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Balcones Forge Dispatch

President's Corner

September 2023

Greetings,

We had a good turn out for our August meeting and signed up some new members. The next couple of months will provide plenty of opportunities to get in the forge.

September's meeting is on the 24th at the Wendish Fest in Serbin. (Yes, that is a Sunday). This is a really neat venue that Balcones has been going to for years. We always have a good time demonstrating for the public. The trade item for this month is an eating utensil; fork, spoon, etc. Remember you have to make one to take one.

October's meeting will be at Mr. Whitley's in Devine on the 21st. World famous Mark Ling will be our demonstrator. He always puts on a great demo. The Whitleys are excellent hosts as well. This is one you don't want to miss. Second Saturday in October is on the 7th.

Arron Tilton, Balcones Forge President

Meeting is on September 24

Start time is 9:00

Sunday! Sunday! Sunday!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Here is the schedule for the rest of the year.

September 24th Wendish Fest, Serbin (yes, this is a Sunday)

October 21st Rustyk Forge, Devine: Mark Ling, Demonstrator

November 11th Furniture Museum, New Braunfels 2nd saturday

December 9th Furniture Museum, New Braunfels 2nd Saturday



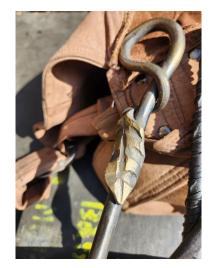
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Trade Items from the August Meeting

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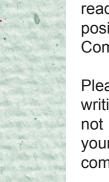
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TRADE ITEM DETAILS

For September, the trade item is an "eating utensil". To participate, simply make the item chosen for the month. Sometimes there are detailed instructions and sometimes you get to make what ever your imagination tells you. Bring it to the meeting, participate in the trade and you will walk away with another smith's version of the item.

Remember, you gotta make one to take one!









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