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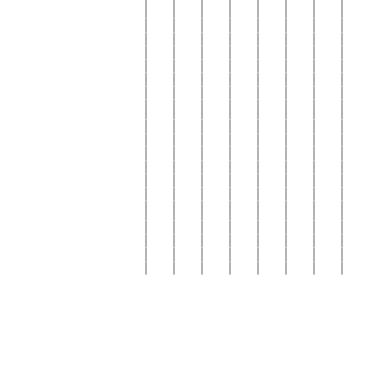
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Rich Herman 1253 Danbury Way Rosemount, MN 55068

email: racherman@frontiernet.net phone: (651)322-1623



# Joining The Guild Metalsmiths?

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Read directions on the reverse side of this form.

Use additional sheets of paper if you need them.

Please introduce yourself. Each month we welcome new members to the Guild and offer them a chance to tell us a bit about themselves. (who yo uare, your goals as a metalsmith, the services you provide, products you make, etc.) Whatever you want to share is fine. So, give us a statement of interests/services up to 254 characters long (letters and spaces). This statement is also printed in the member directory (optional).

## Coings on...



#### **Events in November**

- November 9, Guild board meeting at Myron Hanson's in Eagan
- Nov. 19, Basics Class A2

#### **Events in December**

- December 10, Poz Tongs Workshop at Monty Bygd's in Eau Claire WI.
- December 11, Guild holiday meeting at Czecho Slovakian Protective Society (CSPS) in St. Paul.
- December 3 & 17, Basics Classes A3 & A4

#### **Events in January**

- January 7, Basics Class B1
- January 11, Guild board meeting at Myron Hanson's in Eagan
- January 14, Suffolk Latch Workshop at MN School of Horseshoeing

## The Forum

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# Guild members have lots to be thankful for



With Thanksgiving right around the corner, now is a good time to reflect on all the blessings we have as Guild of Metalsmith members.

- ♦ A growing membership roster
- ♦ Active officers and committee members
- Talented members eager to share their art
- ♦ Supportive spouses
- ♦ Good cooks
- Membership meetings loaded with opportunities to learn more about the craft
- ♦ Imaginations at work planning future events
- Workshop instructors bursting with knowledge
- ♦ Valuable friendships

This list is endless, so if you think hard, try to come up with your own list. If it's anything additional, you have that to be thankful for too!

## Coming soon...

Remember to plan ahead for the December Guild meeting to be held again at the Czecho Slovakian Protective Society (CSPS) located at 385 Michigan Street in St. Paul. More details will be printed in the December Forum, but be sure to put this date on your calendar now!

## Sunday, December 11

This meeting is great fun, the potluck is the best of the year, the show and tell tables are heavy with fruits of our imaginations, and we'll be looking at election of officers for 2006.

See you there!

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# Forum deadline for December: Monday, Nov. 21, 2005

If you have activities that will be occurring in December or January, please send them by Monday, Nov. 21, 2005 to Georgia Myers, editor, by e-mail to: forum@metalsmith.org (e-mails will be forwarded to Georgia Myers), or to gmyers@rconnect.com or mail them to: Georgia Myers 313 Dakota St Lake City MN 55041



The Guild of Metalsmiths, St. Paul, MN, publishes the GoM Forum monthly. It is intended as a tool to further our educational mission, to keep members up to date on current happenings, to publicize projects and workshops, a place for all members to express their opinions, concerns, learn more about each other—in short, to help us run our organization.

For address change, or to submit comments, please mail to: The GoM Forum
Georgia Myers
313 Dakota St
Lake City, MN 55041-1869
or e-mail to
forum@metalsmith.org or gmyers@rconnect.com

# Guild educational grants

There is grant money available for Guild members to study intermediate and advanced metalworking techniques.

The Guild educational grant program is designed to bring new skills into the metalworking community. Participants are given money to pay for a portion of their expenses and are expected to learn some new or poorly understood skill, and then to share what they have learned with other members and the public through an article in our quarterly magazine, "The Metalsmith." They're also expected to lead a workshop on the topic (or other educational service approved by the board).

