



**SOUTHERN OHIO
FORGE & ANVIL**

QUADSTATE 2023

September 22, 23, & 24, 2023

Friday Night - Opening Ceremony

Mark Aspery - Traditional

Springville, California

Lin Rhea - Bladesmithing

Prattsville, Arkansas

Richard Sullivan - Gunsmith

Williamsburg, Virginia

Allan Kress - Tooling

Cullman, Alabama

Clayton Spencer - Tooling

Union Hill, Alabama

Cincinnati Hands on Instruction

The Southern Ohio Forge and Anvil (SOFA) Quadstate Roundup is the largest blacksmith annual gathering in the United States. It includes three days of demonstrations and tailgate sales of all types of blacksmith related items. It is held annually the fourth weekend of September at the home of SOFA on the Miami County fairgrounds in Troy, Ohio and includes camping and food on site.

PLEASE NOTE

REGISTRATION CHANGE

Anyone not pre-registered online or by mail-in form will be required to register at the north gate when you arrive. If pre-registered we will have your event package at the pre-registration desk.



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Thank you for your support and participation. SOFA strives to live up to our motto “Creative and Friendly.”

Highlights:

Friday _____ Site D

- 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM Tailgate Sales
- 6:00 PM - Friday Evening - Opening Ceremonies _____ Site A
Short Introduction of Demonstrators
- 6:30 PM - Forging Demonstration - by Mark Aspery

Saturday

- 9:00 AM - 12:00 Demonstrations
(Hands-on Beginners Instruction in U-Forge Area) _____ All Sites
10:00AM to 12:00 and 1:30PM to 3:30 PM _____ Site G
Sunday 9:00AM to 12:00)
- 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Demonstrations
- 5:30 PM Saturday - Auction
- 7:30 PM Saturday - Forging Competition _____ Site D
_____ Site G

Sunday

- 8:45 AM - Presentation of Awards and Prizes
_____ Site D

Everyone attending Quadstate Thursday - Sunday or participating in tool sales is required to register and wear a name badge!



I currently own and operate my own school for blacksmiths in California, USA. My training as a smith began after leaving high-school in the UK, after starting work at a small fabrication & engineering firm that boasted a blacksmith shop. Over the years, I have worked for several smiths, as well as

teaching in trade schools.

A certified journeyman smith with the Worshipful Company of Blacksmiths, and currently an Associate of the company (AWCB); I'm also a certified farrier with the American Farriers Association (AFA). Although I maintain that these qualifications and a Dollar will only get you a cup of pretty-poor tasting coffee/tea, but that the endeavors were priceless.

Currently, I'm writing a fourth and hopefully 5th volume in my 'How to' blacksmith book series, "The Skills of a Blacksmith". I'm careful not to call myself a traditional smith, perhaps classical is a more apt phrase. I do not take any regular commission work, just the occasional small job, I am quite out-of-touch with that side of the profession.

An underlying ethos of my classes is 'make the tools before you begin the job'. Currently, the single most important event that has improved my blacksmithing has been to teach it – having to know the root of the skill or information, but the phrase "best I could do at the time" comes to mind.

I'm as much a student of blacksmithing as the next smith, and always ready to learn more, taking classes where and when I can; with a subject this vast, how can I say anything else.

My presentation will focus on making pieces from ABANA's National Curriculum, with the occasional tangent.

Lin Rhea MS
Prattsville, Arkansas

Site A



I live in Arkansas and have been making knives and blacksmithing for a number of years and was recently inducted as Arkansas Living Treasure by the Arkansas Arts Council. I teach for the University of Arkansas at Hope and Texarkana. I make all styles of knives but am known for my X-Rhea design.

My demo will consist of forging a small X-Rhea. I can further grind it if you need me to. Or, I am capable of forging another style blade.



