



22nd Annual Blacksmith, Art & Music Festival

Sep. 27th, 2025 10am-5:00 pm • Riverfront Park • Boulder Drive, Fitchburg, MA
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SPECIAL GUEST METALSMITH & COMPETITION JUDGE

Willow Zietman

Willow is an artist blacksmith from Lunenburg, MA, and an instructor at Prospect Hill Forge in Waltham.

Drawing inspiration from the animals on her farm and the fairy tales she reads to her daughter, Willow creates work that strives for elegance, humor, and cuteness. For Willow, blacksmithing is about using traditional forging and sculpting techniques to bring life and whimsy to traditionally forged ironwork. Her work focuses on the details and quirks that evoke laughter or a smile.

As of November 2023, Willow is a Forged in Fire Champion (History Channel, season 10, episode 7).

DECORATIVE PANEL COMPETITION

Theme: "Life Around the River". Create a 2-sided panel to fit into an 18" square grid in the park's decorative screen. Prizes are awarded based on originality, quality of workmanship and execution. Panels become property of the City of Fitchburg and are permanently attached to the Riverfront Park Trellis. Provide fastening points; a frame is not necessary. For past entries, see www.fitchburgforgein.org.

1st \$500 2nd \$250 3rd \$125 Merit 2 prizes at \$75 ea.

Session I 10:00-11:00 am

Break 11:00-11:15 am

Session II 11:15 am-12:15 pm

Lunch & Demonstration by Willow Zietman

12:15-2:00 pm

Session III 2:00-4:00 pm

Clean-up & Packing

Awards Ceremony with Mayor Sam Squailia, State Rep. Michael P. Kushmerek & State Senator John J. Cronin 4:30 pm

Championship Grand Prizes and Jackets

Novice: \$150 Intermediate: \$200
 Professional: \$300

LIVE COMPETITION REGISTRATION FORM

REQUIRED and ; must be submitted by 9/15/2025. On-site registration is \$25.00.

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____ Check one box:

Telephone (required): _____ I II III

Circle either: I will...I will not be submitting a panel for the Riverfront Park Trellis.

T-Shirt size: _____

Mail to: Blacksmith Festival / ACHLA Designs®
 65 Arbor Way, Fitchburg, MA 01420

Or Email to:
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Sessions	Cash prizes for each of the sessions are:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Div. 1	Novice - less than 1 yr. experience	\$100	\$50	\$25
I	Barbeque Skewer Material: 18" of 1/4" square stock			
II	Forged Pendant Material: 18" of 3/4 x 3/16" flat bar			
III	Pair of Chopsticks Material: 10", 3/8" round bar			
Div. 2	Intermediate - serious hobbyist, 1+ yr. exp.	\$125	\$75	\$50
I	S-Hook Material: 18" of 3/8" square bar			
II	Churchkey Bottle Opener Material: 8" of 1 x 1/4" flat bar			
III	Forged and Friendly Face Material: 18" of 1/2" Square			
Div. 3	Professional blacksmith	\$150	\$100	\$75
I	Fairy Circlet Material: 48" of 1/4" round			
II	Spider Queen Material: 6" of 1/2" square bar			
III	Bracelet Dragon Material: 18" of 3/8" Square bar			

» All participants will receive a lunch coupon and a complimentary festival T-shirt. Shirts will also be available for sale.

» All divisions have been assigned projects to be completed in each session as listed.

» Precut stock will be provided to pre-registered participants. Those registering on-site must purchase stock for \$25.00.

» Lists of stock sizes, drawings, rules and regulations are available at www.fitchburgforgein.org