Irons in the Fire

New CVBG coffee mug available in our Zazzle store- www.zazzle.com/cvbgstore

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June 8:  Bruce Manson’s Petersburg Demo by Caitlin M.
June 15: Lakeside Farmer’s Market Board Meeting
July 13: Roger Smith’s Lakeside Demo by Roger S.
August 10: Louisa Heritage Village
September 14: TBD

NEWS

We welcome new members; Keith Hicks, Philip & Ian Sullivan, Drew & Greg Dewey, & Mike Langstaff.
As always please send me any news you believe I should pass on. Also if I forgot to mention any new members, let me know and I will include them next time.

From the Editor

Please let me know if you would prefer the email (color) version of the newsletter instead of the paper. To reiterate, suggestions and submissions are strongly encouraged. –RG–

Have news to share? Submit news items to cvbgboard@gmail.com, subject: Editor

Calendar

January 1: 2013 Dues are due
April 13, 2013 Meeting – Tong Making by Jerry Veneziano
Grayhaven Winery (pictures courtesy of Bruce Manson)

President Veneziano forging half of a pair of tongs.

Each piece must be forged identical. NOT opposites.

Don’t forget to send your Permanent Location vote & comments to Jerry or bring them to Bruce’s on Saturday.

Mike striking for Jerry.

When you flip one over and put them together, you have your tongs.
Presidential Address

Spring has turned to Summer, with long days giving way to soft, warm nights. This Spring saw us make progress on finding a home, and we welcomed several new friends into the fold. Let’s keep this going as we move into what promises to be a busy Summer for the Guild.

The Hunt for a Home

In April and May, we visited two locations vying to be the home for CVBG. We met in April at Grayhaven Winery in Gum Spring, where tong making was on the menu. Then in May, the Guild met at the site of a former store on Beach Road in Chesterfield. Hunter Perkinson stepped up to demonstrate an amazing leaf bowl with acorn feet. Many people got into the fire to help with it, and it looked like everyone had a good time.

Unfortunately, shortly after the May meeting, circumstances arose that took the Chesterfield store out of the running as a permanent Guild location. This leaves us with the question of whether or not to establish a shop at Grayhaven. That’s a decision that will be decided by a vote of the Guild as a whole. You should have received a ballot in the mail. For those of you who have completed and returned it, thank you. For those who haven’t, please do so quickly! Mailed ballots must be received by Friday, June 7. You can also cast your vote, in person, at the June meeting.

Speaking of the June meeting…

June Guild Meeting featuring Caitlin Morris

Our June meeting will be held at Bruce Manson’s shop in Dinwiddie. CVBG will welcome Ms. Caitlin Morris, from Maryland, as our guest demonstrator. Caitlin’s a gifted smith who produces some striking ironwork, really looking forward to seeing her demo. Come ready to learn! Don’t forget a chair…and a notebook or sketch pad to take notes.

Taking notes. That’s something we don’t see too often at meetings. We stand around, watching intently as the person behind the anvil gives of his time and knowledge, trying to absorb it. But when was the last time you saw anyone writing down what was going on?

Public Demonstration at the Lakeside Farmer’s Market

On June 15, we’ll be holding our first public demonstration of the year at the Lakeside Farmer’s Market. We’d like to get as many people as possible to turn out, hammer, and talk to the visitors about the craft. We’ve done public demonstrations in the past, of course. They’re a lot of fun, and a great way to expose the Guild to the public. Smiths who take part are welcome to sell their work – we do ask any members selling work to donate 15% of their sales to the Guild.

July and August

In July, we should be returning to Roger Smith’s shop in Lakeside. If you’ve not been to Roger’s shop before, you’re in for a treat, it’s really cool. August will find us at the new Louisa Heritage Village. They’ve asked for our help, forging some hardware for one of the historic buildings being moved to the site. More details on that to come.

Newsletters

We made a conscious decision to move back into hard copy newsletters this year. There’s no question, though, that emailing newsletter saves the Guild a lot of money, not to mention the environmental benefits. If you’re open to receiving your newsletters by email, I encourage you to do so. Just drop Richard a line at cvbgboard@gmail.com, or speak to him or me at any meeting.

Coal

We’re still taking reservations for the coal group buy. 500 pounds washed, metallurgical coal for $100. Email the board at cvbgboard@gmail.com to get in on this!

So, what are you working on in your forge? I’m looking forward to reading about it here, and seeing it when we come visit your shop!

See you around the anvil,

Jerry
May 11, 2013 Meeting–Oak Leaf Bowl by Hunter Perkinson

Beach Road Store (photos courtesy of Bruce Manson)

Steel assisting Hunter.

Nick getting some hammer time.

Hunter presenting the finished piece.

Portable blacksmith table by Bruce Manson.

“Good meeting today! Attendance was 16 people. Excellent demo by Hunter – made an oak leaf bowl with acorn feet. Several people hammered and participated in its construction. Good hands-on. Iron in the hat $153.00, Stickers $30.00. Dues $20.00.” - Bruce
Editor’s note: Unfortunately, I missed this meeting. It looks like they had a great time. I think Bruce’s portable blacksmith table design is awesome and could serve the Guild well and may be the answer to what to do with the post vises the Guild owns.

Workshops and Classes
An idea that’s been kicking around for awhile is to host workshops and classes in blacksmithing, other arts/crafts, or business matters outside of our regular monthly meetings. Something that could go a little more in depth than the regular demonstration. Is this something you’d be interested in?