Application forms are available from the president or treasurer at a regular meeting, or by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

The Guild of Metalsmiths PO Box 11423 St. Paul MN 55111



Post vise restored by Rob Murray, included in raffle drawing



"Horse" trivit by Bob Becker, demonstrator



"Fish" by Jim Sage



"Lady slipper" by Bill Krawczeski



"Clock" by Susan Wood

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What you missed by not attending the Fall Conference in September!



"Font" by Bob & Mary Fredell



Demonstrator Ralph Sproul (center)



"Toilet paper holder" by Myron Hanson



"Candle holder" by Jesse Gavin

## December 10 poz tongs workshop

Poz Tongs are an unique style of tongs that will hold round, square and flat stock. They can be made for stock sizes from 1/4" to 3/4". You need at least one pair!

Prerequisites: Students should have taken the basic blacksmithing course or have equivalent skills.

Monty Bygd will demonstrate making a pair of these tongs in the morning. After a break for lunch, everyone will make a pair of tongs in the afternoon.

For questions, call Monty Bygd at 715-835-8197 or Pete Stanaitis at 715-698-2895.

**Instructor:** MONTY BYGD

Workshop Site: 1928 80<sup>th</sup> Street (map on next page)

Eau Claire, WI 54703 (715) 835-8197 bygd@execpc.com

Starting time will be 9 a.m. sharp. The coffee pot will be on. **Dress warm**—especially wear *warm boots* on the feet.

**Items to bring**: Sack lunch

Your favorite hammer Hot cut (if you have one) Eye and ear protection

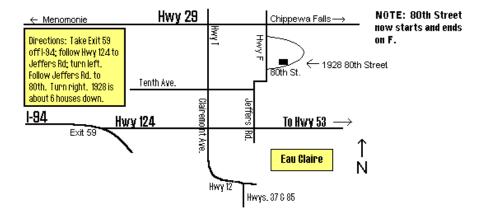
Cotton Gloves

Workshop cost is \$20.00. The size of the class will be limited to the first eight people who sign up, so get your registration in soon.

Register for the Poz Tongs Workshop. Fill out the registration form on next page and mail to Pete Stanaitis.

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## Map to Monty Bygd's home in Eau Claire, Wisconsin...



Register for POZ TONGS CLASS here Pete Stanaitis 2476 10<sup>th</sup> Ave Baldwin Wi 54002

For questions, call Monty Bygd at 715-835-8197 or Pete at 715-698-2895. Send check for \$20 made out to Guild of Metalsmiths with your registration.

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## FRIENDS OF THE GUILD OF METALSMITHS

THE GUILD OF METALSMITHS IS A 501C3 CHARITABLE TRUST, MAKING ALL CONTRIBUTIONS OR DONATIONS, TAX DEDUCTABLE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN OUR LIST OF FRIENDS, PLEASE CONTACT OUR CURRENT PRESIDENT, AL OLSON.

#### **DISCOUNTS:**

The following companies are extending discounts to card carrying members of our organization. You will need to ask for their Guild of Metalsmiths discount, and show them your membership card.

#### **Abrasive Resource**

1-763-586-9595, 1-800-814-7358, www.abrasiveresource.com **Discount:** 25% discount for Guild members. Orders under \$100 must be called in to receive discount.

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**Discount**: 10% discount on their published website prices, except power tools, whether you shop online or at a store, for Guild members.

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1-612-521-8857, 1-888-521-8857, www.garelicksteel.com

**Discount**: 10% discount for Guild members.

#### Oxygen Service Co.

1-320-252-5494, 1-800-252-3275, www.oxygenservicecompany.com **Discount:** 15% discount on gases and most items that are not already marked as a sale item for Guild members.

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1-612-331-1345, 1-866-545-6743, www.ssfbs.com

**Discount:** The quantity of product purchased dictates the normal "Level" of discount. Smith-Sharpe Fire Brick Supply is offering one discount "Level" better to Guild members. It will vary with types of products, but may average about 10%.

