

## Chapter 1 : Badger Blacksmiths

*The Blacksmith's Craft - Arizona Artist Blacksmith Association.*

David Robertson Blacksmithing Since I have been operating The Hammer and Tongs blacksmithing business in Ontario since , and I have taught courses in blacksmithing and knife making as well as performed many demonstrations for the public. These blacksmithing classes are well received by all participants. A large part of my current work is custom wrought iron work for customers in southern Ontario. Another area of interest for me is building air hammers and gas forges as blacksmithing supplies for the smithing community. These forging hammers allow a small one man shop to be competitive in a mass produced world. I previously used blacksmith coal but now have switched over to propane almost exclusively for my blacksmith forge. Most of my work is done on a double horn European anvil. The quality of the tool shows in the quality of work. Through the ages the blacksmith has had many roles to fill. He was a tool maker, a weapons maker, and an artist. Today the role of the blacksmith has not changed but I prefer to concentrate on the art work. Since I first discovered the art of the blacksmith, some 20 years ago now, I have tried to educate people on the details of this remarkable profession. Each blacksmith student gets a dose of my philosophy of how the metal behaves and what can be accomplished with it. Customers discover the beauty of the forged steel as well as the practical nature of the finished piece. The smithing craft, I find, is based on subtlety not on brute force. I am always coaxing the ironwork to shape, not forcing it. It is more of a gentle persistent process than an aggressive one. Look through the following pages and discover another facet of the blacksmithing craft. If you would like more information about this book, which you can download in pdf format click on Blacksmithing Guide. Custom work varies from art nouveau such as this gate to historical reproductions of cooking and camp utensils for re-enactors. Supplies of this nature are often hard to find at a reasonable cost. The last few years furniture has become one of the most sought after forged items. If you care to look through the Hand Forged Ironwork Gallery you will find examples of style and form that may compliment your personal decor. I welcome inquiries for custom work and can design to your specifications or work from your designs. I have also started an educational blacksmith video series. These blacksmithing videos include Gas Forge Construction, and soon to be released will be a series on blacksmithing techniques. The hot steel allows the sculpture of faces or flowers as well as many other forms. There are few other mediums that are as durable as forged steel. Although time consuming the added details that are possible from working the metal hot add life and character to each hand forged piece. I pride myself on being able to create one of a kind work that will last far longer than I will. Please feel free to look around the site and see what interests you. I also welcome general or technical questions about smithing. Keep in mind that my primary job is to forge the pieces so I am not always on the computer but will try to reply at least in a few days. The "Genesis" Sculpture is one of a kind wall sculpture 70 inches high by 20 inches wide.

