



## International Blacksmiths Day

All good and important days to be remembered got its day in the calendar. Four years ago, close to Valentine's Day, members of Antracit Blacksmith Portal hand forged roses to their wife's and girlfriends. That made start point in discussing the very important part in the Industrial history which involves the work of all blacksmiths.

Actually the blacksmiths was the core leader of the Industrial revolution in all aspects as innovators and craftsmen and the persons who made all of this possible. Now a day all this is history and the work of blacksmithing has almost been forgotten. Still there are a lot of craftsmen regaining new popularity as Blacksmith's and members of Antracit dropped the idea to start celebrating the craftsmanship of blacksmithing with a special day called Blacksmiths Day. Saturday May 22 will be the Blacksmiths Day this Year 2010.

We also got the logo in English for everyone to download and use for pointing out your open shop. Just us it on any poster, sign or whatever suitable! The logo will show your shop and if you register at the blacksmith list at Antracit your shop will be shown at the map to! That's a great way to let interested know where to go to find a blacksmith that's opened up to show everyone how blacksmithing is done!

Last Year the Swedish Art Metal High School, Steneby did celebrate this Blacksmith Day with open doors and together with more than five Folk High Schools around Scandinavia the focus will be on blacksmithing this day. Year 2007 a lot of newspapers and media recognized this day as Blacksmith Day and wrote articles and made radio and TV from all around Sweden.

We at Antracit would like more schools and blacksmith's around the world to set this day, The fourth Saturday in may yearly, to become the day when people visit blacksmith's and we celebrate this ancient craft.

At some Blacksmith's shop there will be coffee and refreshments served and visitors will get the opportunity to try pounding the hot metal. That is always very welcome and give visitors the good feeling of being brawler "I did dare to smith red hot metal".

Please join us and promote hand crafted metal, regardless if it's silver, steel or brass and softened in a hot coal fire or shaped like sheet metal. Make Saturday 22 May a International Blacksmiths Day all around the world and promote Blacksmithing. An ancient craft, Blacksmithing forging its way into the future with new designs.

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