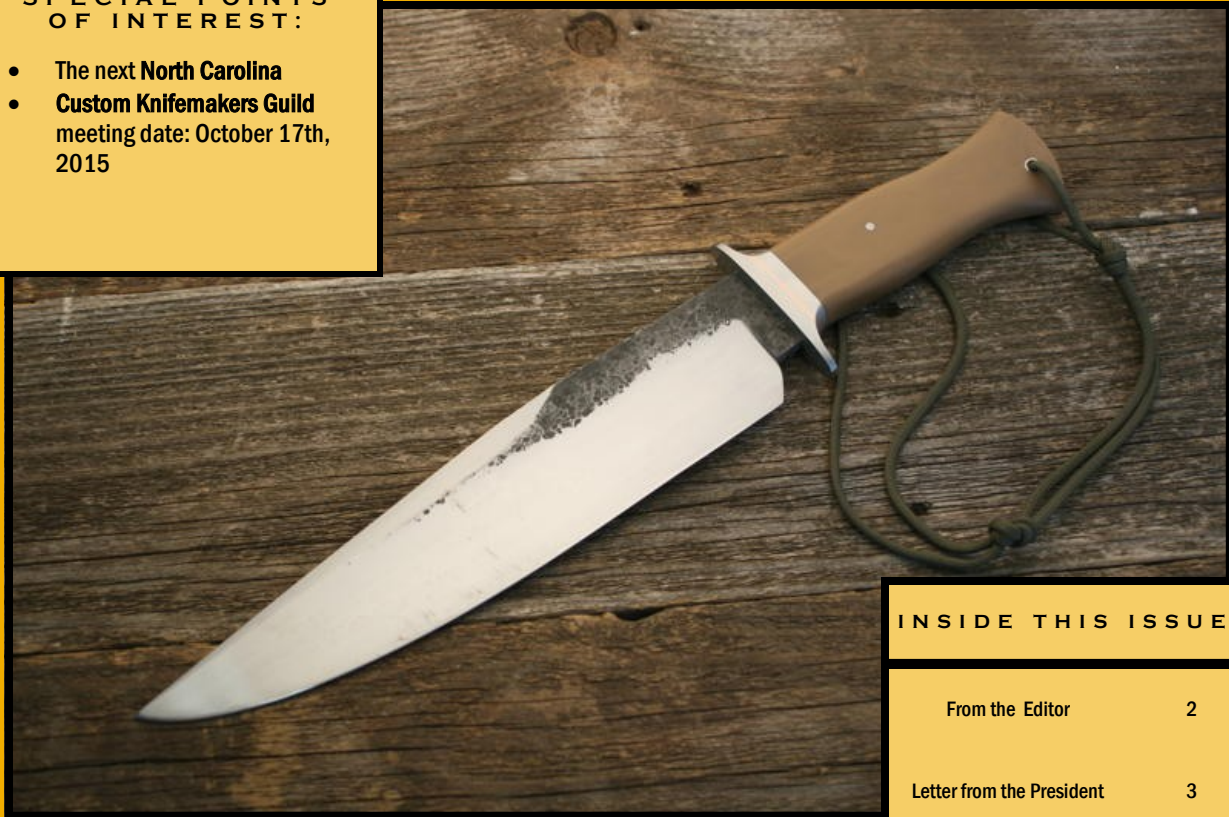


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THE NORTH CAROLINA CUSTOM KNIFEMAKERS GUILD

**SPECIAL POINTS
OF INTEREST:**

- The next **North Carolina**
- **Custom Knifemakers Guild**
meeting date: October 17th,
2015



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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.

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FROM THE EDITOR

If you are a new member, please make sure that I have your correct email and physical mailing addresses. You may send this information to me via email or the address listed on the right.

If you are currently receiving *Billets and Blades* but are no longer interested in receiving it please let us know. You may contact Michael Wilson (see contact list on page 3) to have your name removed from the mailing list. Thank you.

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

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STEP UP. BE SEEN.

Featured Knifemakers are needed.

Don't be a wallflower!

Please let us get to know you and your work.

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**LETTER FROM THE
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Montgomery Community College Knifemaking Classes 2015

ALL CLASSES RUN FROM 8:00 AM TO 6:00 PM

Forged Tomahawks

Tim Scholl

Thursday, October 1st through Saturday, October 3rd

\$375

Learn to make adorned tomahawks using traditional forging, heat-treating, and handle finishing methods. Students will complete a tomahawk by the end of the course.

Basic Knifemaking

Travis Daniel

Wednesday, October 21st through Saturday, October 24th

\$375

Learn knife-making by designing and making a knife under the guidance of the instructor. Each student will grind, heat and finish a knife using the stock removal method. This class is for beginners and intermediates who want to perfect their knifemaking talents. Each student will complete a knife.

Linerlock Folders

Barry and Philip Jones

Wednesday, November 4th through Saturday, November 7th

\$375

This class will be a hands-on course in the designing and building of a linerlock folding knife. Each student will build a complete folder with a locking liner. Skills taught will include drilling, tapping, heat treating, and proper lock geometry.

Introduction to Tactical Knife Making

Barry and Philip Jones

Wednesday, November 11th through Saturday, November 14th

\$375

Learn fixed-blade design using the basic principles and methods of knife construction, including how to grind and heat-treat knife blades, as well as fitting and finishing handles.

Knife Sharpening

Barry and Philip Jones

Saturday, November 21st

\$125

Learn to hand sharpen knife blades the old fashioned way using stones. Students will learn multiple techniques for sharpening both plain edge and serrated edges.

Making Leather Sheaths

Travis Daniel

Wednesday, December 2nd through Saturday, December 5th

\$375

Every knife needs a good carry system. Design, cut out, and fit a leather sheath to an existing knife. Students should bring a finished knife for which the custom sheath will be designed.

The Forged Knife Blade

Bill Wiggins

Wednesday, January 14, 2016 through Saturday, January 17, 2016

\$375

Hands-on course in the proper forging, heat treating, and finishing of a knife blade. Topics covered will be steel selection, forges and forging tools, heat treating, and finishing of the forged blade.

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.



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