#### **Toll Gas and Welding Supply**

1-763-551-5300, www.tollgas.com

**Discount:** 10% discount on gases and most in-store items, for Guild members.

#### Mississippi Welders Supply

1-800-657-4422 www.mwsco.com

**Discount:** 15% discount on gases and most in-store items that are not already marked as a sale item or already at a discount from MSRP for Guild members

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## **Notes**

## Suffolk Latch Workshop

Saturday, Jan. 14, 2006 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$25 per student Minnesota School of Horseshoeing (map page 7) Instructor: Tom Sanders



Suffolk latch
Photo borrowed from njba.abana-chapter.com/ textmeets/oct02.htm

Set aside time now to attend this workshop.

Tom is the former head black-

smith at historic Fort Snelling, and he was involved in the research of artifacts found during the reconstruction of the blacksmith's shop. His training as a blacksmith and historian enabled him to learn what processes were in use, and what the shop produced. He has taught this workshop in the past, as well as the Trade Ax, the Flesh Fork, and 19th Century Blacksmithing for the Guild. Tom is one of the group who produced "The Blacksmithing Study Guide."

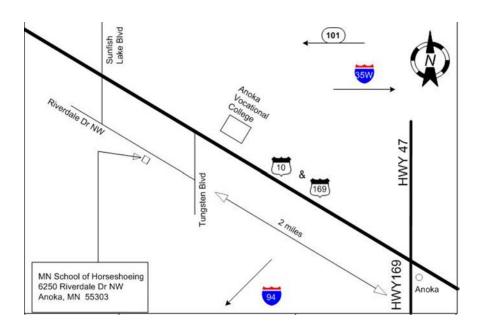
Guild member Bob Johnson will assist Tom with this workshop. We will make the Door Latch as illustrated in the Guild's study guide. The project will include more complex forging, and will include some discussion of the use of the latch in the early 19th century. Originals will be available for examination.

Register now for...

Suffolk Latch Workshop Saturday, January 14, 2006 See next page for registration form.

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## Suffolk Latch Workshop to be held Saturday, January 14, 2006 at Minnesota School of Horseshoeing (below)



## Register for Suffolk Latch Workshop here

Bob Johnson 1302 Osceola Ave St. Paul MN 55105

Send check for \$25 made out to Guild of Metalsmiths with your registration. You will be contacted before the workshop!

Name:		 
Address:		 
City, State, Zip:		 
Phone:	Email:	

## Our neighborhood of smiths

Check this page every month to see what's going on with our neighboring colleagues, and read about activities in their smithing groups.

#### **UMBA**

UMBA (Upper Midwest Blacksmith Association) features hammer-ins on November 13, and December 11, all at the Matthew Edel Blacksmith Museum in Haverhill, IA.

## **Central Minnesota Blacksmiths meeting schedule**

Nov 14 @ Rocky Spychala 8535 NE River Rd, Rice, MN 56367 320-393-2214, Dec 5 @ Ken Zittur 37634 Cty Rd 9, Avon, MN 56310 320-746-2557

## **Badger Blacksmiths August meeting**

The Badger Blacksmiths will meet November 10 at Springfield Town Hall at 6:30. For more information, call Don Hogenson at 715-265-4701 or email Richard Prigge at <a href="mailto:rcprigg@centurytel.net">rcprigg@centurytel.net</a>

## **Lake Superior Metalsmiths**

Lake Superior Metalsmiths (LSM) meets the fourth Saturday of the month from October through April. The meetings are potluck at noon at Dave Hanson's house, 5873 Taft Road, Duluth, Minnesota, 218-721-4572.

#### **Northern Minnesota Metalsmiths**

The NMM meetings are the first Monday of the month. Often, but not always, at Keith Johnson's shop in Bemidji. Contact Keith for monthly specifics at <a href="keith@greatriverforge.com">keith@greatriverforge.com</a>

## **New England School of Metalwork**

Winter Session Workshops 2005-2006

November 4-8 English Wheel; Build it, Use it

December 2-5 Beginners Blacksmithing

January 6-9 Tool Forging for the Smith

January 27-29 Coal Forge; Build it, Use it

February 10-13 Botanical Forms

March 10-13 Found and Forged; Vessels or Sculpture

April 7-10 Traditional Joinery in Architectural Ironwork

See the website for class details, call to register 1-888-753-7502 or online at www.newenglandschoolofmetalwork.com Please direct inquiries to dglaser@newenglandschoolofmetalwork.com

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## October 12 Guild meeting



Playing with the Pullmax at Dan Pate's shop



Jesse Gavin shows & tells about "leaf."



