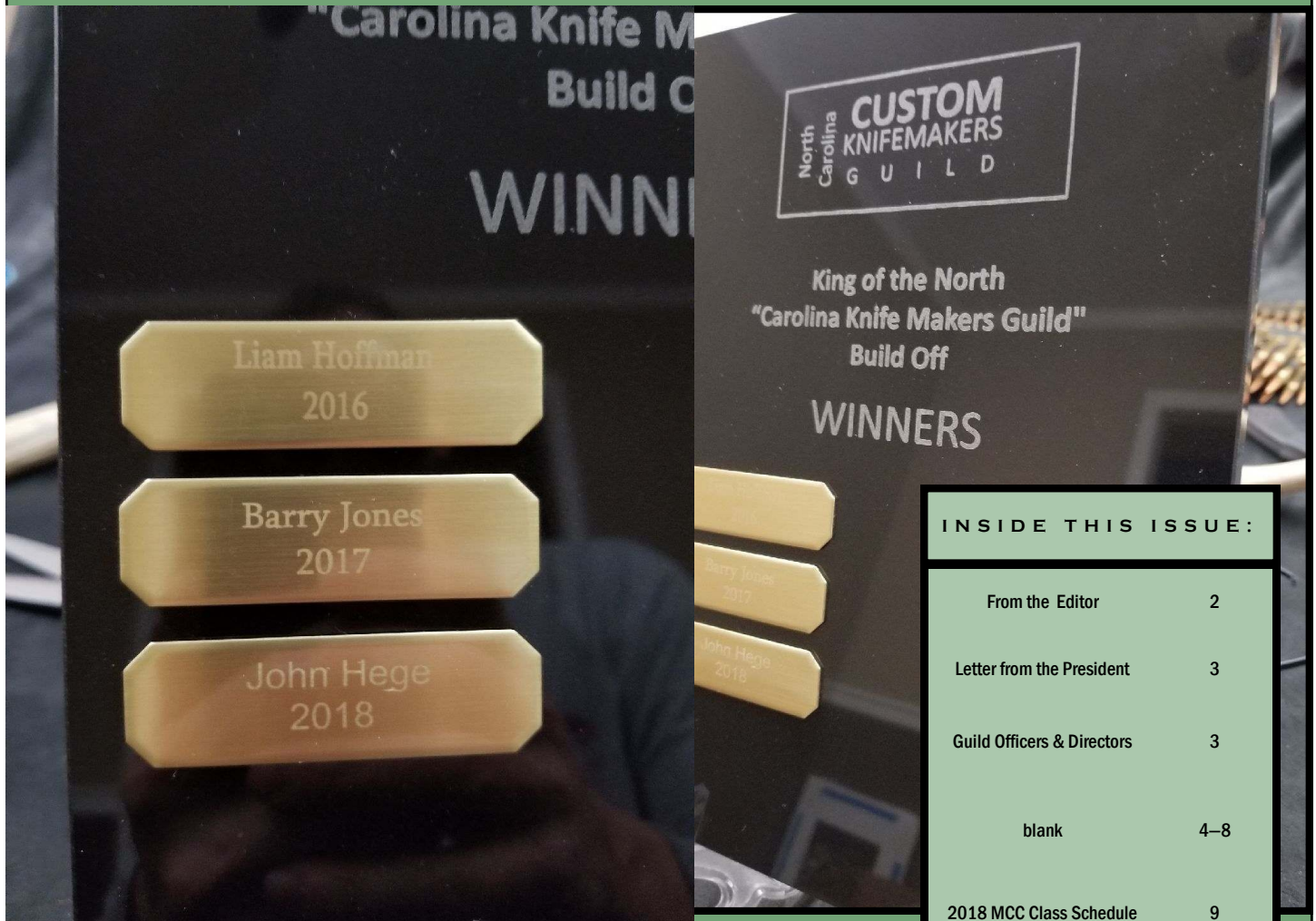


# Billets & Blades

THE OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF  
THE NORTH CAROLINA CUSTOM KNIFEMAKERS GUILD

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- The next **North Carolina Custom Knifemakers Guild** meeting date: January 19, 2019 at MCC
- New Tee shirts are in come and get a couple



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## ABOUT THIS PUBLICATION AND OUR GUILD

*Billets and Blades* is the official publication of the North Carolina Custom Knifemakers Guild. It is compiled and published in four annual issues, with two additional special publication dates possible each year.

The North Carolina Custom Knifemakers Guild was formed to meet the needs of the growing body of custom knife makers in the southeastern United States. The purpose of this newsletter is to serve as a medium of exchange for the members of the NCCKG.

