

# Blacksmith monthly update for the month of March 2024

This month and the previous month the committee worked on a few repairs, organizing and a few new tools for the shop. There will be a few things for us to look forward to in the future with updating the blacksmith shop. As well as a new blacksmith teacher that taught a class on a marking knife for wood working. Repairs: The following machines were out of service induction forge and knife makers kiln. The forge had a leak that has been resolved. As well as the kiln has a new coil so it's able to get up to temperature more than before with only one working coil. Me and John also added shims under each wobbly anvils log to keep them from moving as much. While on the other side there is still much more work to do.

Future to do's: label making, equipment purchasing and looking into a sand casting set up. For some to do's are simple but with this last one it's a bit of a safety to do. While people have ask for many ways to cast we don't have a safe way to do it in the space without causing injury or worse. With that being said it is something we are looking into introducing if we can find a safe way to make it work. Some equipment does need to be purchased but it will have to be talked with the board just due to the price. With all this said we are still planning for an open forge before the end of the month.

This months meeting:while it wasn't the normal format me and John K found a way to get together in the shop and talk about some things we can do to make the shop better. We can go into detail into what we need to add and do in our shop but I won't bore you with that. Instead I would like to add that the shop is looking good and we are excited to keep forging lots of metal.