I was raised on a farm in north Alabama and received a mechanical engineering degree from Auburn. In Army, taught Field Artillery Gunnery at Ft. Sill, OK. Worked at Redstone Arsenal as support contractor on Redstone and Jupiter missiles and later hired to Marshall Space Flight Center. Two of my most important jobs were being in charge of designing rubber tired transporter for Saturn S1C stage, (bottom stage of

the Moon Rocket) and test engineer for Prototype Moon Buggies. Retired in October 1988.

Went to first blacksmith meeting in October 1986 then designed and built my swing arm treadle hammer Nov.-Dec.1986. Took first blacksmithing class in 1987, started teaching blacksmithing in 1988. I took all Francis Whitaker's classes and then he chose me to succeed him to teach his advanced class when he retired. Have taught over 100 classes at John C. Campbell Folk School where the new shop is named for me. Designed the Inline (roller blade) treadle hammer and later the Tire Hammer. I have demonstrated blacksmithing and led workshops to build hammers and tools in 40 states. I was newsletter editor for the Alabama Forge Council for about 10 years and received lifetime membership in AFC, Blacksmith Assn. of Missouri, North Carolina, Appalachian Area Chapter Blacksmiths and ABANA and the Bealer Award from ABANA.



Allan Kress of Alabama started blacksmithing in 1992. Early on he took Classes with Clay Spencer, Bob Bergman, Francis Whitaker, Peter Ross and Jerry Darnell. He began teaching at John C. Campbell Folk School in 1995 and has continued teaching a small projects class there ever since. Over the years Allan has demonstrated for many groups all over the Southeast, Northeast and Central U.S.

Allan splits his blacksmithing time between making power hammer and hand tools to

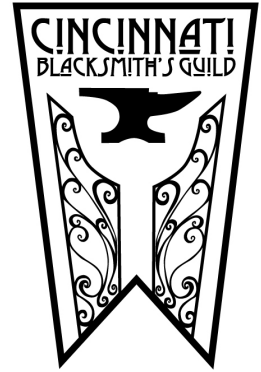
sell at conferences, making tire hammers, and making sculptural art pieces to sell at art shows. In his many years of tool making and selling to other blacksmiths he has been given the opportunity to receive feedback, suggestions, and tweaks to make the tooling better. He often makes tools which will perform several different tasks. In his personal work he uses many jigs and fixtures to simplify, speedup the processes and aid in the duplication of the same things over and over. As a showing artist for over 30 years he has a unique insight into that world and ways to boost your production while keeping the creative juices flowing.



Richard Sullivan Gunsmith shop Colonial Williamsburg. I am from Columbiana, Ohio and stocked my first Rifle there in 1980. By the early 1990's I was welding gun barrels and that remains one of my favorite aspects of the trade. At the 40th Quadstate, I welded my 26th barrel tube. That finished Rifle barrel will be on display at this years' event. I began my career at Colonial Williamsburg in 2003 and became the 8th person in the shops' 59 years to have made a Rifle using only 18th Century type tools ,technology and raw materials. In January

2018, I was promoted to Master Gunsmith.

With the barrel, Lock, buttplate inlet in the stock blank. The stock will be shaped around those major parts using a drawknife, smoothing plane and rasps. The tailpiece and thimbles to hold the loading rod in place will also be made from sheet brass. Time permitting, some of the wood screws will also be made.



The Cincinnati Blacksmiths Guild was founded in the fall of 2015. We host public Hammer-Ins twice a year where the local community can come and work one on one with our smiths to try out forging.

The guild has monthly meetings and host classes from time to time for guild members at the Blue Hell Studio School of Blacksmithing and Steel Fabrication.

We also provide live smithing demonstrations at different events in Cincinnati.

Mission statement:

The purpose of the Cincinnati Blacksmiths Guild shall be to foster interest in the art of Blacksmithing and to help aspiring Blacksmiths in the community.

The Cincinnati Blacksmiths Guild is located at 7712 Reinhold Drive, Cincinnati Ohio 45237.

DISPLAY YOUR WORK!

