



FORGE

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Vancouver Island Blacksmiths

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COMING EVENTS

- Aug 11,12 2007 Coombs Fair
- Aug 17,18,19 2007..... Vancouver Island Exhibition
Nanaimo
- Aug 25 2007..... Cobble Hill Fair
- Sept 1,2,3 2007..... Saanich Fair
- Sept 15,16 2007..... Saltspring Fair
- Sept 30 2007..... VIBA Sept Meeting 11:30 AM
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CanIRON VI is DONE!!! Hooray....hooray

Well... not really hooray... but you know what I mean. We had a great time, saw some great blacksmithing and can now get busy working on the things we just learned about. This is summer fair time so check the events schedule above to see where and when you need to volunteer (there's that "V" word again). This issue of the newsletter is dedicated to images of CanIRON VI, just to let you re-live some happy memories. Neil and Liane Gustafson made it all possible, with some help from the many volunteers, so this issue is really dedicated to them. This newsletter issue will be posted to the VIBA website with color photos so you might want to have a look there as well.

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President's Report

By: Charlie Dowdeswell



Presidents Report Charlie Dowdeswell July 2007

With recognition of all members past, present, and future:
a very big thank you as
**VIBA successfully celebrates
its 20th anniversary year**

Well, today is July 10th and I am visiting family in Calgary and enjoying the Stampede. It is difficult, even from a distance, to reflect on all of the blood sweat and tears expended in the development of CanIRON VI over the past couple of years. The first thing that comes to mind is the tremendous success that we enjoyed in presenting CanIRON VI. This success does not only include the comfortable, enjoyable, and knowledgeable final presentation, but all of the camaraderie, the skills, the sharing, and the sheer enjoyment of working over a long period with a group of very talented people. Then there is the satisfaction of meeting so many wonderful people from afar. The blacksmithing community really

is remarkable. Demonstrators, whose knowledge and skills came to the forefront, while sharing with others and passing on tremendous amounts of extremely valuable information. Then of course, there was the gallery. Along with the high-quality pieces one expects in a gallery shared with an arts Council, many pieces were absolutely astounding. There were many beautiful individual pieces as well as a few collaborative ones, all were fantastic.

In a couple of the past newsletters I stated "*CanIRON VI will be the happenin' place getting ready to take its spot in our history book, along with the other successful CanIRONs I through V.* Well, it turns out, that's exactly what happened! Thank you to all. The credit, of course, goes to the blacksmithing community from near and far, whose camaraderie and support made this happen. A very special mention to Neil and his wife Lianne for their tireless and seemingly endless work contributed to put on 'our' show - **thank you.** Enough verbiage, and, if the space angels look upon me and some Internet hotspots favorably, you'll see this report along with some pleasant 'memories'.

Happy 20th Anniversary VIBA

Charlie.

Secretary's Report

By: Charlie Low



Viba minutes June 24 07

There were no minutes to be approved- Clint is moving.

Show and tell- Ray brought a “what is it”- 1 inch hexagonal steel, about 14 inches long, pointed at one end, with a 1 ½ inch wide narrow flat end at the other, and in the middle, a 1 x ¼ stuck through the middle and bent into a loop on both sides- the best guess was that it was an anvil used to sharpen “tin scythes”- which were made of mild steel and had an edge beaten on with a hammer and anvil, rather than being ground away on a sharpening stone.

Justin brought in a wide selection of horseshoes

Willy brought in a coat rack he made in the style of John Adoph, and wine bottle holder that his sister made

Roger brought in photos of some hinges he made- they are huge.

Chas brought in a brass anvil that Dennis made as an example of what happens when you give Dennis scrap brass, copper, lead, or especially, tin. He does not have source for tin.

Ray brought in the boxes of canIRON VI hats. The green and black ones are 15.00 ea, the flame ones are 20- there are not as many of them, and they are going fast.

New Members: Justin Martinwood

New Business: We decided that the VIBA picnic would be better held sometime in the fall, as we seem to be just a bit busy right now.

Committee Reports: Skip said the library has a pretty complete set of the newsletters for the last ten years.

Raynier said, all is well financially, though if CanIRON suffers a loss, we are on the hook for it (this is a hint- if you have not registered, please do so- and now would be a good time, so we can give the caterer a number of people to feed).

CanIRON: Raynier said advance registration is still slow. However, we should not panic. Galen mentioned that at North Battleford, the total attendance was about 2 to 3 times the advance registration. However, as mentioned above, the caterer has to have a number, so people who register at the gate may not have the option to have all their meals paid in advance.