Bob Beck demonstrates his hammer machine.



Myron Hanson shows wall sconce, team effort for Little Log House.



Dan Pate's louvre die

Gordon Barr shows Boy Scout shovel project

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## Video Library Tape Review Seeing is believing

In each issue of The Forum, we will attempt to interest you in a particular tape that's available in the Guild video library. A complete listing of the library can be found on the Guild website (<a href="http://www.metalsmith.org/pub/index.htm#VideoLibrary">http://www.metalsmith.org/pub/index.htm#VideoLibrary</a>) or can be sent by Tape Librarian Rich Herman (<a href="maintenan@frontiernet.net">racherman@frontiernet.net</a> or 651-322-1623).

## Guild Video Review; T-8, 1992 Metalsmith Madness

Reviewed by Pete Stanaitis

Jack Brubaker, a professional artist blacksmith from Nashville, Indiana is the featured demonstrator in this 6 hour and 40 minute video. There are a few short segments on other subjects. The most notable of them is Keith Johnson demonstrating the hand forging of gun barrels.

This video was shot over the "Madness" weekend in September of 1992 at the University of Wisconsin, River Falls. Although it will have broad appeal the anyone interested in blacksmithing, this tape will have a particular fit to those who would like to begin working metals other than ferrous. and those who have a production orientation. In fact anyone who saw Jack back in 1992 and thought about getting into other metals ought to review this tape now. It is loaded with information and ideas. The audio is very good, and the anvil he uses has very little "ring".

After giving us a little personal background Jack gets into his demonstrations. While demonstrating, he discusses general characteristics, forging techniques, applications, finishes and patinas for bronzes in general, aluminum bronze in some detail, copper, aluminum and stainless steel. He makes several projects, too.

All through the tape he gives us his philosophy of design with examples of how the process works within him. "The initial thing that gets you to make money is *Design*," Jack says. No business can survive for long without customers and some way to get them to buy your product. Jack discusses marketing, customer base, wholesaling vs. retail sales, and pricing.

Jig & fixture design and use are very important to Jack's success. He covers them in some detail. Power hammers and other power equipment are in constant use in his shop. As he demonstrates on Bob Fredell's newly refurbished 25# Little Giant, he discusses power hammers, tooling and how he converted his shop from Little Giants to air hammers. As an example of power hammer tooling, he carefully describes a handy pair of combination drawing and tapering dies and explains how he uses them.

Later in the video, Jack shows a little over an hour of slides of his work with a lively running commentary. A very good segment! And later, while making a unique version of one of his trademark candlesticks, Jack gives an informative monologue on copyright law, punctuated with his own personal experiences.

This is a great tape for anyone who is in the production mode themselves or even considering it. Again, this video is over 6 hours in length. It should be seen in segments to get the most out of it.

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## Future class offering...

## How to develop your own problem definition and solution process and to produce effective, persuasive presentations

Four years ago Pete Stanaitis presented a one day forum with the above title. Attendance was limited to six active and unlimited observing members.

Under pressure from the education committee, Pete has generously offered to do this again. Herb will act as gofer, but in real life, Pete does the work.

The offering is tentatively set for March, and the location is yet to be determined. Pete's presentation was based on three "classic" texts and a process of developing an effective presentation.

The books are "The Art of Getting Your Own Sweet Way," "The Rational Manager," and "Winning through Intimidation." Last time, Pete organized copies for anyone who wanted them. They are all books that are easy to recommend. They are short, easily read books with a lot to say. Participants brought along their pet problem or project (work, product, project, family), and developed on site an action plan that the group was able to critique before going home.

