

Billets & Blades

Official Newsletter of the North Carolina Custom Knifemakers Guild

Welcome to the summer-fall edition. This issue will have information on the fall meeting down at Harlan and Karen Simmons' place. There are also some knifemaking tips that came in from Alex Moss and Gary Gaddy. A big thank you for their efforts. New Bern looks like it will be shifted to March of '95 and will be held in conjunction with the boat show. More to follow.

My article was printed, in abbreviated form, in "Carolina Adventure". They cut it in half and dropped the Guild reference, but they spelled my name right and paid for the article. The chief editor, Fred Bonner, says he has not been much response to the articles and wanted to know if I had any suggestions. If any of you members have any ideas give me a call. I'll pass them on. I'm not sure how to get a column on knives going and I'm not sure if it is possible. The present knife publications probably cover those that are interested in knives. I'm not sure if his readership is an untapped market. Give me a call or catch me at Harlan's. This may yet be a good opportunity.

DUES

Members, it is time to pay dues for next year. Send your \$50.00 to Gary Gaddy right away. There is going to be only one full membership list printed next year and if your dues are not received you won't be listed. New members will only be listed in the quarterly newsletters. This list will go out in the Winter newsletter.

Fall Meeting

The Guild will be having its Fall meeting at Harlan and Karen Simmons place in Arapahoe on October 1st and 2nd. Harlan and Tim Scholl have put together a great weekend of demo's and eating. The cost for the weekend is as follows;

Members.....\$20.00
Couples.....\$35.00
Non-member....\$25.00

Send the money in advance to, Harlan Simmons, PO Box 176, Route 1, Box 36C, Grantsboro, NC, 28529 Home Phone (919) 249-0094. This money goes to cover lunch and a B-B-Q Dinner on Saturday. Also, Please bring your own drinks and a dessert. If you have any ideas for future demos get them to Tim.

The Ladies Auxiliary also requests that all members send them or bring with them a picture of themselves as a baby or preteen. I don't have any clue as to why. Just get it to them. Send it to Kathy Scholl I believe.

The schedule for the meeting will be as follows:

Bring your safety glasses and other safety gear. Use it

Saturday October 1st.

8:00 - 8:30

Registration

8:30 - 9:00

Business meeting

9:00 - 11:00

Lost wax casting with Robert Grooms

11:00- 12:00

Clay Tempering - Tim Scholl

12:00- 1:00

Lunch will be provided.

1:00 - 3:00

Hands on Power hammer work shop with Harlan and Mike Wise.

3:00 - 5:00

Chain Saw blade Damascus - Tim Scholl

Sunday October 2nd

8:30 - 9:30

Roundtable discussion

9:30 - 10:00

Open Mold casting - Robert Grooms

10:00 - 11:00

Scrimshaw - Mike and Cathy Weaver

11:00 - 12:00

Gas Forge Info and How to - Wayne Whitley

Directions

Take 55 East towards Grantsboro

Go right onto 306 at Grantsboro

7.1 miles on the right is Harlan's place

Look for sign.

There is camping space available or there is the Days Inn back at New Bern (about 15 miles NE).

Real simple. See you there.

New Members

Chris Latta

415 Bay Drive

Washington, NC 27889

George Herron

474 Antonio Way

Springfield, SC 29146

Jessie Hauser

Jessie is the engraving instructor at Montgomery Community College. I'll get his address and all the phone numbers next time around.

Calendar

September 4-10

Bladesmithing with Chuck Patrick at Campbell Folk School

1-800-FOLK SCH

September 9-11

19th Annual Tarheel Cutlery Club Show

Winston-Salem, NC

1-910-725-1016

September 16-18

16th Annual American Edge Collectors Assoc. show, Chicago IL. 1-708-969-5394

Jim McNally

September 24,25

CANCELLED... WILDLIFE SHOW AT NEW BERN

November 26 and 27

"Land of the Sky" Gun and Knife show
Asheville, NC

This show is put on by Mike Kent and Associates whose letterhead says he puts on Civil War expositions. Tommy McNabb has sent him our membership list so that he can send you mailings as you can see from the letter.

Mike Kent (404) 972-4904

December 3 and 4

Knife forging with Robert Livingston in conjunction with the Southern Highland Handicraft Guild. Folk Art Center. Mile post 382, Blue Ridge Parkway
(704) 298-7982

Knifemaking Tips

I would like to thank Alex Moss for faxing me some general tips and Gary Gaddy for sending me a typed (!) copy of his notes from George Herron's class at MCCC.

The best place for your sharpening stone is in an ammo can full of K-1 kerosene. The kerosene is not only a good lube, but it washes away the crud from even old abused stones. The ammo cans are O-ring sealed so there are no leaks.
"NO SMOKING"

An old magazine or catalog makes a great place to mix epoxy - tear off the paper when your done and trash it. Recycle.

Speaking of epoxy - those long wood handled Q-tips make great mixing sticks and applicators- they are available in drug stores or you can marry a nurse.

An old surplus wooden footlocker with a small (25 watt) light bulb in it, makes a great antler or wood dryer - use some pieces of rack from an old fridge to separate the materials.

