



23rd Annual Blacksmith, Art & Music Festival

Sep. 26th, 2026 10am-5.00pm • Riverfront Park • Boulder Drive, Fitchburg, MA
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SPECIAL GUEST METALSMITH & COMPETITION JUDGE

Justin Morrell

"Blacksmithing has been part of my life for as long as I can remember. My father opened a blacksmith shop when I was three years old, sparking my fascination with the craft. As I grew, I learned all I could about blacksmithing and started helping at the shop for a small wage at age eleven. I joined my father full-time right after high school and expanded my knowledge of design and theory by apprenticing with Lance Cloutier in Tyler, Texas, and Joe Pahoski in Salado, Texas."

"I am now the president at Morrell Metalsmiths, and I enjoy teaching beginner and intermediate classes at our studio. I demonstrated at the 2000 ABANA conference on design-build and jiggling for production items, and in 2003 at Hampshire College on scroll terminations. I am also a member of the New England Blacksmiths Association and exhibited my work in a collaborative wood-and-metal show at Salmon Falls Artisan Gallery in Shelburne Falls, MA."

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 10:00-11:00am

Break 11:00-11:15am

Session II 11:15am-12:15pm

Lunch & Demonstration by Justin Morrell
 12:15-2:00pm

Session III 2:00-4:00pm

Clean-up & Packing

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

Championship Grand Prizes and Jackets

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

LIVE COMPETITION REGISTRATION FORM

REQUIRED and ; must be submitted by 9/10/2026. On-site registration is \$25.00.

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Check one box:

I will compete in Division:

I ☐ II ☐ III ☐

Telephone (required): _____

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	Square Punch Material: 30" of ½" square stock			
II	Round Punch Material: ½" Square - material session 1 remaining			
III	Leaf Key Chain Ring Material: 12" of 7" Cold Rolled 1018			
Div. 2	Intermediate - serious hobbyist, 1+ yr. exp.	\$125	\$75	\$50
I	Tapered Chisle Material: 5" of ¾" square bar			
II	Round Taper Material: 6" of ¾" round			
III	Figure 8 Material: 30" of ¾" round			
Div. 3	Professional blacksmith	\$150	\$100	\$75
I	Square Punches Material: ¾" square x 4½" 2 Pcs.			
II	Square Material: ¾" square x 30"			
III	Eye Camp Hatchet Head Material: 1 Ferrier Rasp			

» 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