



The City of Washington, Arkansas, in partnership with the University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana Foundation and Historic Washington State Park, will host the 4th Annual James Black's Bowie Heritage Festival on April 25-26, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The festival will celebrate James Black, the bladesmith who forged the first Bowie Knife for Jim Bowie in Washington, Arkansas, and showcase a variety of Arkansas heritage crafts and trades.

Upcoming James Black School of Bladesmithing Classes:

- March 17-21: Hunting Knife Course
- May 5-9: Bowie Knife Course
- June 21-22: Forge to Sharp Course
- July 12-13: Friction Folder Knife Course
- September 8-10: X-Rhea Knife Course
- October 10-13: Hunting Knife Course
- November 3-7: Free Veterans Course

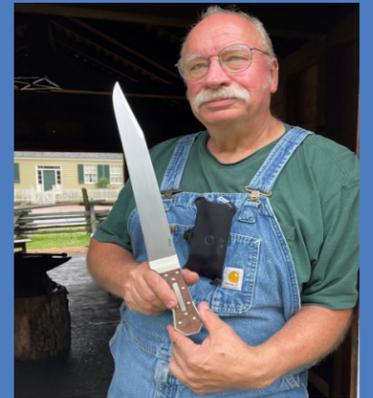


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 BLADESMITHING AND HISTORIC TRADES
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Featuring World-Renowned Master Bladesmiths



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- World Famous Bladesmiths
- Forged in Fire Celebrities
- Bladesmith Cutting Competition
- Knife Show By World-Class Bladesmiths
- Historical Reenactments & Encampments
- Bowmakers & Knapping
- Original James Black Bowie Knife Exhibit & FREE Knife Evaluation by Mark Zalesky
- Welding Competition by Students
- Forging Competition by Bladesmiths & Festival Attendees
- Tours of Historic Buildings
- Surrey Rides
- Arts & Crafts
- Food Trucks & Williams' Tavern
- Many Other Attractions!

Meet Forged in Fire celebrities **DOUG MARCAIDA**, **RICARDO VILAR**, & **J. NEILSON**, actor, whip & sword master known for his work in the movies Indiana Jones, Batman Returns, & Road House, **ANTHONY DE LONGIS**, and weapons demonstrator **JW WISEMAN**.



For information, call 870-648-5084 or visit bowieknifefest.com.

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