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Members, please submit ads to the one of the board of directors listed on the following page.

## FROM THE EDITOR

If you are a new member, please make sure that we have your correct email and physical mailing addresses. You may send this information to us via email.

If you are currently receiving *Billets and Blades* but are no longer interested in receiving it please let us know.

If you know of someone who may be interested in becoming a member, please let a board member know and we'll be happy to mail a copy of the current newsletter to that person.

Existing members, please check the website to verify that we have your correct information. Especially your correct email address so you may be contacted should the need arise. We are always in need of pictures, articles and ideas on how to make the website and newsletter better. Please contact a board member with any suggestions.

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

### Letter from the President. January 2019

Well I hope everyone had a great Holiday Season. The January meeting is coming up. It will be the King of the Guild Competition.

Anyone interested in participating needs to be thinking about it. We will put all the names in a hat and draw 4. You must be a member of the guild to participate. (Dues paid) Each participant will be given a piece of high carbon bar stock, handle material, and pins. Using either forging or stock removal they will have 4 hours to build a finished knife. This includes heat treat. This year each contestant will be allowed a runner. The runner can only be used to get tools, they cannot work on the knife.

I look forward to a great competition. It is always a fun meeting. Just a reminder to everyone. Barry Clodfelter need articles for the newsletter and people to volunteer to do demos at the meetings. The guild still pays \$25.00 for each article. See you all at the meeting,

**Andy Sharpe**  
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Come on out and watch or even better put your name in the hat to compete to be the next King of the Guild for 2019!

Due to not having articles the following pages have been intentionally left blank.

Articles that are published in these pages get you \$25 cash at the next meeting!!











## 2019 Montgomery Community College Knifemaking Schedule

### **Recurring Night Class with Gabe Mabry**

**Feb 20th—April 10th**

**Wednesday Nights**

**Cost \$121.60**

Over 8 Wednesdays explore the basics of knife forging with FORGED IN FIRE champ Gabe Mabry.

### **Basic Knife Forging with Bill Wiggins**

**Feb. 1-3rd 9am-6pm**

**Cost \$176.60**

Learn the basics of knife forging and begin to understand concepts of heat treating, metal basics. Expect to complete one knife blade.

### **Tomahawk Forging with John Hege**

**Feb. 15-17th 9am-6pm**

**Cost: \$146.60**

Introductory class for learning forge welding. Each student can expect to complete 1 tomahawk. Includes all materials.

### **Mokume Gane with the Jones Brothers**

**March 22-24th 9am-6pm**

**Cost: \$146.60**

The Jones Brothers return to share their knowledge of this ancient technique of forging decorative metals used in Jewelry, bolsters and other decorative knife parts.

### **Stock Removal Basics with the Jones Brothers**

**May 10-12th 9am-6pm**

**Cost: \$146.60**

Explore the basics of handmade knives for bushcrafting and survival situations. Materials included.

What a great line up of classes for the fall of 2018! This list will be updated as more are announced.

Contact Montgomery CC for additional class information or to register for a class.



## **UPCOMING 2018 GUILD MEETINGS**

**Saturday January 19th, 2019**

Location: Montgomery Community College

**Saturday April 20st, 2019**

Location: Montgomery Community College

Elections to be held for VP and a director.

**Saturday July 20st, 2019**

Location: Montgomery Community College

**Saturday October 19th, 2019**

Location: Lowe Warner Park

Dues are due in October!

### **Events Include:**

Board Meeting begins at 8:30am, to be followed by our General Business Meeting & Iron in the Hat

### **Demos:**

Will be determined and published on the website prior to the meeting.

### **Blade Show — June 7-9, 2019**

Contact Murphy Ragsdale for table information and volunteer to help!

**If you are not a juried member and wish to become one bring at least three knives for the leadership team to review.**

The **North Carolina Custom Knifemakers Guild** was founded in June of 1992. Our goals are to:

- Promote the craft of custom knife making
- Seek to constantly improve the craftsmanship of its members
- Provide an educational resource to anyone interested in the craft
- To encourage new makers and provide a forum for their training

Through public knife making and forging demonstrations by a group or individual members, we try to display the craft and to educate the public. It is our intent to raise the general awareness of custom made knives and the people who create them. That is why there is no cost to attend one of our meetings, and we welcome anyone with an interest in knife making.

Our quarterly meetings are organized around speakers and various demonstrations of activities important to our craft. These speakers and demonstrations are from our members or experts in the field who come as our guests. As a training resource, our Guild is prepared to present any aspect of our craft to organizations that feel it would be beneficial and informative.

