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Blacksmith Shop Dedication

National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium

The new volunteer built blacksmith shop at the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium will be dedicated on Saturday, April 25, 2009.

Please join us for the Dubuque Boat and Boiler Works, Jim Grady, blacksmith shop dedication at 1:00 P.M.

This blacksmith shop was built by Dubuque County Historical Society volunteers and spearheaded by National Rivers Hall of Fame Board member and volunteer, Milt Avenarius.

All of the design, labor, and materials to build the shop were donated as well as the tools used to demonstrate the working shop to visitors at the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium.

Many individuals donated tools and even the bellows used to fire the forge. All volunteers and donors helping to make this blacksmith shop a reality are invited to the dedication ceremony. Refreshments will be served after the event, and volunteers will continue to demonstrate the workings of the shop throughout the day. Visitors will be able to try their hand at pumping the large shop bellows.