

# Illinois Valley Blacksmiths Association

## 40th Annual Summer Conference

June 10, 11, & 12, 2022 @ Thresherman's Park, Pontiac, IL

*Demonstrator: Allan Kress* will demonstrate animals and botanical forms made from angle iron, channel iron, and pipe. He will be mostly hand forging, though the power hammer will also be used. Self employed as a blacksmith since 1991, Allan has demonstrated and taught throughout the country since 1995. Allan is currently teaching tire hammer building workshops and blacksmithing classes around the United States as well as selling tire hammers, hand tools, and power hammer tools he makes for blacksmiths. He has taken classes from: Francis Whitaker, Jerry Darnell, Clay Spencer, Peter Ross, Uri Hofi, Ernie Dorrill, and many more. His artwork includes animals, natural forms, copper repousse', traditional and Gothic ironwork. **All day Saturday, and till noon on Sunday**

**Friday June 10th** - Beginner Training Class – Contact Harold Hohulin if interested.  
Phone 309-965-2355 (leave message on answering machine) **Pre-Registration is Needed.**  
Cost: 1.) \$20.00, plus a minimum of one day conference registration (Sat. or Sun.)  
2.) A child (under 18) of a member is free if the adult member pays for one day registration.

- Forging contest – Saturday evening
- Gallery – Display your talents. Show us what you have done.
- Tailgaters & Vendors are welcome. **They must register and pay conference fees.** (Suggest donation to iron in hat or auction)
- **Trade Item: A Forged Rose - In Honor of Daryll Allen, who taught many rose making classes.**
- Iron in the Hat (bucket raffle style), Saturday – please consider something nice to donate.
- Tickets for Saturday evening meal will be available at the conference.
- The Sat. night auction will consist of demonstrator items and donated items from attendees and guests. We encourage your generous support. No consignment or reserve.

**Pre-Registration helps us plan ahead.**  
Make checks out to: **IVBA**. Mail to: **Gary Riss,**  
**1409 E. 2309<sup>th</sup> Rd., Streator, IL 61364**

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Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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I understand and acknowledge that blacksmithing activities can be dangerous for participants and observers. I release IVBA, Central States Threshermen, officers, directors, staff, demonstrators, and participants from all liability and expenses arising from any accident, injury, or activity during the conference. I take responsibility for my own safety, and the safety of my family and guests.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_, (Parent or Guardian if under 18 yrs.)

Conference Fees Includes Spouse and Children under 18	
Full conf.	\$45.00 _____
Sat. only	\$35.00 _____
Sun. only	\$15.00 _____
Camper Electric Hookup	\$20.00 _____
Beginning class on Fri.	\$20.00 _____
<b>Total</b>	_____

*Beginner's Class - Pre-Register  
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