

Toolbox for 2015 SBA Conference

The Southern Blacksmith Association invited the Appalachian Area Chapter Blacksmiths to build the tool box for its 2015 Bi-Annual SBA Conference. It has been an honor for Rutherford County Blacksmith Association, one of AACB's forges, to produce the box for the 2015 SBA Conference. As this is RCBA's first project of this magnitude, it is hoped it will meet the standards of the SBA leaders and others.

The design by Ron Nichols was intended to complement the gothic architecture of the room divider panels in the "ring project" for this year's conference. Flying buttresses were included for added character and width, and the wedge-type joints for the handle added a special element to the rest of the traditional joinery used in the construction. The "leg detail" was hatched from necessity.

The fleur-de-lis motif and letters, crafting of the handle, texturing of the plates, and much of the finishing of the piece, was a joint effort of an enthusiastic team (see below), and the touch mark of each individual is readily visible on each side.

This box would be equally comfortable holding blacksmithing tools as it would displaying magazines or on a hearth with kindling and pinecones in it. We hope it finds a good home!

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