The Gallery is one of the highlights of Quadstate & our staff do their very best to feature your work as professionally as possible (due to the nature of the corrugated building walls, wall pieces may not be able to be hung appropriately.)

The success of this annual pop-up depends on Quadstate attendees bringing their best to share... everyone's work is welcome! Although this is not a juried show, it is judged with awards presented Sunday at 8:45am. Cash prizes will be given for outstanding items in the following 5 categories

- 1. OPEN:** for the experienced/professional smith to exhibit the best work being done in blacksmithing today.
- 2. NOVICE:** for the pure hobbyist and for beginners who have less than 3 years experience.
- 3. YOUTH:** We celebrate our fledgling smiths. This category is open to participants 17 years or younger.
- 4. MIXED MEDIUM:** One part steel with at least one other part non Ferrous metal, wood, or other material
- 5. CUTTING EDGE**

Other categories: unusual or extremely well-made "Neat Old Stuff" & items made by attending partners in "Companion Crafts."

In addition to the above categories all registered participants will be asked to vote for the "Peoples' Choice" award from the entire gallery.

While the Gallery building will be locked at night, SOFA assumes no responsibility for displayed items. Blacksmiths are famous for their honesty and integrity but not all attending are blacksmiths.

Gallery Schedule:

Friday: Take-in: 8am-5pm (no viewing)

Preview: 4pm-5:30pm (please note: display may not be complete)

Saturday: Take-in: 8am-10am (no works accepted after 10am)

Open for viewing: 8am-5pm & 8:30-10pm

Sunday: Pick-up & Viewing: 9am-12pm

Troy Accommodations:

Camping is available on-site (see registration form)

