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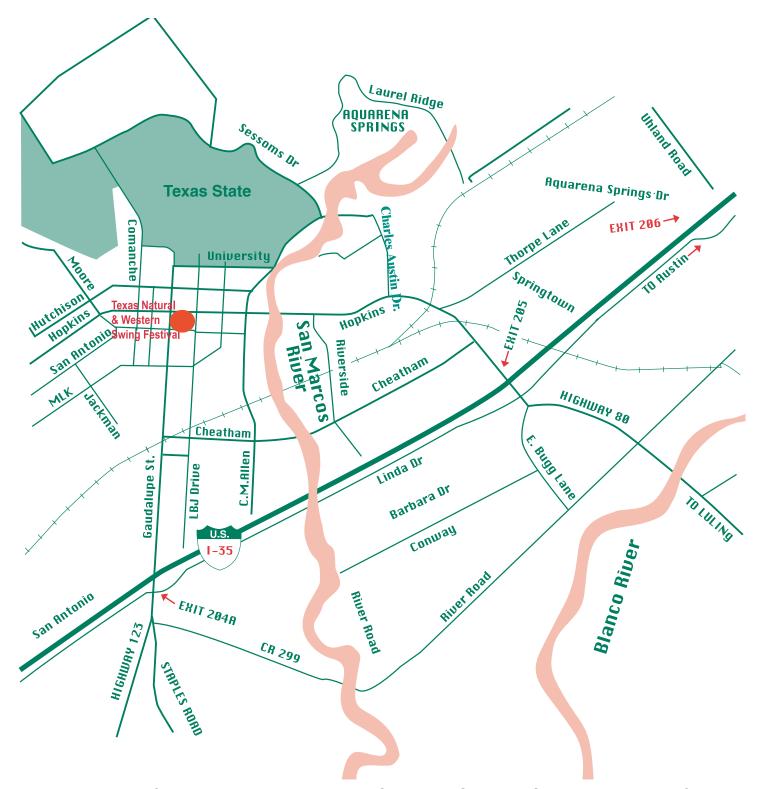
Presidential Proclamations

Next Meeting Date is May 19

No Meeting in August

Look For a Full Report in the June Edition of the BFD.

Thanks to all for another successful Spring Demo!
Elizabeth Brim was excellent!



The May meeting of Balcones Forge will be on the Couthouse Square in San Marcos as part of the Texas Natural and Swing Festival. We will demonstrate and sell to the public so come a bit early to help set up. We will be on the west side of the building.

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. July 18-21st, 2012 . ABANA Conference . "Reunion on the Plains" .

The ABANA Conference is well under way of becoming the most memorable conference with the widest array of demonstrators from all over North America. Mexico, the United States, and Canada are all covered in the lineup. The only thing that can make this better is affiliate representation in the gallery, sponsor support, banner displays, and much more. The Affiliates are encouraged to set up an information table, at no cost, to share with everyone what you are doing. Feel free to bring your "colors" and display your banner too.

We are also looking for interested individuals and organizations to sponsor all aspects of the conference. With a monetary donation you can sponsor a demonstrator, tent, gallery, set up crew, and well, anything you think is representative of your affiliate. There are some specific amounts for certain aspects, but ABANA wants any support you can give. Your Affiliate name will be proudly displayed in the area of your support along with a listing in the conference booklet. Please contact Peyton Anderson if you are interested in supporting the conference: peytonanderson@abana.org, 434-390-6203.

Feel free to also contact JoAnn in the Central Office for any information regarding the conference.

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MAY MEETING INFORMATION

Texas Natural and Western Swing Festival
May 19
San Marcos Courthouse Square
9:00 - 5:30

Bring your forge and anvil if you have it, or at least your favorite hammer! Oh, and don't forget the whole family. This is a fun time for everyone! Forging -- Music -- Food -- Entertainment! We'll be under the mighty oaks on the courthouse square just opposite the swing music.

Also, bring your ironwork you have for sale. This is a great place to sell your wares.

