You are invited to attend the

# 9TH MID AMERICA

# BLADESMITHING SYMPOSIUM & KNIFE SHOW

**AUGUST 23, 24 & 25, 2013**

Offered by the American Bladesmith Society, Inc.

## & Hosted by the Southern Ohio Forge and Anvil Blacksmith Association

This Expo is for the knife enthusiast, knife collector and knife maker from beginner to Master.
Bring Knife Collections and examples of your work for the knife show and auction.
The knife show and auction on Saturday is free to the public.
The knife show table fee is included in the Registration Fee.
Register on line at www.americanbladesmith.com

Location: Miami County Fairgrounds, 650 County Road 25A, Troy, OH 45373

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| Thursday, August 22, 2013 | 3 pm to 6 pm…… | Check in and Registration |
| | 7 pm…… | Demonstrators Dinner, all attendees invited to dine together, at The Caroline, 5 South Market Street, Troy, Ohio 45373 |
| Friday, August 23, 2013 | 8 am – 12 pm…… | Blade Forging and Demonstrations |
| | 1 pm – 5 pm…… | Blade Forging and Demonstrations |
| | 7:30 pm…… | Blade Edges and Sharpening |
| Saturday, August 24, 2013 | 8 am – 12 pm…… | Blade Forging and Demonstrations |
| | 1 pm – 3 pm…… | Knife Show, free to the public |
| | 3 pm – 5 pm…… | Auction, bring items for the auction, open to the public |
| Sunday, August 25, 2013 | 8 am – 12 pm…… | Blade Forging Demonstrations and Demonstrator Round Table |

---Registered Tail Gate Sales & Suppliers are welcome—

For more information contact Butch Sheely – 419-308-3471

| DEMONSTRATOR | | DEMONSTRATION |
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| Jerry Rados, Columbia, KY | …….. | Turkish Twist Damascus |
| Joe Keeslar, Almo, KY | …….. | Silver Wire Inlay, Judging JS and MS with BR Hughes |
| Linden Rhea, Prattsville, AR | ……. | Forging and Grinding |
| Jim Batson, Madison, AL | ……. | Woodhead Bowies / Frame Handles |
| Bill Wiggins, Canton, NC | ……. | Edge Geometry, Knife Sharpening & Cutting |
| Butch Sheely, Grand Rapids, OH | ……. | Forging a Belt Axe |
| B. R. Hughes, Wake Village, TX | ……. | Judging Standards with Joe Keeslar |
| Carolyn Hughes, Wake Village, TX | ……. | Advertising |

Hands on forging area will be available on Friday and Saturday, with experienced guidance.

## Friday Evening

**Bill Wiggins' edge demonstration on sharpening will take place after the dinner break, please plan to attend.**

# Saturday Auction

**The auction held on Saturday helps keep the cost of registration down. Please feel free to donate any items to the auction table, handmade items, tools and all assorted donations are welcome. The auction tends to be a good, humorous time. Blades forged out in the demos are always part of the auction, so you will have an opportunity for you to bid on a piece you watched being forged. We thank all who donate or buy for their participation.**

# Please Pre-Register

**Get your $65.00 Pre-Registration fee in early. Also plan to attend Demonstrators Dinner on Thursday night. Register on line, by mailing registration form and check to the ABS Office, PO Box 160, Grand Rapids, Oh or register through the ABS Office via phone, 419-832-0400 and credit card. You are also welcome to register on site, all are welcome, there is have plenty of room. Registration on site begins at 7:15 am Friday.**

# Accommodations

- **Electrical Hook-ups & Primitive Camping**, washrooms & showers are available, no sanitary hook-ups.
-**Super 8 Motel**, 937/339-6564, 1330 Archer Dr, 1-75 exit 73 East to Archer Dr, ask for ABS rates
-**Motel 6**, 937/335-0021, 1375 W Ohio Rt 55, 1-75 exit 73 East to Dorset Rd on left
-**Royal Inn**, 937/335-0013,1210 Brukner, 1-75 exit 73 East to Archer Dr turn right just before Waffle House
-**Best Value Motel**, 937/339-1515, 30 Troy Town Dr, 1-75 exit 74 West turn left on Troy Town Dr.
-**Holiday Inn Express**, 937/332-1700, 60 Troy Town Dr, 1-75 exit 74 West turn left on Troy Town Dr.
-**Residence Inn by Marriott**, 937/440-9303, 87 Troy Town Dr, 1-75 exit 74 West turn left on Troy Town Dr.
-**Comfort Inn Troy**, 937/339-2525, 1800 Towne Park Dr., 87 Troy Town Dr, 1-75 exit 74 West, located behind the Wal-Mart.
-**Travel Lodge Tipp City**, 937/667-2481, 1100 W Main, 1-75 Exit 68

Directions to Miami County Fairgrounds, 650 County Rd. 25A, Troy, OH 45373
On Interstate 75 from North, take Exit 78, travel South 3 miles on CR 25A, Fairgrounds will bon on the right.
From the South, take Exit 74, go toward Troy on W. Main St., turn left on N. Elm St, Fairgrounds will be on the left.

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**FIRST NAME**_____ **LAST NAME:**_____

**ADDRESS:**_____ **CITY:**_____

**STATE:**_____ **ZIP:**_____ **PHONE:**_____

**HOW MANY DEMONSTRATOR DINNERS:** _____ **EMAIL ADDRESS:**_____

**Enclose the $65.00 registration fee.**
Make check or money order payable to American Bladesmith Society and mail to:
American Bladesmith Society, Inc.
P.O. Box 160
Grand Rapids OH 43522
Register on line at www.americanbladesmith.com. For more information or to pay by credit card over the phone call Cindy Sheely 419-832-0400