Stay tuned. There will be more about this later, but now is the time to think about being interested. I am trying to remember the participants besides Herb Fick, John Yust, Bob Walsh. If I can remember this much just before a Forum deadline, it had to be important to me. Talk to us about it.

— Herb Fick

## Steel for sale to Guild members

The Guild has several 20' sticks of 1.75" diameter round stock for sale at 20 cents/pound (mild steel). Each stick is 164 lbs, so that makes \$32.80/ stick. They have been stored outside for a few months so there is surface rust. There are also two sticks that are approximatley 20' long of stainless steel, 3" square tubing, with a wall thickness of .078", for 50 cents/pound. I believe the weight of these are written on the sticks in crayon, I just can't remember the numbers off the top of my head.

The stuff lives at Pete's house, so if you don't have a trailer, think about how you're going to cut it up and haul it home. Purchase the rounds in 4', 5', 8', 10' or 20' increments. Purchase the stainless in half or whole sticks. Pete is not obligated to cut it, or haul it, or take money for it. He's only agreed to store it for the Guild.

Questions, contact me.

Al Olson

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Interested in a train trip next summer?

## Opportunity: ride the AMTRAK to Seattle next July with fellow Guild members

Deanna (Bill) Tannenberg has offered to coordinate and collect names and deposits if at least 20 people are interested in taking the train to the ABANA conference in Seattle in July 2006. If there are 20 or more people going at the same time to the same place, there is a 20% discount for each person. If one is a senior, a 10% additional discount applies.

Deanna is willing to collect money and pay Amtrak well ahead of departure time. For the July conference they would like reservations made in January 2006. Forty five days before departure the balance must be paid. If one sits in coach, the fee is \$250 round trip. Add \$449 for a room at night and all meals. That total is \$699 round trip, which is 37 hours.

The train leaves Minneapolis/St. Paul at 11:15 pm on July 1 and arrives in Seattle at 10:20 am on July 4. Coming home, the train leaves on July 9 at 4:45 pm and arrives 7:05 am on July 11.

Deanna is willing to collect money, do any phone calling, or anything necessary to set this up. Her number is 608-643-4808 in Wisconsin. Call her soon if you're interested!

## ABANA conference set for July 5-8, 2006 in Seattle Washington

## "Fusion & Transformation"

The national ABANA conference is scheduled for July 5-8, 2006 in Seattle, WA. For ON-LINE registration prior to February 1, the fee for the Primary Registrant is \$330. Each additional family member is \$75. For callins, mailed credit cards, check or faxed registration, the Primary Registrant Fee is \$335 and each family member is \$75.

They have a ton of features available and events planned, including, but not limited to:

- ✓ Conference site on Lake Washington with views of Cascade & Olympic Mountains, including Mt. Rainier
- √ Friday night Salmon Barbeque Party & onstage Seattle Blacksmith Concert
- √ Tours & demos at University of Washington Metals Digital Design/ Build Center
- √ Blacksmith classes & seminars, with featured events such as harpoon forging class
- √ Tours of local sites, including Yellin Gates at Seattle Asian Art Museum
- √ World-class gallery, including first West Cost appearance of Chris Ray Mansect Exhibit
- √ Get-togethers in the "Microbrew Smithy" with blacksmith karaoke, ongoing entertainment, wide-screen presentations such as Yellin Family slide show
- √ Lodging located on U of Washingon campus with continuous shuttle to conference site

**Learn more:** www.abanaseattle2006.com or call 706-310-0323

## **New Members**

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Al Garber agarber@swcocpas.com

**Larry Brittain** H218-835-4376 W218-835-6337

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Artist-Blacksmith's Association of North America, Inc.PO Box 816-Farmington, GA 30638 USA706-310-1030 tel 706-769-7147 faxabana@abana.org www.abana.org

