



Illinois Valley Blacksmith Association

Demonstrator List

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Lewis Bodamer

Maplecroft Blacksmith

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Fees: \$75.00 for one day events and \$125.00 for two day events plus travel expenses.

Lewis demonstrates blacksmithing techniques in order to teach historical and modern uses for the art of blacksmithing. Lewis likes to give others limited opportunities to get "hands on" experience. Safety is the primary concern of this blacksmith.

Michael Glennon

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Normal, IL 61761

Phone: (309) 451-3613

Email: pleasantleaforge@yahoo.com

Area of expertise: Turn of the century blacksmithing technique and history; volunteer demonstrator at Midway Village Museum Center's Blacksmith Shop for 6 years.

Fees: none Range of travel: 60-100 miles max from Bloomington-Normal, Illinois

Michael is a member of IVBA, UMBA, ABANA, and the Rock River Valley Blacksmith Guild.

Bud Harvey

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Chillicothe, IL 61523

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www.hotironblacksmith.com

Areas of expertise: The demonstration will emphasize traditional blacksmithing processes utilizing 19th century tooling. Many projects are developed from colonial references, however, if other forms of blacksmithing art are requested, this can also be accommodated.

Range of travel: Any location is acceptable. Travel expenses will be billed for demonstrations outside the Peoria metropolitan area. Fees: Fee is \$300 per day and \$300 minimum plus travel which will include mileage at normal rates, food and lodging if required for overnight stays.

Bud and his wife Janelle operate Hot Iron Blacksmith near Peoria, Illinois. Bud has Bachelor of Science degrees from Oregon State University in Metallurgical Engineering and Mechanical Engineering, was a Nationally Certified Purchasing Manager and is a Boy Scout of America Silver Beaver. He retired from industry after 37 years in various engineering, purchasing and quality management positions. Bud was inspired by a friend to study blacksmithing at the Ozark School of Blacksmithing operated by Tom Clark. He began his studies ten years ago under Master Blacksmith Uri Hofi and has continued to practice and learn from other blacksmiths. Bud creates metal art in his blacksmith shop for discerning customers by incorporating the disciplines practiced in industry, skills learned from noted master blacksmiths and interpretations of his customers' requests. Bud was the president of Illinois Valley Blacksmith Association for the years of 2006 and 2007. He is also a Lifetime Member of the American Society for Materials.

Bryan Dale Headley

Poverty Creek Forge

722 Champion Dr.

West Salem, IL. 62476

Phone: (618) 456-ANVL, 4:30pm - 8pm, CST

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Areas of expertise: Forged artistic ironworks for the home, garden, camp and hearth.

Range of travel: 100 mile radius of West Salem, Illinois but will go farther with arrangements

Fees: start at \$250.00 per day

Bryan was first introduced to blacksmithing by long time friend Rex Walden. As soon as hammer was laid to iron, Bryan knew blacksmithing would be in his future. After only two visits to the forge, Rex tragically lost his life. After learning this news, Bryan vowed to keep the anvil ringing. He has been doing professional demonstrations since 2001, and dresses in clothing of the late 1700's, adding even more history and ambiance. Bryan has been a guest demonstrator for Rockome Gardens in Arcola, Illinois and has also demonstrated for the Illinois State Fair at DuQuoin as well as a host of fine arts fairs and festivals each year. He has also had his works featured on display at the Brubeck Art Center at Wabash Valley College. Today, Bryan's works can be found across the U.S. and many foreign countries. Fully insured with one million dollars coverage accident liability as well as product liability.

David Kervin

61 Coachlight Court

Springfield, IL 62703

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Areas of expertise: 18th & 19th century utensils, gates-fences, knives, repoussé, flowers, hardware

Range of travel: 60 to 90 miles from Springfield

Fees: vary depending... from \$0 to \$100 or more per day

David has 19th century clothing and tooling and can adapt to any type of event or demo.

Mark Kittrick

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Hinckley, IL 60520

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Range of travel: up to fifty miles of Hinckley, Illinois

Fees: gas and other expenses

Mike Lanham

2317 Washington Ave.

Alton, IL 62002

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Areas of expertise: Camp cookware, knives, candleholders, tooling, spur of the moment projects from the crowd, civil war to present era, period nitpickers need not call.

Range of travel: Usually two hour radius of Alton, although have gone further on occasion.

Fees: Usually none, although a shelter of some type to set up under is required

Mike has been fascinated with blacksmithing ever since he was a small child watching a smith on television make carriage bolts out of a silo ring for a horse drawn log sled. He took the opportunity to learn the basics while attending SIUE in 1997, from there he worked for a smith in Missouri for a few months. The rest has been self taught and watching other smiths' demos. The love of knives was one of the main things that drew him to smithing, but he then branched out to camp cookware, ornamental iron, repair/restoration projects, tools, and "whatever strikes his fancy at the time".

John R. Lovin

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Belle River, IL 62810

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Areas of expertise: Living History, Rendezvous, Civil War, Art and Wine Festivals. (No School Demos).

Range of Travel: South of I-70

Fees: None if he can sell forged ironwork

John has been blacksmithing 25 years, doing mainly historical and living history events. He has won numerous awards for his forging and demonstrating abilities, and always strives to educate as well as entertain the public.

John Massey

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O'Fallon, Illinois 62269-3513

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Areas of expertise: French and Indian War, Colonial and traditional blacksmith

Range of travel: 150 mile radius of St. Louis, Missouri

Fees: Will vary from expenses to \$300 per event

John is experienced in basic to intermediate blacksmithing; with emphasis on items of the colonial period (knives, tomahawks, copper cup ladles, cooking utensils, other cooking items, small tools, etc.). He is very good in explaining blacksmithing techniques and makes a great connection with his audience.

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