

# Pennsylvania Striker



Dedicated to the preservation, sharing and expansion of the Artist-Blacksmith's skills

March 2025

**Next Meeting Date: Saturday, April 26**

## Iron Pour & Forge Fest

Join GoggleWorks, Albright College and the Pennsylvania Artists Blacksmith Association on Saturday, April 26th, for the Iron Pour and Forge Fest! <https://goggleworks.org/event/spring-iron-pour-forge-fest/>

**The festival is advertised from 3-9PM**

**PABA members can arrive after noon and help set up and demonstrate.**

We'll be in a different location at the Goggleworks this year. If you attended previous years, we'll be in Stone Alley, around the corner from the location of last years iron pour. Parking for attendees is still in the same area. We'll have our canopies and seating set up along with a table for your Iron Master artistic pieces. There is no Iron in the Hat at this meeting.

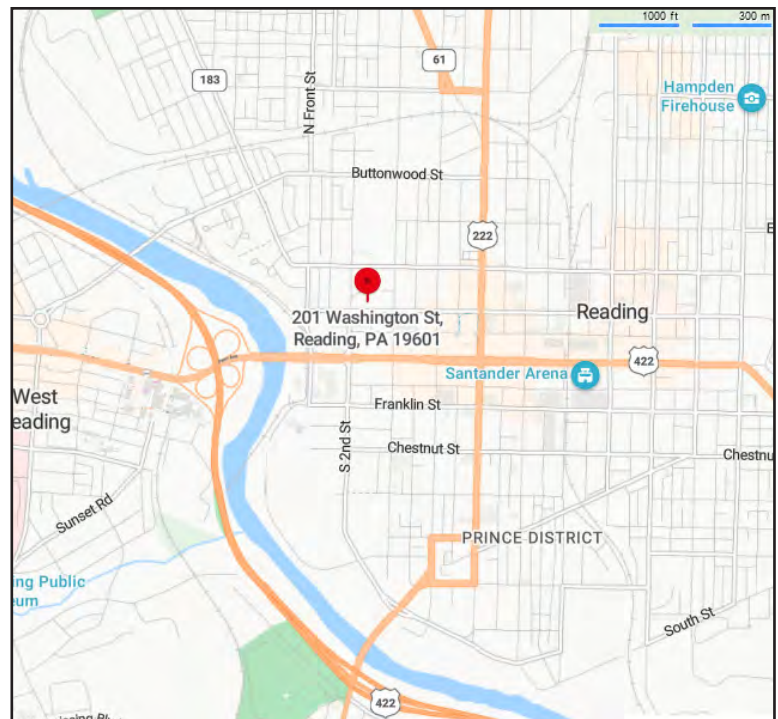
**Iron Pour starts around 6:30pm -- Free Admission | Free Parking**

PABA starts off the days events with the Forge Fest. We'll have several forges going so members are able to step in and make items. Our *Iron Master of the Day Item* is an **Artistic Sculpture**; show off your skills to the attendees.

Cap off the day with an exciting display, as 2,000 pounds of iron is melted and poured.

This year's 20th Anniversary event features even more activities beyond metalworking, including hands-on activities, live music, food trucks, craft beers by Saucony Creek. The first fifty curious participants will have the opportunity to purchase and prepare their own mold to be later cast in molten iron.

**Directions:** coming in from business 422 go across the bridge then turn left onto 3rd Street. Turn left again onto Washington Street then turn right onto 2nd street. Immediately turn right into the parking lot.



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***PABA is in need of several positions.  
Please let one of the board know if  
you are interested in helping.***

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### BLACKSMITHS' GUILD OF THE POTOMAC

#### Spring Fling - April 12-13th, 2025!

Frederick County Fairgrounds  
155 Fairgrounds Road  
Clear Brook, VA 22624

Saturday 9 AM - 6 PM & Sunday 9 AM - 12 PM

Demonstrators are Phillip Heath and Ken Schwartz from Colonial Williamsburg. Richard Sullivan from the Williamsburg Gun Shop will also be demonstrating the completion of a Brown Bessie rifle.

