

1942 Murray 100# Power Hammer

Nan and I visited Bernard Tappel's Blacksmith Shop in Osage Bluff, Missouri, for a tour of Bernard's shop. We watched a Murray 100# Power Hammer in operation. This power hammer was donated to the Blacksmith Association of Missouri (BAM), their motto: "*Dedicated to the preservation and advancement of the blacksmithing art and craft.*" The powerhammer was finely tuned and ready to educate, with courses already under development to be offered through BAM. Thanks to Bernie and his wife Patti for their hospitality and for sharing the craft of blacksmithing.



Short handled heavy hammer



Bernard demonstrates a hammering technique with the short handled heavy hammer popularized by Alfred Habermann, a Czech blacksmith.



Bernard: craftsman at work with a fine-tuned tool



Bernard Tappel and Vern Mesler



Forging a frog on a lily pad

