



19th ANNUAL MID-AMERICA BLADESMITHING SYMPOSIUM & KNIFE SHOW AUGUST 23 - 25, 2024

Offered by the American Bladesmith Society, Inc.

Hosted by the Southern Ohio Forge and Anvil Blacksmith Association

This Expo is for the knife enthusiasts, knife collectors, and knife makers from novice to Master. Bring knife collections and examples of your work for the knife show and donation items for the auction. Table fee is part of the registration (must be registered for event to participate in tailgate sales and knife show).

KNIFE SHOW & AUCTION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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

Thursday, August 22, 2024. Check in and registration begins - Duke Bldg. 3pm-5pm				
5-6pm	OPENING CEREMONY-DUKE BLDG			
7pm	Annual Dinner (Open to All Demonstrators & Registered Event Participants)			
Friday, August 23, 2024. Registration open – Duke Bldg. 7:30-10:30am & 12-1pm				
Tailgate sales permitted/encouraged all weekend (MUST BE REGISTERED FOR EVENT PARTICIPATE IN SALES)				
	DEMO AREA A	DEMO AREA B	Classroom C	Green Coal
8-10am	<i>Lin Rhea</i> <i>X-Rhea Knife</i>	<i>Justin Chenault</i> <i>Mosaic Damascus</i>		TBA
10-12	<i>Rick Dunkerley</i> <i>Liner Lock Folder</i>	<i>Butch Sheely</i> <i>Meigs Style Belt Axe</i>		
12-1pm	Lunch Break - BBQ FOOD TRUCK AVAILABLE			
1-3pm	<i>Rick Dunkerley</i> <i>Liner Lock Folder</i>	<i>Vince Evans</i> <i>Sword Blade Forge Weld</i>	<i>Joe Keesler</i> <i>Handles & Guards</i>	
3-5pm	<i>Lin Rhea</i> <i>X-Rhea Knife</i>	<i>Justin Chenault</i> <i>Mosaic Damascus</i>	<i>Brett Smith - Leatherwork</i> <i>(Vendor table - Duke Bldg.)</i>	
5-7pm	Dinner Break			
7-9pm	Preferred Abrasives - Belt Selection (Vendor table - Duke Bldg.)			
Saturday, August 24, 2024 Registration open – Duke Bldg. 7:30-10:30am & 12-1pm				
AUCTION ITEMS CAN BE DROPPED OFF DURING REGISTRATION TIMES OR BEFORE AUCTION ON SATURDAY				
	DEMO AREA A	DEMO AREA B	Classroom C	Green coal
8-10am	<i>Bill Wiggins</i> <i>Blade Grinding</i>	<i>Justin Chenault</i> <i>Mosaic Damascus</i>		
10-12	<i>Kevin Cashen</i> <i>Heat Treating</i>	<i>Vince Evans</i> <i>Sword Building Process</i>	<i>Joe Keesler</i> <i>Wire Inlay</i>	
12-1pm	Lunch Break - BBQ FOOD TRUCK AVAILABLE			
1-3pm	*KNIFE SHOW – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (Duke Bldg.)* <i>(Event registration required to set up at knife show.)</i>			
3-5pm	**AUCTION – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (Duke Bldg.)** <i>(Donations & Participation encouraged)</i>			
5-7pm	Dinner Break			
7-9pm	*** Music Featuring Kenny Coleman & Friends***			
Sunday, August 25, 2024 Mid-America weekend wrap-up – Duke Bldg.				
	DEMO AREA A	DEMO B	DUKEBLDG MAIN ROOM	
8-10am	<i>Rick Dunkerley</i> <i>Liner Lock Folders</i>	<i>Butch Sheely</i> <i>Pipe Tomahawk</i>	<i>Kevin Cashen & Bill Wiggins</i> <i>Judging Standards discussion</i>	
10-12	ROUND TABLE WITH ALL DEMONSTRATORS AND ABS TOWN HALL			

God Bless and have a safe journey home

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 be 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.

Accommodations: Electrical Hook-ups & Primitive Camping, washrooms & showers are available, no sanitary hook-ups. Event camping donation is \$30.00 per night with 30 amp electric, \$40 per night with 50 amp electric, \$15.00 per night for primitive camping. You will pay for camping at the Fairgrounds office. There are forms and a drop box at the office to drop the form and money in.

Book your group rate for ABS Mid America Blade Symposium 2024

- **Fairfield Inn & Suites**, 83 Troy Town Drive, Troy, OH 45373 • (937) 332-1446
- **Hampton Inn Troy**, 45 Troy Town Drive, Troy, OH 45373 • (937) 339-7801
- **Residence Inn by Marriott**, 87 Troy Town Drive, Troy, OH 45373 • (937) 440-9303
- **Comfort Inn Troy**, 1800 Towne Park Drive, Troy, OH 45373 • (937) 552-2622
- **Holiday Inn Express**, 60 Troy Town Drive, Troy, OH 45373 • (937) 332-1700
- **Motel 6**, 1260 S Dorset Road, Troy, OH 45373 • (937) 335-0021
- **Comfort Inn & Suites**, 987 E. Ash Street, Piqua, OH, 45356 • (937) 778-8100
- **Baymont by Wyndham**, 950 E. Ash Street, Piqua, OH 45356 • (937) 606-9025
- **Royal Inn**, 1210 Brukner Drive, Troy, OH 45356 • (937) 335-0013
- **Budget Inn**, 1330 Archer Drive, Troy, OH 45373 • (937) 339-6564
- **Super 9 Motel**, 30 Troy Town Drive, Troy, OH 45373 • (937) 339-1515

Please Pre-Register for this Event

Register online through the ABS Website Store by credit card at www.americanbladesmith.org
Get your **\$70.00 Pre-Registration Fee** in early, your paperwork done, and your badge will be ready when you arrive. You can also **register at the door for \$90.00. Pre-registration closes on Friday, August 16, 2024.**

You can also register by mailing the form below, along with your check, to: American Bladesmith Society, Inc., P.O. Box 160, Grand Rapids, OH 43522 no later than **Friday, August 9, 2024 to ensure it arrives by Friday, August 16, 2024.** Mailing after that date does not guarantee on time arrival.

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FIRST NAME: _____ LAST NAME: _____

BUSINESS/COMPANY NAME (if applicable): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

NUMBER OF PEOPLE ATTENDING DEMONSTRATOR DINNER: _____

Please enclose the \$70.00 Pre-Registration Fee with your completed form. For more information or to pay by credit card over the phone, please call Cindy Sheely at (419) 832-0400.

Registered Tail Gate Sales & Suppliers are Welcome!