There will be demonstrations, open forge, tailgating, vendors, iron-in-the-hat raffles and more.

For more info and to register -  
<https://bgop.org/bgop-spring-fling/>

### Blacksmith Guild of Western Maryland

April 19

#### Forging Competition!

Mousetown Showdown!

21012 Mousetown Rd, Boonsboro, MD  
301-395-1181

Join us for a fierce competition of skill, creativity and craftsmanship!

Click here to register for the event.

<https://www.blacksmithguildofwesternmaryland.org/files/Blacksmith-Guild-Forging-Competition-April-2025.jpg>

# PABA CALENDAR 2025

**June 14-** Rough & Tumble - Kinzers, PA  
**Iron Master of the Day Item:**  
**A Bell**

**August 2 -** Dry Road Farm, Wernersville, PA  
**Iron Master of the Day Item:**  
**Metal Toy**

**October 11-** Williams Grove, Mechanicsburg, PA  
**Iron Master of the Day Item:**  
**A Flower**

**December 13 -** Gallery, Paradise, PA  
**Iron Master of the Day Item:**  
**Holiday Item**

## **A-Day at Delaware Valley University**

700 E. Butler Ave. Doylestown, Pa. 18901

<https://delval.edu/community-members/a-day>

Fri, April 25: 12 - 8pm -- Sat, April 26: 10 - 7pm

Sun, April 27: 10 - 6pm

Admission is free. Parking is \$20 cash only. Interactive demonstrations ranging from animals to blacksmithing, inflatable obstacles courses, hayrides, music, food, fun and more. Food Trucks, Vendors, Tractor Parade and Milkshakes from the PA Dairymen's Association. Contact Doug Learn if you'd like to help out - [douglearn121@gmail.com](mailto:douglearn121@gmail.com).

## **Northeast Blacksmith's Association Spring Hammer-In**

April 25-27, 2025 --The Ashokan Center,  
477 Beaverkill Rd., Olivebridge, NY 12461

Our demonstrator for the weekend is Anna Koplik  
<https://northeastblacksmiths.weebly.com/events.html>

## **Fanning the Flames**

### **Southern Blacksmith Association Conference** <https://sbaconference.org/>

Thursday May 15th - Saturday May 17th, 2025.

The 20th bi-annual 2025 Southeastern Blacksmith Association (SBA) Conference will be held at the Lion's Club Fair Grounds in Madison, Georgia, -- Our 2025 demonstrator lineup will include: Mark Ling and Butch Sheely

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **Forge Fair 2025**

May 13-15, 2025

Huntington Convention Center  
300 Lakeside Ave.

Cleveland, OH 44113

<https://www.forgefair.com>

## **35th Blacksmith Days May 17 & 18, 2025 at the Carroll County Farm Museum**

500 South Center St Westminster, MD, 21157

One of this year's demonstrators is Ted Banning. He will demonstrate making a planishing hammer and then use the hammer to make a bowl. We are working out the second demonstrator now, check back soon. Our forging contest will be a sculpture incorporating a Human Form. Activities include contests, tailgating, Iron-in-the-hat drawings, Forging Contests, Live Auction and more! More info and registration at:

<https://www.bgcmonline.org/bsd2025-1>

## **The 5th Cambria Iron Conference & Iron Street Invitational at The Center for Metal Arts, 106 Iron Street, Johnstown, PA. September 20, 2025**

