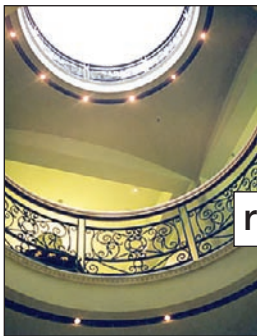


Artists in Alberta

Shawn is a blacksmith

Shawn is a blacksmith and an artist.

He makes things out of metal. For example:



railing



chair



hammer

Shawn teaches blacksmithing too. How did Shawn become a blacksmith? He taught himself.



Shawn at his blacksmith shop



Shawn made these things. He sells them at his shop.

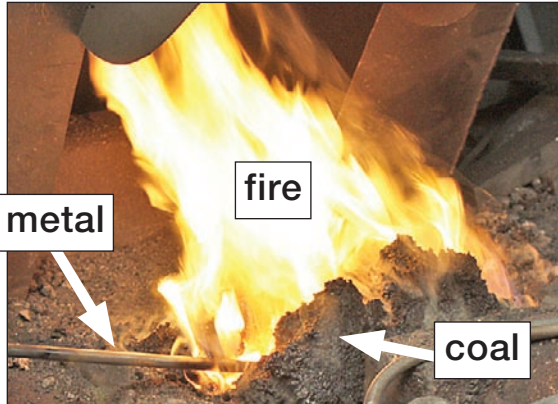
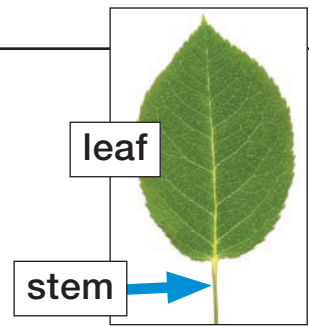
Photos—chair, railing: Shawn Cunningham; other photos: Bev Burke

 [More on page 2](#)

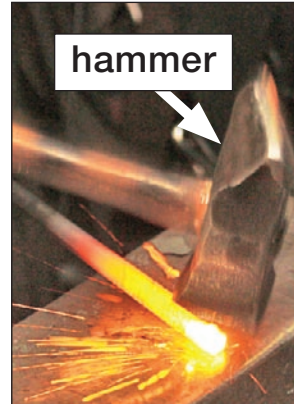
Shawn makes a coat hook. It looks like a leaf.



coat hook



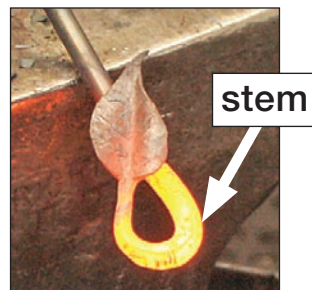
1 Shawn makes a fire. The fire is very hot. Shawn puts some metal in the fire.



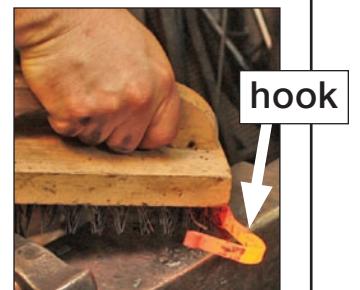
2 Shawn hits the metal with a hammer. He makes a leaf on one end.



3 He heats the metal again. He makes a stem.



4 He heats the other end. He makes a hook.

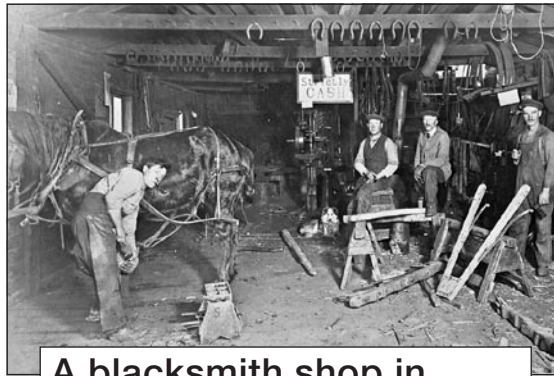


Special thanks to Shawn Cunningham • Photos—leaf: iStockphoto; other photos: Bev Burke

Did you know?

100 years ago

- ✓ Many communities in Alberta had a blacksmith shop.



A blacksmith shop in Vermilion, Alberta, in 1910

Today

- ✓ Blacksmiths are very important in many countries.

a blacksmith in Africa



Photos—early blacksmith shop: Glenbow Archives NA-1566-2; blacksmith in Africa: UN (©FAO/Marco Longari)