

Old Dominion Blacksmith Association

The objective of this association is to consolidate the tremendous cumulative knowledge of regional blacksmiths into one group for the benefit of all. And to provide to all members the opportunity to improve upon their blacksmithing knowledge and skill by having “explanatory demonstrations” performed by members or guests at each monthly meeting. And to provide a venue where novice and experienced blacksmiths can share their ideas in the hope that this historic craft will perpetuate well into the future.



Demo by Master Blacksmith David Tucciarone

Membership

Old Dominion Blacksmith Association’s goal is to share the working knowledge of one of the most important professions in the history of the world. For without the village blacksmith “nothing would be what it is today”.

Mail in this convenient application form (right) to become the newest ODBSA member today.

www.olddominionblacksmith.com

Education

Monthly meetings feature professional demonstrations of various blacksmithing techniques and skills. Several ODBSA members offer blacksmithing classes on forging.

Library

ODBSA maintains a well stocked library of blacksmithing journals, books, videos and DVD’s that are available to all members to check out and return later – at no charge.

Equipment

ODBSA maintains a variety of basic blacksmithing equipment for the beginner to learn on until they can obtain their own forge, anvil and tools. Take advantage of this membership benefit before you spend your own money.

Website

ODBSA maintains a content rich website for its members and for the general public interested in blacksmithing. There you will find an Introduction to ODBSA, Membership info, a Schedule of Events, Newsletters, Demo Reviews, Current News, a Beginners Corner, Blacksmithing Help, Potpourri, Photos, and links to other blacksmithing sites. Visit our site soon and enjoy all it has to offer.

Newsletter

Monthly newsletters recap the highlights of last month’s meeting with pictures, articles, and other important information, including the directions to next month’s event.

Demonstrators

ODBSA currently has over 20 public demonstrators that are available to come and display their blacksmithing skills at your fair, festival, craft-show or fund-raising event. Blacksmith demonstrations are proven to draw large public interest. See the website for contact info.

ODBSA Membership Application

The goal of the *Old Dominion Blacksmith Association* is to share the working knowledge of one of the most important professions in the history of the world, that of the blacksmith. For without the blacksmith “nothing would be what it is today”.

By hammer and hand all the world does stand

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Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Name of your forge _____

Where do you think you should be placed?

- Observer (just want to watch/learn with no plans to do hands-on)
 Novice (less than 10 hours blacksmithing)
 Apprentice (some blacksmithing skills)
 Journeyman (most blacksmithing skills)
 Master (nearly all blacksmithing skills or a professional blacksmith)

My blacksmith interests are _____

I herby acknowledge that the activities involved in blacksmithing are potentially dangerous and I voluntarily accept any risks involved. I absolve the Old Dominion Blacksmith Association, its Officers, Members and Guests of liability for any accident that may occur at any of its meetings/demonstrations. I take full responsibility for my safety and the safety of any guest that I will bring to any meetings/demonstrations of the Old Dominion Blacksmith Association.

Signature _____

Date _____

Old Dominion Blacksmith Association

Mail this application to:

Bobby Floyd
816 Honey Bee Road
Long Island, VA 24569

Membership Benefits

One of the quickest, easiest and least expensive ways to learn the historic craft of blacksmithing.

See some of the best-known blacksmiths / artists / teachers in the country demo.

No membership dues.
Small admission fee or Iron-in-the-Hat raffle

Safety glasses provided free at all events.

Refreshments and/or lunch provided at some events by host (Donation Jar).

DVD's of our past events (members only).

ODBSA logo t-shirts, coffee mugs and hats available at our cost.

Tailgating used blacksmithing equipment is always welcomed at all our events.

When available, blacksmithing coal can be purchased at our cost.

All Monthly events will be held the Second Saturday of each Month except December (no event will be scheduled for this month). Some of our events offer hands-on training for those that want it.



Hands on training event at Virginia Institute of Blacksmithing

"The Real Keeper of this Historic Craft is the Hobbyist Blacksmith." Bobby Floyd



Starting a monthly meeting with announcements and introductions



ODBSA Library has books, videos, and DVD's to check out

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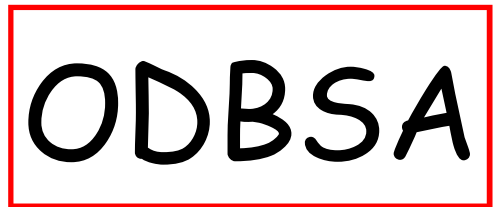
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Established November 2005

Serving South Central and Western Virginia Blacksmiths including but not limited to areas near Appomattox, Lynchburg, Danville, South Boston, Martinsville, Rocky Mount, Stuart, Bedford and Roanoke.



98% Hobbyists

2% Professionals

Current Officers:

President:	Bobby Floyd
First VP:	Tom Harrell
VP Operations:	Missy Coates
VP Education:	Dale Morse
VP Library:	Wendell Wyland
Administrator:	Val Harrell
Treasurer:	Charlie Boothe
Editor at Large:	David Hinshaw
Safety Officer:	Ron Howard
Photographer:	Ted Crockett



Monthly Meetings & Demonstrations

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