This year's featured artist will be Jake James, who was the inaugural featured artist. Jake, the students for the Octagon Collaborative Sculpture Workshop and the Octagon Support Team will use the 3000# Chambersburg and/or the 4000# Niles Bement hammers in making the sculptural elements of this years design. I have attended the previous four conferences and the skill of the Octagon Team and the equipment use has improved each year, making this a unique experience for not only the participants but also the attendees. In addition, the second Iron Street Invitational will be held in the CMA classroom during the Octagon work. Teams of two smiths will be provided a piece of material, access to a coal forge, class tooling and an anvil to create a piece from the same piece of starting stock. The pieces will then be judged on categories such as craft quality, attention to detail, creativity, and more. There will be an opening reception on 19 September for the from Core to Surface juried art exhibition that runs in conjunction with the Cambria Iron Conference. Please follow CMA at [centerformetalarts.org](https://centerformetalarts.org), [@centerformetalarts](https://www.instagram.com/centerformetalarts) and 814.418.0419 for information on registration.  
<https://centerformetalarts.org/events/conference/>

# The Newcomer's in February

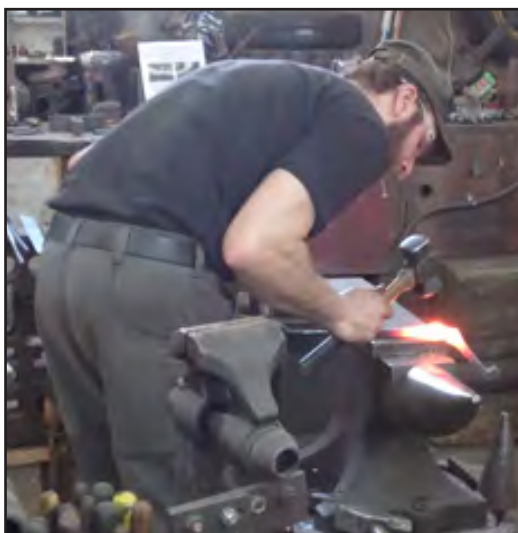
PABA lucked out again with the weather at Stan's shop. Derick Kemper offered to be our demonstrator again this year. ([www.damselflyforge.com](http://www.damselflyforge.com)). He showed us another side of his skills as he talked about farrier work. His first demonstration piece was a pair of farrier tongs. Later in the day he took requests and worked with Jonathan Greenley on a hatchet.

Farrier tongs typically have different looking reins. You can see in the picture that they have a flared or swept back spot right below the rivet. This helps the handles give more force with less of an open distance for your hand to grip.

As usual, I never get enough notes during demonstrations. I'm too busy watching and forget to write items down. If anyone wishes to be a roving reporter and take notes or write about what they learned at the meeting, please let me know.



Derick noted that if you are forge welding, you don't need excessively hard hammer blows. You need even blows and once the center of the weld sticks, flux and reheat to ensure that the edges and all parts are firmly welded.



*A HUGE thanks to Stan and Carolyn for hosting and providing the wonderful chicken corn soup and hot dogs! Plus a thank you to all those that brought food to share.*

We didn't have as many entries for the Iron Master of the Day contest as we did last year. However we did have some nice entries. In addition, we had a number of show and tell items on the table.



Frank O'Brien brought a utensils set he made. Tim Bradford brought a brass formed dish. If somebody would have brought a cup, we could have had a full place setting! Robert Eggerling showed off an impressive Damascus steel ball he made for fun.



Frank O'Brien was the Iron Master winner with his mokume gane heart pendant.



# Lee Sauder Style Square Corners

Found on - BAMsite.org

By Bob Ehrenberger

Lee produced a very nice YouTube video on his method of making square corners. If you have internet access it is worth your time (13 min) to watch. I took notes while watching the video because my memory isn't good enough to get from my computer to the shop without forgetting some detail. These drawings are a little crude, I miss the BAM editing computer that I used for so long.

Lee starts by making a 180 deg bend where he wants the corner using a bending fork in his hardy hole. He brings the two sides together but leaves a small gap at the inside of the bend to prevent cold shuts. See figure 1.

If you look at the corner from the side you will notice that the material is upset on the inside of the bend creating a slight bulge, and is stretched on the outside of the bend causing it to be a little narrower than the original bar. See figure 2.

Use your cross pisen hammer to forge the bulge flat and force the material towards the end of the bend. This will partially fill in the stretched area of the bend. See figure 3. Be careful to not forge it past the original thickness of the bar.