I-75 EXIT #74

Fairfield Inn by Marriott

Exit 74, I-75 & State Route 41
(937) 332-1446 ; (800) 228-2800

Residence Inn by Marriott

Exit 74, I-75 & State Route 41
(937) 440-9303 ; (800) 331-3131

Hampton Inn

Exit 74, I-75 & State Route 41
(937) 339-7801 ; (800) HAMPTON

America's Best

Exit 74, I-75
(937) 339-7957

Holiday Inn Express

Exit 74, I-75 & State Route 41
(937) 332-1700 ; (800) HOLIDAY

I-75 EXIT #73

Budget Inn

Exit 73, 1330 Archer Drive
(937) 339-6564

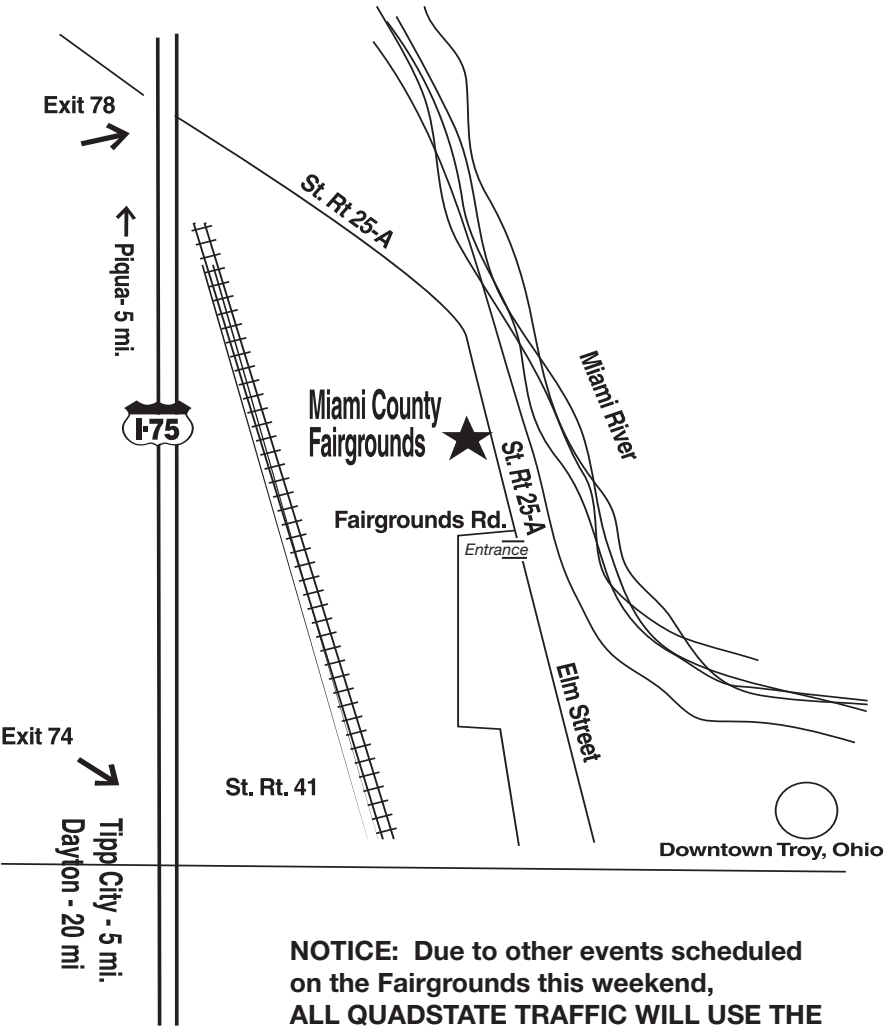
Royal Inn

Exit 73, I-75 & State Route 55
(937) 335-0013

Other Hotels available in Piqua and Tipp City

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Our location is the Miami County Fairgrounds on Rt. 25A in Troy. It is the next town north of Tipp City on I-75. Easily reached by exit 78 then south on 25A, or you can take exit 74 then east toward town, turn left at North Elm St. (at the Marathon Station). The entrance is on the northeast end of the fairgrounds. The SOFA Blacksmith Shop and event buildings are on the north end of the fairgrounds.



NOTICE: Due to other events scheduled on the Fairgrounds this weekend, ALL QUADSTATE TRAFFIC WILL USE THE NORTH FAIRGROUNDS ENTRANCE.

AUCTION NOTICE

Auction starts 5:30 pm Saturday in area D.

All items that sell for less than \$10 will be considered a donation to SOFA. On consignment items that sell for over \$10.00, SOFA will charge 10% of the sale price (\$5.00 min.) as a commission. On consignment items, the owner's portion of the consignment will be mailed to them following the Round-Up. If an item has an absolute minimum bid it must be indicated on the item's tag or the piece will be sold for whatever it brings. There is a limit of 5 pieces per person, anything beyond this number needs special permission from SOFA. SOFA will determine the order of the sale. Generally the earlier consignments and higher value items will be sold first. (NOTE: SOFA proceeds go to the general treasury to insure the perpetuation of SOFA and to help support even better, future Round-Ups. SOFA reserves the right to keep demonstration items for future use or display.)

Vendors/Tailgate Sales: SOFA requires EVERYONE who attends Quadstate to register and sign a disclaimer and have a name badge; everyone who registers is welcome to sell. Bring your blacksmith-related items, and tools for swap or sale and set up shop. There is no charge; however, sellers and staff must be registered and pay fairground camping fee if staying in vehicle or using hookups. Anyone needing 220 electrical hook-up must notify us in advance! Items for sale must be blacksmith-related items only, this is not an open flea market. A fork lift will be available for handling large items. There is a limited amount of indoor space, available on a first-come-first-serve basis, at the discretion of the event coordinator. To reserve indoor space, please contact Brian Thompson via email: brianblacksmith55@gmail.com.

ON-SITE FOOD SERVICE: There will be several food vendors on-site with a variety of choices. There are also numerous local fast food and quality dining establishments nearby. We have chosen not to have the Saturday evening group dinner this year.

NOTICE

The fairboard requests that participants not show up any earlier than Tuesday so they can get the mowing and maintenance done on our end of the Fairgrounds. Camping fees will apply the day you arrive. Please note the showers and bathrooms on our end will not be open till Thursday. Also there are no ground fires allowed on the fairgrounds property. And this year there is no camping in front of the grandstands and no water hookups.