## ABANA Affiliate Liaison Letter **October. 2005**

Dear Affiliates,

This month I get to be Dave Mudge as he and Cindy are still digging out from hurricane Katrina as are many other ABANA members in the affected areas. The Mississippi Forge Council, Gulf Coast Blacksmiths Association and the Louisiana Metalsmiths Association are all still in the process of locating displaced members and making sure everyone is okay. Please help get the word out to those affected by the storms to check in with their affiliate president or editor as soon as possible so we can get a sense of where the funding is needed. We wanted to let all the editors and presidents know of this letter that went out to the general membership in early September. Many of you along the Gulf Coast probably did not receive this missive so we are sending it out to the affiliates in hopes of getting the word out! Also all the ABANA members in the affected areas who did not receive *Hammer's Blow*, Volume 13, #3, please contact me in the Central Office when possible at (706) 310-1030 or via email at abana@abana.org as we are holding an issue for you.

In an effort to provide financial assistance to blacksmiths in the areas affected by Hurricane Katrina, the Artist-Blacksmith's Association of North America, Inc. developed a Disaster Relief Fund after John Steel, president of the Pittsburgh Area Artist-Blacksmiths Association brought the idea to the ABANA Board of Directors. Since the initial letters, sent on September 9<sup>th</sup>, the fund has raised \$11,736.00 with the expectation of much more funding!

Disaster struck again in the form of hurricane Rita affecting the southwest Louisiana coast and the southeast Texas coast. In that spirit donations dated after October 1, 2005 will now benefit victims of both disasters. The revision would allow ABANA to donate funds to Katrina and Rita survivors and survivors of other disasters impacting the blacksmithing community between now and March 15, 2006. Therefore ABANA is informing its membership and other parties interested in donating to this excellent cause that it intends to distribute all funds received in the Central Office through September 30, 2005 to hurricane Katrina survivors. All funds received between October 1, 2005 and March 15, 2006 will be distributed to blacksmiths affected by both hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

### ABANA Affiliate Liaison Letter continued from page 12

Donations should be by check, US Postal Money Order, or Canadian Postal Money Order made out to "ABANA Relief Fund". ABANA will provide a receipt for all donations of \$250 or more.

Please address your donation to:

ABANA Relief Fund

P O Box 816

Farmington, GA 30638

Canadian, Mexican and international donations are welcome, but please make sure your check is drawn on a US bank in US funds and contains a nine-digit routing number on the bottom of the check. US banks have great difficulty processing checks without this routing number, even though the check may say US funds. **Please do not send cash or credit cards.** 

One hundred percent of the funds will be distributed to affected ABANA Affiliates or, if necessary, to other public charities. Dispersal and distribution of the funds must be based on need and not on any affiliation to ABANA or an ABANA Affiliate.

People donating money may suggest where they think the need is greatest. The final distribution of funds, however, must be made by ABANA. If it is critical for you to donate to a person or ABANA Affiliate, that donation should be made directly to the person or affiliate and not to the ABANA Disaster Relief Fund. If you know of people in need, please pass that information on to a local ABANA Affiliate and not to ABANA, the reason being that the local affiliate will distribute all funds to designated individuals. Affected affiliates are asked to tell their membership about this resource. Please distribute this letter to others you think may help.

Toby Hickman of the California Blacksmith's Association and John Steel of the Pittsburgh Area Artist-Blacksmiths Association will work with the affected ABANA Affiliates to establish an equitable means to disperse the ABANA Disaster Relief Funds. Distribution will begin no later than October 14, 2005 and the last distribution will be made no later than March 15, 2006. Please take a moment and contribute what you can and never underestimate the power of human kindness.

\*\*\*\*On another note the 2006 Iron-in-the-Hats tickets that we mailed out to all the ABANA Affiliate Presidents are \$1.00 each!!!!! Sorry for that oversight. Also, please let Marcus Vickery know at (706) 310-0323 or via email conference@abana.org if you need more tickets.

Thanks and hopefully Dave will be well on his way to a rebuilt shop in December and in time for the mailer!

LeeAnn Mitchell slaving away for:

Dave Mudge ABANA Member Services Director 15227 Mansfield Road Bogalusa, LA 70427-0187 985-736-0049 (this number should be working by the end of October) davemudge@abana.org www.abana.org

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