The subject of what benefits the volunteers get came up again, and again the principal was stated, “everyone pays”. On entry, everyone gets a nice bag, courtesy of Lee Valley Tools, with a handout with a schedule, cv’s of the demonstrators, and a map of the site. There will also be other goodies, including a Lee Valley catalogue, eye and ear protectors, and who knows what else.

We will be setting up the gallery Wednesday night and Thursday, so bring your treasured art to show off.

We still need stuff for the auction and iron in the toque, so if you can put the arm on a sponsor to donate good stuff, we will be happy to give it a good home.

Work parties are happening on a full time basis now, but by the time you see this, it will all be history.

CanIRON VI Sponsors



Lee Valley tools



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Show and Tell

Photos by D Gillett



Charlie's Obelisk plant hanger



Ray's what is it?



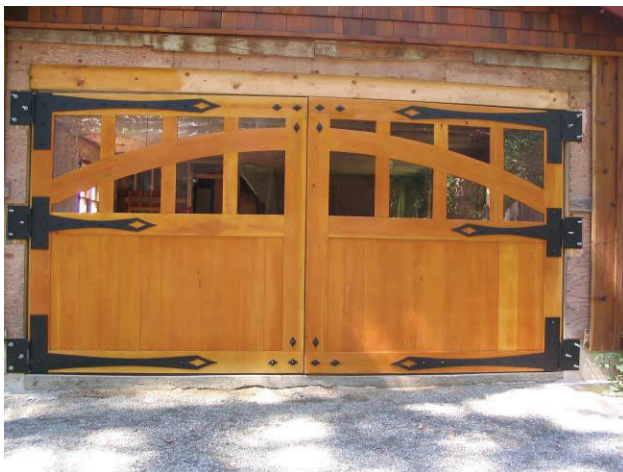
Justin's hoeshoes



Willi's coat rack



Ray's CanIRON Hat samples



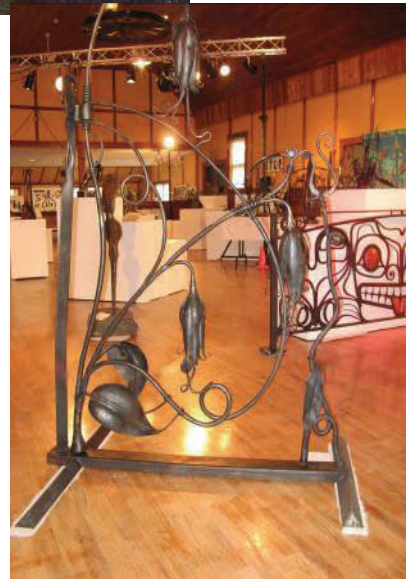
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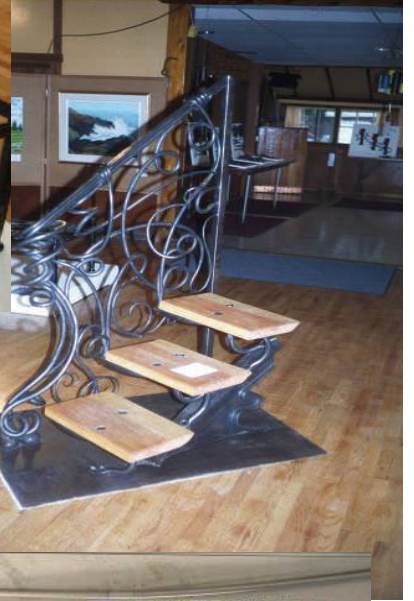
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CanIron VI

Up-Date on our two cancelled demonstrators By Skip Kennedy

Joe Delisimunovic phoned me prior to CanIron to cancel after complications from an operation. Joe reported his doctor's "assured" he would be well and able to hammer for CanIron, but that wasn't the case. Joe will be having to repeat the procedure as he cannot hold tongs. Joe stayed home, and was good he did, as he had to rush Jadranka to hospital CanIron weekend and she was in hospital all week. Jadranka has been undergoing tests. If you wish to send them a note their mailing address is: Joe and Jadranka Delisimunovic, 415 Saint Ann Road, Armstrong, BC, V0E 1B5

I hosted Doug Newell, for CanIron. Doug reported his broken finger prior to CanIron. He couldn't do any heavy hammering as a scheduled demonstrator, but was busy in the "teaching area" all weekend. Doug didn't want to charge CanIron as he was concerned with our expenses. Doug was very helpful with the teaching all weekend along with Doug Roberts and myself. I would like everyone to know about Joe and Jadranka, and how helpful Doug Newell was. Doug was very concerned about our club, and not having money to pay him.