Now with upsetting blows forge the thinned area back into the corner. Be careful not to hit the point on the end this will become your finished corner. See figure 4. There should be two nice flat areas and a point when you are done.

Before opening up the corner, round off the ridges where the flat sections transition into the main bar. See figure 5.

Take a good heat and pry the joint open. Now with the edge of the anvil supporting the inside of the corner, tap alternately on the flats to bring them into alignment with the main bars. See figure 6. If you have any thin areas you need to upset the corner to move material into them, but there will be a lot less upsetting than the usual method of making a corner.

When you have the corner the way you want it, do a slight chamfer on the edges to clean things up and hide imperfections.

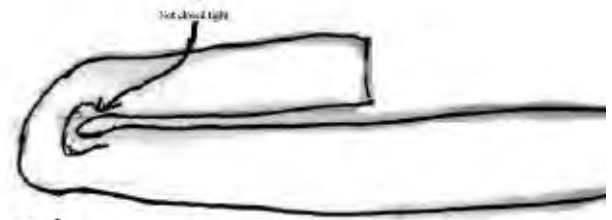


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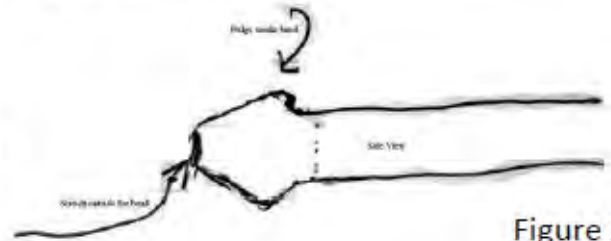


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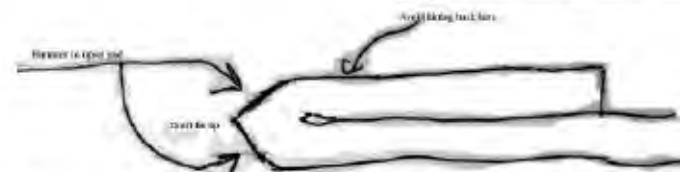


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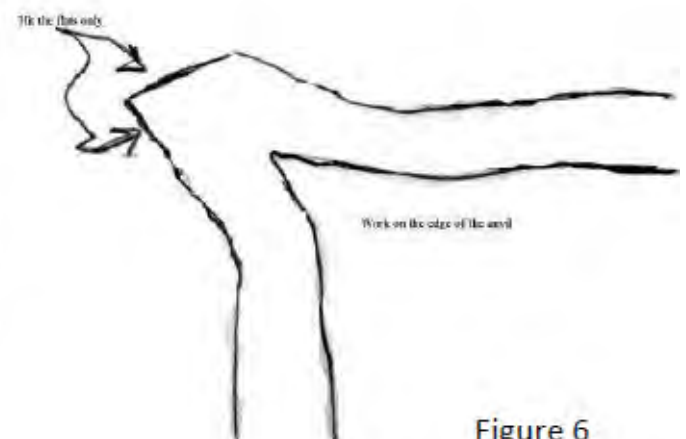


