



Lake Champlain
Maritime Museum
LCMM Blacksmithing Guild

LCMM's state-of-the-art 1,800-square-foot Rinehart Blacksmith Arts Center includes a studio shop that can accommodate up to five smiths. This has been a wonderful addition to the museum and has been used for our many blacksmithing classes and Annual Hammer-In. We are now offering the shop space to experienced blacksmiths for individual use.

To Join the Guild: Annual fee is \$25. An hourly "shop fee" of \$5/hour includes the cost of coal, electricity and use of the shop equipment and tools. We use the honor system. Please add up your shop time and contact Tammy at 802-475-2022 X101 for payments. New steel is available with the cost/foot of stock used posted. There is no charge for scrap steel; i.e. "take some, bring some."

Members may bring a guest who may work at the member's forge, but the guest cannot use a second forge. Children 12 years of age and older are welcome to work in the shop under the supervision of a competent adult.

Experienced blacksmiths wishing to join will be asked to demonstrate safe blacksmithing skills prior to use of the shop. Warren Rinehart or another Museum appointed blacksmith, will supervise a 1-2 hour introduction and orientation to the shop for experienced people interested in joining. Applicants will be asked to demonstrate competence in fire management and basic forging techniques. Beginners are required to take an approved introductory course before they can be considered for membership. The highest standard of safety in the shop is essential.

Guild Blacksmiths will be responsible for scheduling time in advance by phone with the LCMM staff and signing in when they arrive and depart. Guild Blacksmiths will be responsible for documenting their shop time and the cost of any new steel used.

Guild Blacksmiths will be billed and expected to pay monthly to remain in good standing. Keeping the integrity of the shop in terms of tools, cleanliness, and locking the shop when the member leaves, is the responsibility of all and essential for the success of the museum's ability to offer this type of membership. Guild Blacksmiths need to respect the space and leave the shop as they found it.

There will be no alcohol use or smoking allowed on the Museum grounds. Safety glasses are required at all times in the shop. The use of hearing protection and gloves is highly recommended.

Please contact LCMM to join us in this opportunity to enjoy the art of forging!

Contact: Please send applications to info@lcm.org with a check, or call (802) 475-2022 X101 for a credit card payment.



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**Lake Champlain Maritime Museum
Blacksmithing Guild Application Form**

Contact Information

Name _____

Address _____

Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (day) _____ (evening) _____

Email _____

Emergency Information

In case of emergency, please identify who should be contacted.

Name _____ Phone _____

Do you have a medical condition/medication/ allergies that medical personnel should be aware of?

Blacksmithing Skill Checklist

To be eligible for membership applicants must demonstrate a minimum skill level to be able to work independently in the LCMM shop. The following is a checklist of required basic skills.

____ Shop safety procedures

____ Fire management

____ Heating metal

____ Cutting stock

____ Basic forging techniques (drawing down, upsetting, bending, twisting, punching)

____ Finishing techniques (removing scale, oil finish)

Check out conducted by _____ **Date** _____



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Waiver of Claims/Acceptance of Membership

In accepting membership in the LCMM Blacksmithing Guild, I release any and all rights and claims for damages against the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, its staff, volunteers and sponsors. I understand that I will be working independently and that blacksmithing activities involve inherent risk. In the event of an accident, I take responsibility for obtaining medical assistance myself and also give permission to the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum staff and their representatives to secure emergency medical services if, in their judgment, such services are necessary. I agree to incur any additional expenses associated with such action. I affirm that I am physically and mentally able to participate in blacksmithing independently and will adhere to all policies established for use of the LCMM facility

I agree to hold LCMM and all its employees, independent contractors and other participating volunteers harmless and waive all claims that might arise from my participation or attendance in the Blacksmith Guild.

I further agree that this Waiver of Liability and Agreement to Hold Harmless extend to any and all claims that might transfer to the benefit of my heirs, assignees, administrators or executors, including but not limited to, all claims arising from my wrongful death.

By signing this waiver I grant the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum the right to use photographs of me for news and promotional purposes.

Signed _____ date _____

Witnessed _____ date _____

For minors, Parent or Guardian _____ date _____