SOFA & Miami County Fairgrounds Rules

1. NOTICE: Due to other events scheduled on the Fairgrounds this weekend ALL QUADSTATE TRAFFIC WILL USE THE NORTH FAIRGROUNDS ENTRANCE (see enclosed maps) and everyone attending Quadstate Friday thru Sunday will be required to register and wear a name badge!
2. Everyone who attends Quadstate is required to register. As soon as you arrive please check in to register (or pick up your name badge if pre-registered). *Anyone without a name badge will be asked to leave the event.*
3. The Miami County Fairgrounds camping fee is \$35 per night for camping on the grounds overnight in areas with electrical hook-ups. Primitive Camping is \$12.00 per night in areas without hook-ups. Numerous people can stay in one camp but a camp is considered to be a single tent or vehicle that someone spends the night in.

Electric hook-ups require a RV ☺ plug. Anyone needing 220 electrical hook-ups must notify us in advance!

Fairgrounds Rules - Con't

4. NO sanitary hook-ups are available. Port-A-Johns and washrooms will be available. There are showers in both the Men's and Women's facilities. Dump station will be available on Sunday.
5. Family members are your spouse and/or children, 17 years of age or younger.
6. Pets must be kept on a leash and are not permitted in buildings.
7. No ground fires are permitted

Video Taping/Recording Policy:

SOFA prohibits the use of photos, video tapes, recordings, and other accounts of this event in any commercial application without express written consent of the SOFA Board. Hand-held recording will be permitted as long as it does not disturb other participants or the demonstrator. There will be one prime recording spot at all sites that will be reserved for SOFA . If you are interested in taping a particular demonstration, you may request the SOFA spot if you agree to the following terms:

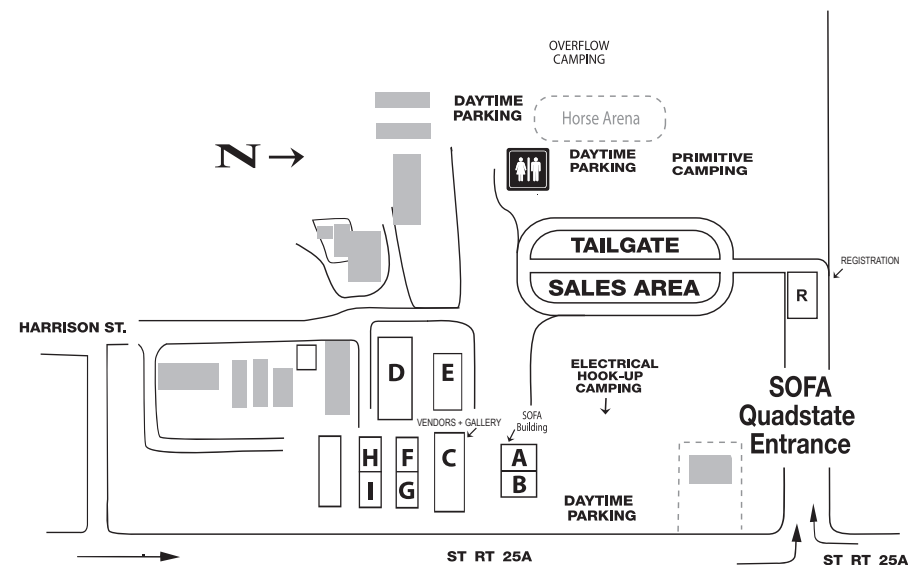
1. No commercial application or sale of photos, video tapes, recordings, and other accounts of this event is permitted.
2. SOFA will receive a copy of the demonstration.
3. This will be done on a first come first served basis so if interested please include 1st and 2nd choices with your pre-registration.