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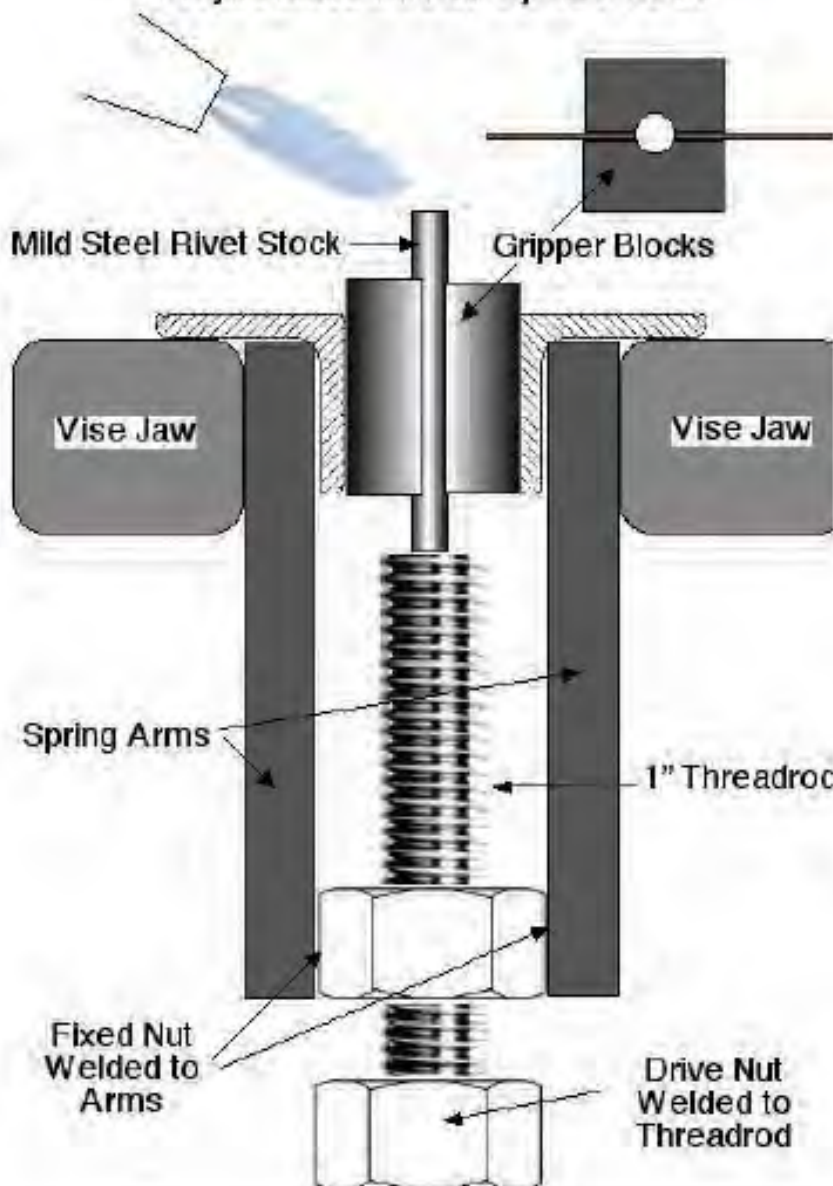
# PABA Updates & Information

The "how-to" on the previous page describes the Lee Sauder style square corners that Andrew Molinaro as demonstrated at several of our meetings. Thanks to the author for taking better notes than I ever could.

Andrew Reist (OakLawn Blacksmith) donated a 10lb swage for PABA use. If you're interested in one for yourself; his information is in the classified section.



## New England Blacksmiths Winter 2017 Adjustable Rivet Upset Tool



## Dr. Irons Metal Finish

### Ingredients:

- 1 Quart Boiled Linseed Oil
- 1 Pint Spar Varnish (used for boat wood-has UV Protection)
- Golf Ball Size of Beeswax
- 1 Quart Turpentine
- And old double boiler or pot of water and coffee can.

### Directions:

Using double boiler, melt Bee's wax, Linseed Oil and Spar Varnish. Once everything is melted, remove from heat and stir in Turpentine.

### To Apply:

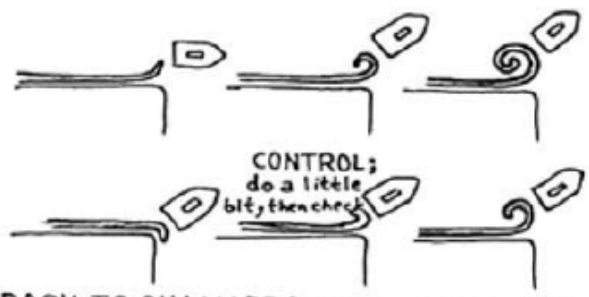
Brush on to warm steel and allow to dry, buff out excess finish with a cloth.