Chapter 2 : Artist-Blacksmith's Association of North America - Wikipedia

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Punching Forge welding These operations generally require at least a hammer and anvil , but smiths also use other tools and techniques to accommodate odd-sized or repetitive jobs. Drawing Traditional blacksmith next to his forge of stone and brick Drawing lengthens the metal by reducing one or both of the other two dimensions. As the depth is reduced, or the width narrowed, the piece is lengthened or "drawn out. Drawing does not have to be uniform. A taper can result as in making a wedge or a woodworking chisel blade. If tapered in two dimensions, a point results. Drawing can be accomplished with a variety of tools and methods. Two typical methods using only hammer and anvil would be hammering on the anvil horn, and hammering on the anvil face using the cross peen of a hammer. Another method for drawing is to use a tool called a fuller , or the peen of the hammer, to hasten the drawing out of a thick piece of metal. The technique is called fullering from the tool. Fullering consists of hammering a series of indentations with corresponding ridges, perpendicular to the long section of the piece being drawn. The resulting effect looks somewhat like waves along the top of the piece. Then the smith turns the hammer over to use the flat face to hammer the tops of the ridges down level with the bottoms of the indentations. This forces the metal to grow in length and width if left unchecked much faster than just hammering with the flat face of the hammer. Bending Canadian blacksmith in the s Heating iron to a "forging heat" allows bending as if it were a soft, ductile metal, like copper or silver. Bending can be done with the hammer over the horn or edge of the anvil or by inserting a bending fork into the hardy hole the square hole in the top of the anvil , placing the work piece between the tines of the fork, and bending the material to the desired angle. Bends can be dressed and tightened, or widened, by hammering them over the appropriately shaped part of the anvil. Some metals are "hot short", meaning they lose their tensile strength when heated. They become like Plasticine: This is a problem for some blade-making steels, which must be worked carefully to avoid developing hidden cracks that would cause failure in the future. Though rarely hand-worked, titanium is notably hot short. Even such common smithing processes as decoratively twisting a bar are impossible with it. Upsetting Upsetting is the process of making metal thicker in one dimension through shortening in the other. One form is to heat the end of a rod and then hammer on it as one would drive a nail: An alternative to hammering on the hot end is to place the hot end on the anvil and hammer on the cold end. Punching Punching may be done to create a decorative pattern, or to make a hole. For example, in preparation for making a hammerhead, a smith would punch a hole in a heavy bar or rod for the hammer handle. Punching is not limited to depressions and holes. It also includes cutting, slitting, and driftingâ€”all done with a chisel. Combining processes The five basic forging processes are often combined to produce and refine the shapes necessary for finished products. For example, to fashion a cross-peen hammer head, a smith would start with a bar roughly the diameter of the hammer face: As with making a chisel, since it is lengthened by drawing it would also tend to spread in width. A smith would therefore frequently turn the chisel-to-be on its side and hammer it back downâ€”upsetting itâ€”to check the spread and keep the metal at the correct width. Or, if a smith needed to put a degree bend in a bar and wanted a sharp corner on the outside of the bend, they would begin by hammering an unsupported end to make the curved bend. Then, to "fatten up" the outside radius of the bend, one or both arms of the bend would need to be pushed back to fill the outer radius of the curve. They would then dress the bend by drawing the sides of the bend to keep the correct thickness. The hammering would continueâ€”upsetting and then drawingâ€”until the curve had been properly shaped. In the primary operation was the bend, but the drawing and upsetting are done to refine the shape. Welding Welding is the joining of the same or similar kind of metal. Blacksmith, A modern blacksmith has a range of options and tools to accomplish this. The basic types of welding commonly employed in a modern workshop include traditional forge welding as well as modern methods, including oxyacetylene and arc welding. In forge welding, the pieces to join are heated to what is generally referred to as welding heat. For mild steel most smiths judge this temperature by color: At this temperature the steel is near