Use of Facilities:

We encourage the use of the forges in the U-Forge except during demonstrations. All persons using this area **MUST WEAR SAFETY GLASSES** and are using the area and equipment at their own risk.

1. All children under the age of 18 are required to have a parent or guardian present and be under adult supervision.
2. Clean up after yourself.
3. Be extremely safety conscious.
4. Return all tools where you found them.
5. Demonstrators are the only people authorized to use demonstration areas and powerhammers.

MIAMI COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS



From South: Take exit 74 east (Rt.41) to Elm St. (Rt 25A) North (1/4 mi.) to Quadstate Entrance

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From North: Take exit 78 (Rt.25A South) to Quadstate Entrance (1-1/2 mi.)

Please park in one of the “daytime parking” areas before registering to avoid excessive vehicle congestion in this area.

NOTE: The Exhibition Display, SOFA club sales, and indoor vendor sales are in building C. We have also expanded the tailgate sales area as shown in the above map.

Safety: Blacksmiths are very aware of the many hazards associated with their craft. For your safety we suggest that you protect yourself from flying sparks, particles from grinding wheels, loose scale, etc. Watch for hot iron and swinging hammers. WEAR EYE PROTECTION. Also, remember synthetic clothing offers little protection from sparks - cotton clothing offers the best protection.

2023 QUADSTATE REGISTRATION

SEPTEMBER 22, 23, & 24

Pre-registration must be received before Wed. Sept. 13, 2023

NAME* _____

PLEASE LIST FAMILY MEMBERS TO BE REGISTERED ON REVERSE SIDE

PERSONAL EMAIL _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

PHONE (_____) _____ - _____

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Full Registration: Advance \$65.00 \$ _____

(note: On-Site Registration \$70.00)

Spouse @ \$20.00 \$ _____

Kids/Grandkids between 12 and 17 \$20.00 \$ _____

Full time college students @ \$45.00 \$ _____

Senior Citizens (65+) @ \$45.00 \$ _____

One Day Only:

☐ Thurs. or ☐ Fri

Advance \$35.00 \$ _____

(On Site registration is \$40.00)

Saturday attendance requires full registration

Camping

primitive: ____ nights @ \$12.00 per night \$ _____

w/ electric: ____ nights @ \$35.00 per night \$ _____

(no campfires built on the ground)

Total Registration Fee Paid: \$ _____

Full SOFA membership is \$20.00/yr

Please register me for ____ yrs. \$ _____

Please make payment payable to Southern Ohio Forge & Anvil.

All payments must be made in U.S. funds. We cannot accept out of country checks.

Total enclosed: \$ _____

Order online for registration discounts at
www.sofablacksmiths.org/quadstate/

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(Additional information required)

PLEASE LIST FAMILY MEMBERS TO BE REGISTERED HERE

(Family members include your spouse and/or children, under 18 years old, children under 12, no fee)

NAME

NAME

Everyone who attends Quadstate is required to register. Anyone who is not registered will be asked to leave.

Will you be setting up for personal tool sales ____ Yes

SPECIAL NOTE: While all reasonable precautions are taken, it is recognized that there are some inherent dangers connected to blacksmithing and this event as well as other common hazards of daily activity. Participation in this event, to include viewing, is entirely voluntary and at your own risk. All who register and their guests automatically release SOFA, all demonstrators and staff, the Miami County Fairgrounds and all other persons or groups helping with this event from all liability should any accident or injury occur. There are no rights, privileges, newsletter subscription or other obligations granted or implied by this agreement. The fee you pay constitutes your associate membership and voluntary acceptance of all restrictions and disclaimers of responsibility as given here and elsewhere in this brochure while attending Quadstate 2023 .

(SIGNATURE) REQUIRED

PRE-REGISTER MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

Mail this completed form and payment to:

SOFA QUADSTATE 2023

PO BOX 49328

West Carrollton, OH 45449

(Sorry NO telephone or fax registrations)

Visit www.sofablacksmiths.org for
downloadable registration forms and QuadState 2023 updates.



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