# SCROLLS



TRANSFER DESIGN TO THIN METAL SHEET ... TURN OVER DESIGN & CHALK ON REVERSE ... THEN TURN BACK OVER & DRAW OVER DESIGN, TRANSFERING DRAWING TO CHALK TO RUSTY STEEL SURFACE ...

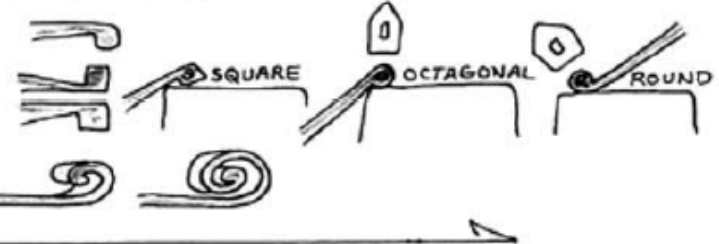
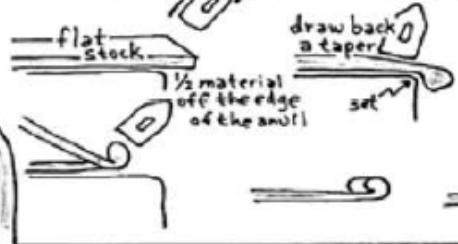
