmith.org](http://www.miblacksmith.org) or call an officer. Also for more information on ABANA please check, [www.abana.org](http://www.abana.org).

**Membership** offers you monthly educational demonstrations at blacksmith shops around the state from October through May. These are conducted by experienced members interested in sharing their talents. Before and after the demonstrations there is plenty of time to talk with members who are always ready to share their interest and knowledge in blacksmithing.

During the summer months members enjoy demonstrating at reenactments, art fairs, crafts fairs and historic sites.

Members receive our newsletter, The Upsetter, four to six times a year. Articles containing demonstration information, projects of varied skill level, tool projects, book reviews, information on association or member activities, safety items and a wide variety of articles from the ABANA affiliate newsletter exchange program.

We have four business meetings throughout the year. The first meeting is held in December as an annual Christmas party, with a pot luck dinner, officer elections, scholarship awards and our annual fund raising auction. The auction keeps our dues low and helps fund the newsletter. The association also offers 2 scholarships each year to help further your blacksmithing education.

M.A.B.A. has a tool loan program. When available, they contain a basic blacksmithing set-up with a coal forge, blower, anvil, hammers and tongs. The purpose is to help get you started so you can see how much fun blacksmithing is.

## Forging a Square Knot Handle for a Fork

Demonstration by John Kosirnik  
Drawings By: Steve Alling