This survey is to gauge interest in classes on certain topics. It is not a promise to hold any, we’re just seeing what people would be interested in. If there’s enough interest, we’ll move forward. Please check all of the classes you’d be interested in – if there’s something you’d like to see that isn’t listed, tell us about it! It should be noted that some classes might involve a fee; if that would impact your level of interest, please write something to that effect somewhere on this sheet.

Please send your completed surveys to:
CVBG
c/o Jerry Veneziano – ATTN: Classes
858 Old Apple Grove Road
Mineral, VA  23117

Blacksmithing Classes
- Toolmaking
- Knifemaking
- Cooking Utensils
- Build a Gas Forge
- Vessels
- Other

Non-Blacksmithing Art/Craft Classes
- Coppersmithing
- Photography
- Drawing
- Welding
- Other

Business
- Marketing – Social Media
- Developing a Business Plan
- Other
Other items available in the CVBG Zazzle Store are: Men’s T-shirts, Women’s T-shirts, and small notebooks. Let us know if you think we should offer anything else. A portion of the proceeds go to the Guild. [www.zazzle.com/cvbgstore](http://www.zazzle.com/cvbgstore)
Mason Jar Mug
Inspired by Steve Anderson & The California Blacksmiths
3/16”x3/4”x7”

Spread and draw square,
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Form to 2-5/8”
Dia.
semicircle

Scroll end and Shape handle
Make final adjustments so it “snaps” securely on your jar

Brentwood North, Feb. 23rd 2013
Fred Mikkelsen

Thanks to the New England Blacksmiths for the above.
June 8th Meeting – Bruce Manson’s Shop

From: Caitlin Morris
To: Bruce Manson
Subject: Re: June Demonstration - CVBG

Because my demonstration will be more "teaching a way of thinking" rather than "teaching how to make a particular product", I don't need any special tools; the standard post vise, anvil, hardie cut-off, and forge will be fine. I want to show diversity and imagination with a minimal set of tools; make it accessible to folks who are just starting out.

It would be great if I could get some metal: * 1/4" square, 5 2’ lengths * 1/4” x 1”, 2 2’ lengths

Most of my work comes from scrap that has found its way into my workshop. I’ll bring that.

Caitlin

(I have the metal Caitlin needs.-Bruce)

There will be three forge/anvil/vise stations (four if Ron brings the Guild setup he had at the May meeting), so plenty of hand-s on opportunity.

Also, I plan to have a table set up to display members’ work, projects, or photos. Please invite everyone to bring samples of their metalwork (for display only). That way, we can share ideas, tips, pointers – or try it for ourselves.

Directions to Bruce Manson shop

From North or East of Petersburg:
Follow I-95 South from Richmond to exit 51 in Petersburg.
Take exit 51 to I-85 south. Follow I-85 for 5 miles.
Take exit 63B (U.S. Rt. 1 North, Boydton Plank Road). Follow Rt. 1 for 1 mile.
At the traffic signal light, turn left onto State Rt. 226 West (Cox Road).
Follow Rt. 226 for 0.9 mile.
Turn right at the brick entrance to Warrenton Heights sub-division
County Rt. 1344, Orchard Drive). Follow Rt. 1344 for 0.1 mile until it ends at County Rt. 1346 (Wayne Drive).
Turn right onto County Rt. 1346 (Wayne Drive), then in about 100 feet, turn left onto County Rt. 1347 (which becomes Orchard Drive again).
Follow Rt. 1347 for 0.1 mile until it ends in a cul-de-sac. Drive straight ahead at the cul-de-sac to Bruce Manson house. Park in the open area in front of the house.
The shop and meeting location is at the barn behind the house.

From West of Petersburg (U.S. Rt. 460):
Follow U.S. Rt. 460 East toward Petersburg.
About 1 mile past the WalMart Distribution Center at Sutherland, turn left onto State Rt. 226 (Cox Road) at the traffic signal light. (Rt. 226 passes over a railroad track overpass and there is a Vulcan stone quarry on the left).
Follow Rt. 226 about 3 miles (look for a dense stand of pine trees on the left of the road).
About 300 feet beyond the pine trees is the brick entrance to Warrenton Heights sub-division.
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Bruce & Marti Manson
4200 Orchard Drive
Petersburg, VA 23803
804-861-3026

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Identify yourself as a CVBG member & use account #99 121

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### Are you willing to host a CVBG gathering?  
Yes___  No___
If so, when? _________________________________________________________

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### Are you a:  
Professional___ Hobbyist___ Just interested___ Other__________________________________________

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I, the undersigned, realizing the potential hazards involved in the craft of blacksmithing, will not hold the Central Virginia Blacksmith Guild, its officers, demonstrator(s), or host(s) responsible in the event of any accident or injury incurred during an association function or at any time a sponsored activity concerning blacksmithing or metalworking is occurring. I am aware of the requirement to wear safety glasses during association demonstrations and will do so. I am aware of the possibility of hearing damage due to the nature of the craft and accept the responsibility of taking the necessary steps to protect my hearing. It will be my responsibility to inform any family member or guest that I may bring to a demonstration of these potential dangers and advise them of all necessary precautions.

Signature ___________________________________________________________  Date __________________

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**RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:**

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**DUES= $20**

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