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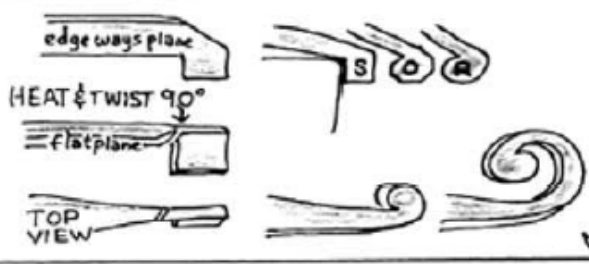
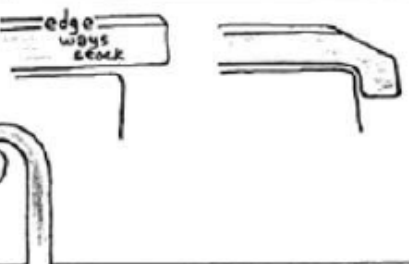
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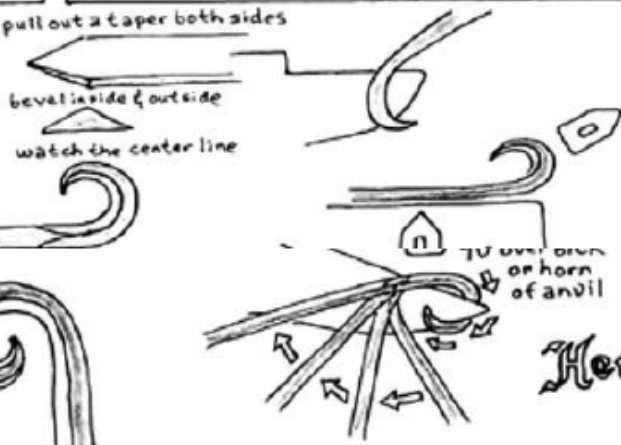