molten. Any foreign material in the weld, such as the oxides or "scale" that typically form in the fire, can weaken it and cause it to fail. Thus the mating surfaces to be joined must be kept clean. To this end a smith makes sure the fire is a reducing fire: The smith also carefully shapes mating faces so that as they come together foreign material squeezes out as the metal is joined. To clean the faces, protect them from oxidation, and provide a medium to carry foreign material out of the weld, the smith sometimes uses flux—typically powdered borax, silica sand, or both. The smith first cleans parts to be joined with a wire brush, then puts them in the fire to heat. With a mix of drawing and upsetting the smith shapes the faces so that when finally brought together, the center of the weld connects first and the connection spreads outward under the hammer blows, pushing out the flux if used and foreign material. An artist blacksmith and a striker working as one The dressed metal goes back in the fire, is brought near to welding heat, removed from the fire, and brushed. Flux is sometimes applied, which prevents oxygen from reaching and burning the metal during forging, and it is returned to the fire. The smith now watches carefully to avoid overheating the metal. There is some challenge to this because, to see the color of the metal, the smith must remove it from the fire—exposing it to air, which can rapidly oxidize it. So the smith might probe into the fire with a bit of steel wire, prodding lightly at the mating faces. When the end of the wire sticks on to the metal, it is at the right temperature a small weld forms where the wire touches the mating face, so it sticks. The smith commonly places the metal in the fire so he can see it without letting surrounding air contact the surface. Now the smith moves with rapid purpose, quickly taking the metal from the fire to the anvil and bringing the mating faces together. A few light hammer taps bring the mating faces into complete contact and squeeze out the flux—and finally, the smith returns the work to the fire. The weld begins with the taps, but often the joint is weak and incomplete, so the smith reheats the joint to welding temperature and works the weld with light blows to "set" the weld and finally to dress it to the shape. Finishing A blacksmith at work Depending on the intended use of the piece, a blacksmith may finish it in a number of ways: A simple jig a tool that the smith might only use a few times in the shop may get the minimum of finishing—a rap on the anvil to break off scale and a brushing with a wire brush. Files bring a piece to final shape, removing burrs and sharp edges, and smoothing the surface. Heat treatment and case-hardening achieve the desired hardness. The wire brush—as a hand tool or power tool—can further smooth, brighten, and polish surfaces. Grinding stones, abrasive paper, and emery wheels can further shape, smooth, and polish the surface. A range of treatments and finishes can inhibit oxidation and enhance or change the appearance of the piece. An experienced smith selects the finish based on the metal and on the intended use of the item. Finishes include among others: In practice, the blacksmith holds the hot iron at the anvil with tongs in one hand, and indicates where to strike the iron by tapping it with a small hammer in the other hand. The striker then delivers a heavy blow to the indicated spot with a sledgehammer. During the 20th century and into the 21st century, this role has become increasingly unnecessary and automated through the use of trip hammers or reciprocating power hammers. When iron ore is smelted into usable metal, a certain amount of carbon is usually alloyed with the iron. Charcoal is almost pure carbon. The amount of carbon significantly affects the properties of the metal. It is quite brittle, however, and cannot be forged so therefore not used for blacksmithing. If the carbon content is between 0. When the carbon content is below 0. In preindustrial times, the material of choice for blacksmiths was wrought iron. This slag content made the iron very tough, gave it considerable resistance to rusting, and allowed it to be more easily "forge welded," a process in which the blacksmith permanently joins two pieces of iron, or a piece of iron and a piece of steel, by heating them nearly to a white heat and hammering them together. Forge welding is more difficult with modern mild steel, because it welds in a narrower temperature band. The fibrous nature of wrought iron required knowledge and skill to properly form any tool which would be subject to stress. Modern steel is produced using either the blast furnace or arc furnaces. Wrought iron was produced by a labor-intensive process called puddling, so this material is now a difficult-to-find specialty product. Modern blacksmiths generally substitute mild steel for making objects traditionally of wrought iron. Sometimes they use electrolytic-process pure iron. Many blacksmiths also incorporate materials such as bronze, copper, or brass in artistic products. Each material responds differently under the hammer and must be separately studied by the blacksmith. Terminology Hot metal work from a blacksmith Iron is a naturally occurring metallic element. It is almost never found in its

native form pure iron in nature. It is usually found as an oxide or sulfide , with many other impurity elements mixed in. Wrought iron is the purest form of iron generally encountered or produced in quantity. It may contain as little as 0. From its traditional method of manufacture, wrought iron has a fibrous internal texture. Quality wrought-iron blacksmithing takes the direction of these fibers into account during forging, since the strength of the material is stronger in line with the grain, than across the grain. Most of the remaining impurities from the initial smelting become concentrated in silicate slag trapped between the iron fibers. This slag produces a lucky side effect during forge-welding. When the silicate melts, it makes wrought-iron self-fluxing.

Chapter 3 : Blacksmith - Wikipedia

*Translated by Robert A. Ruhloff, he says, "Schramm's words in The Artist-Blacksmith's Craft speak to blacksmiths today with just as much importance as they did when he wrote them, at the age of seventy.*

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