Hang a pair of safety glasses on the power switch of all your grinders etc. - **SAVE AN EYEBALL** - Twenty bucks for glasses beats twenty thousand for an operation.

An oven thermometer in an old toaster oven will let you temper most of your small forged blades. You can also calibrate the oven and put it on a timer.

75% vermiculite with 25% dry sand in an old piece of pipe makes a good annealing pot - soft metal grinds easier and cheaper.

Old coal ashes wetted with Clorox bleach will give steel an "old" look FAST. Don't blink or no blade.

A 50/50 mix of boiled linseed oil and K-1 kerosene is a good mix to soak hammer handles in - one week = one tough and flexible handle.

From George Herron's class Gary sent the following:

Finish the guard before attaching to the blade. Use a tapered pin reamer on guard hole and use an old ball peen hammer in a vise for an anvil.

Guards can be soldered on using a heat gun (get it from MSC). After soldering soak them for 2 hours to get rid of flux.

When doing tapered tangs remember that the handle material will need to be thicker at the rear to account for the taper.

Clean off excess epoxy with WD-40 about 30 minutes after installing handles (Ed. I don't know if this is 5 minute epoxy).

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This Newsletter is mailed to members of the North Carolina Custom Knifemakers Guild four to six times a year. Dues are \$50.00 per year and are due by October 1st every year. Make check payable to NCCCKG.

The purpose and policy of this newsletter is to serve as a medium of information exchange for members of the NCCCKG, related organizations may copy the information used herein as long as credit is given.

This organization has been formed to help meet the needs of a growing body of custom knifemakers in the Southeastern region. In addition, The Guild seeks to provide a training forum and educational resource for new and veteran makers alike.

Knifemaking and its related crafts are inherently dangerous occupations. Therefore the North Carolina Custom Knifemakers Guild, its officers and the Editorial committee specifically disclaim any responsibility for damages or injuries that occur as a result of the use, in any way, of any information contained in this newsletter.

MICHAEL KENT AND ASSOCIATES
CIVIL WAR EXPOSITIONS

August 15, 1994

Mr. Tommy McNabb
P.O. Box 327
Bethania, NC 27010

Dear Tommy,

I enjoyed talking with you last night and appreciate your help in providing me with a membership list of the North Carolina Knifemaker's Guild. I look forward to working with your members and providing them an opportunity to expand their market as well as the public's awareness of their craft. I have enclosed a flyer for our next show, which is scheduled for Thanksgiving weekend, November 26 & 27, 1994. This is one of our largest shows, since it is held in the Civic Center the same weekend as the High Country Craft Show.

My show dates for 1995 are as follows:

April 1 and 2
June 24 and 25
August 19 and 20
November 25 and 26

I will send a flyer to your members approximately 3 months prior to each show as a reminder. It would also be beneficial if you could mention the show dates in your newsletter. If the NCKG would be interested, I would be glad to provide an exhibit table free of charge at each show for your use in advertising and promoting the Guild.

Thanks again, Tommy, for your assistance. I look forward to working with your association.

Sincerely,

Mike Kent

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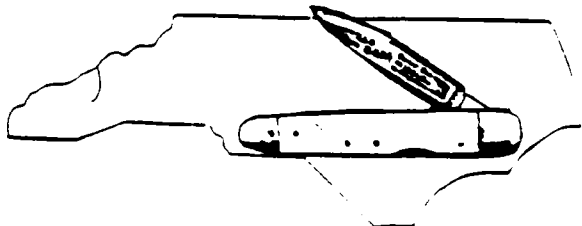
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Winston-Salem, NC

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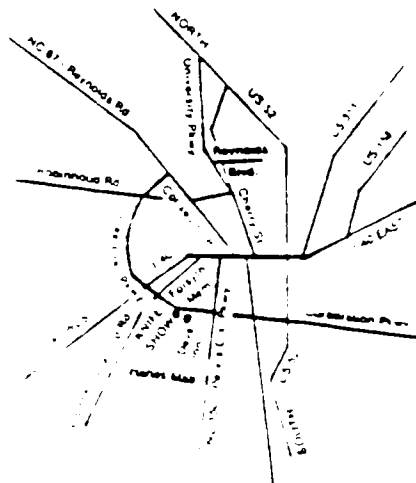
Friday Afternoon - Set-Up

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Winston-Salem, NC

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3340 SILAS CREEK PARKWAY
WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. 27103



1-40 Silas Creek Parkway South
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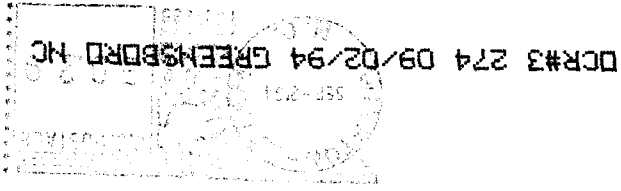
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Sun. 8 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

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DATE _____

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PHONE: _____ HOME _____ WORK _____

In which category would you be interested in applying: Knifemaker _____

(How long have you been making knives?) _____

Collector _____ Just Interested _____