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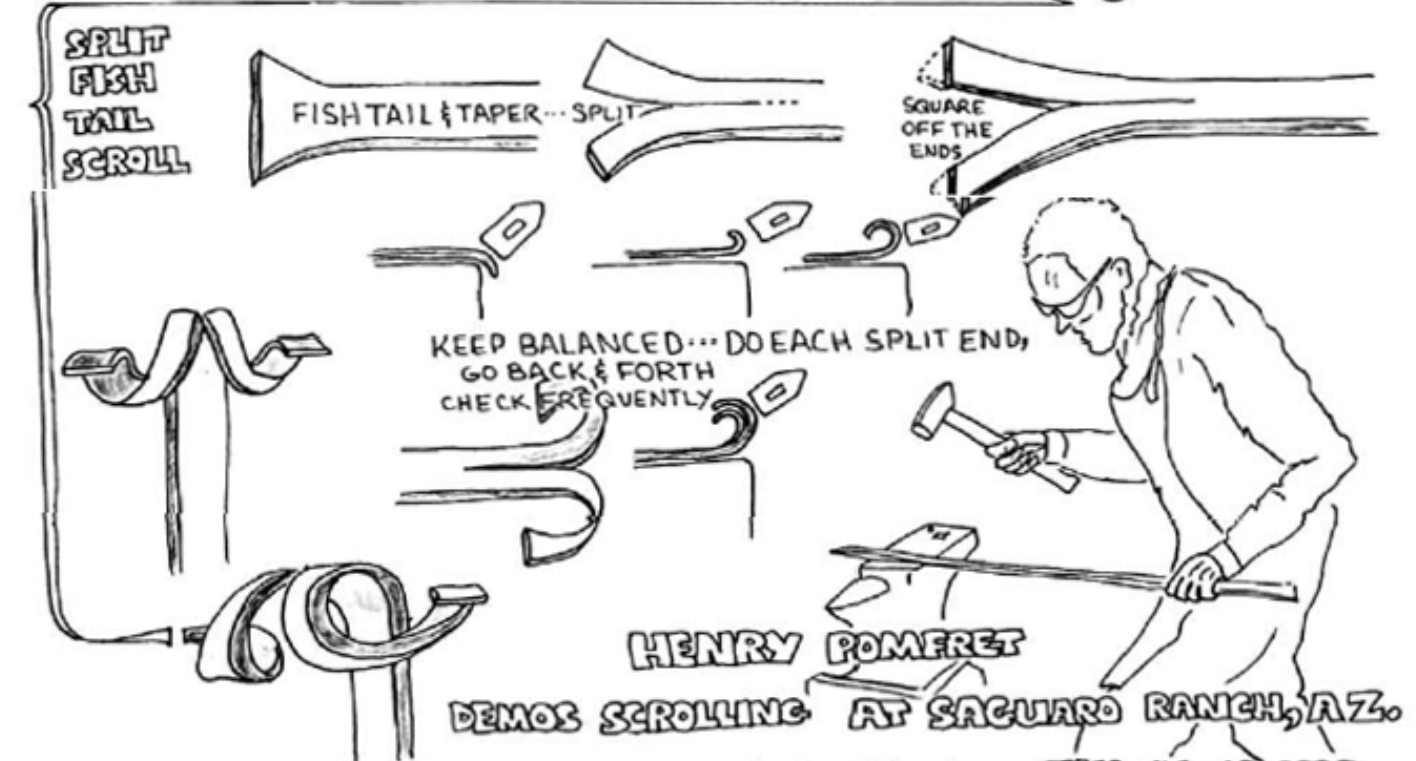
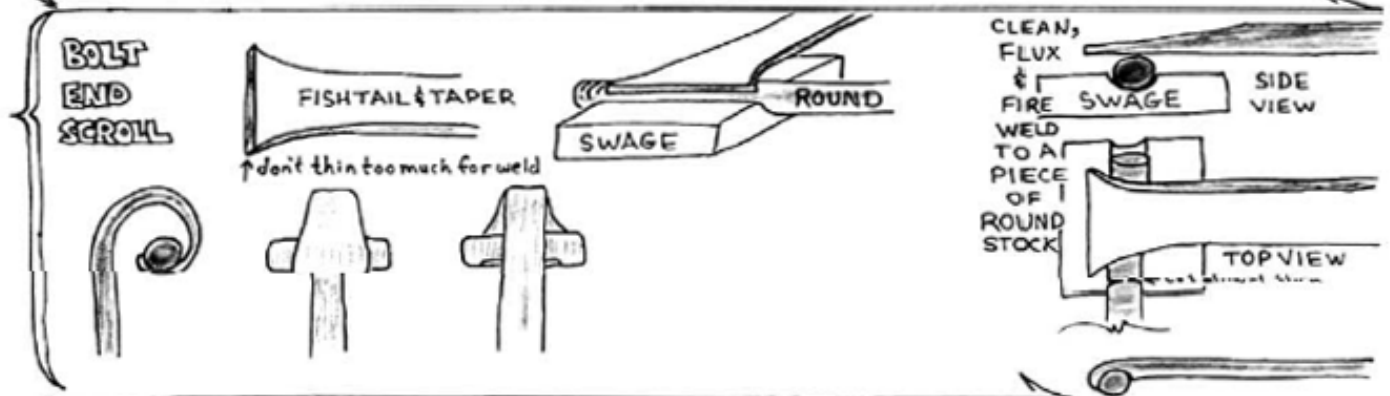
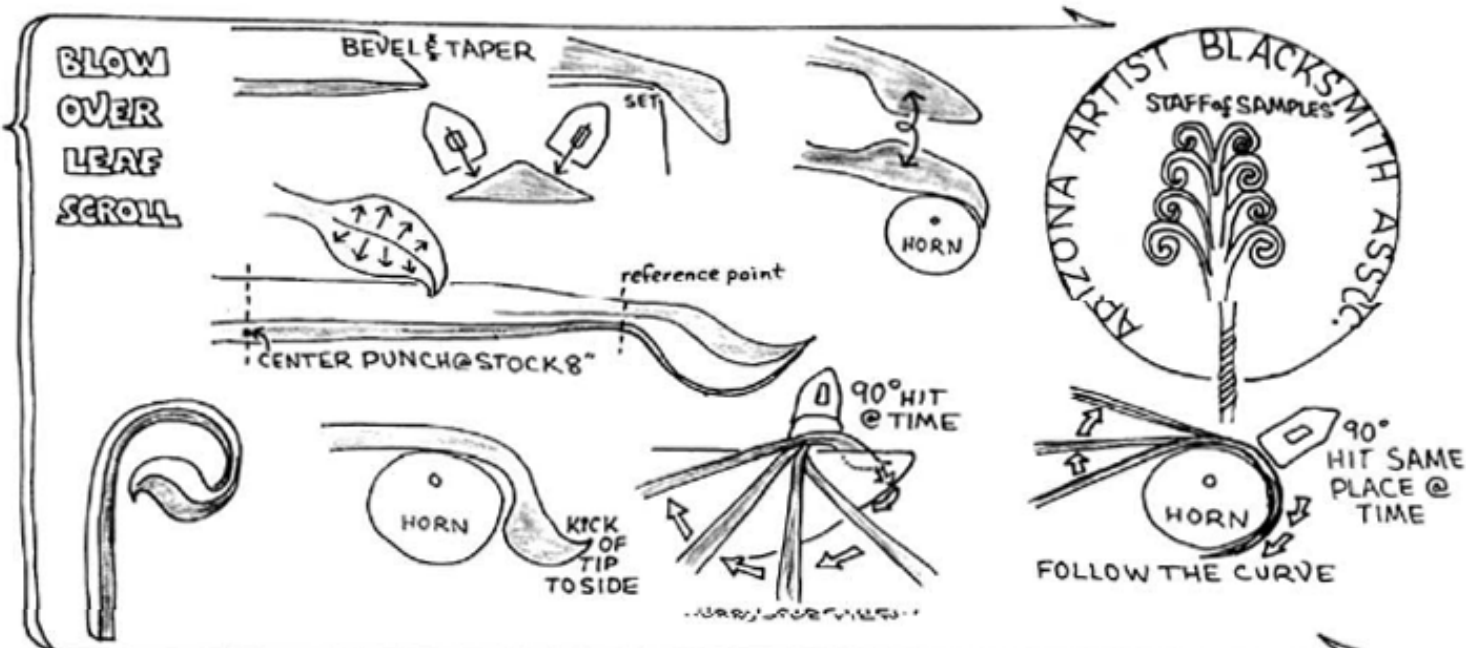
## PENNY END SCROLL



## BEVEL SCROLL



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