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Hands that have led us for many years:
Fay LeCompte demonstrates at Frying Pan Park, July, 2011

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Shop Rules And Etiquette

The Guild shop is available for use by members in good standing whenever the Nature Center park is open. The shop is locked, so call the shopmaster or a board member for access. Follow all safety rules. Record the number of visitors on the log sheet near door.

Please observe the following rules and etiquette:

- ◆ Two people must be present in the forge to work.
- ◆ Bring safety glasses and wear them. Work in a safe manner at all times.
- ◆ Clean the shop **before and after** you work.
- ◆ Empty firepots and dump ash gate after each use to minimize corrosion.
- ◆ Cold ashes go in a trash bag and take the bag to the trash pickup at the parking lot.
- ◆ Place tools back in their proper places.
- ◆ Dress bar ends which you have cut, to be ready for the next user.
- ◆ Clean the shop before you leave, and carry out trash which you create.
- ◆ Always turn off the lights, coffee pot and heater and lock up when leaving.
- ◆ Bring your own material for personal projects. Shop stock is for learning and practice.
- ◆ No alcoholic beverages on park property.
- ◆ No propane can be stored on the property.

Scholarship Applications

Scholarship applications are available on the web at www.bgop.org. Completed forms should be sent to: Fay LeCompte III, 1016A East Main Street, Luray, VA 22835-1622

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