



Iron Works: Work Smarter, Not Harder

National Conference on Contemporary Cast Iron Art & Practices Call for Guest Furnaces

Sloss Furnaces National Historic Landmark
Birmingham, Alabama
April 7th-10th, 2027

The National Conference on Contemporary Cast Iron Art and Practices (NCCCIAP) will return to the Sloss grounds in 2027! We look forward to welcoming and reuniting with you all.

CALL FOR GUEST FURNACES

The Steering Committee for the National Conference on Contemporary Cast Iron Art and Practices invites all artists, professionals, and groups to operate their furnaces during the conference.

There are two opportunities for guest furnaces; the first is as a production furnace for the conference, and the second is as a guest furnace bringing and pouring your own molds. It is highly educational and essential to have furnaces of different types running at the conference. If finances are accepted, we strongly encourage you to seek sponsorship from local businesses or donors and to work with the Guest Furnaces Committee representatives for any support needed.

Requirements:

- All guest furnaces should be self-sufficient! Bring ladles, torches, tools, extension cords, mud, good mojo, awesome crew, functional safety equipment, and anything else you may require to succeed.
- 110V electricity, propane, and an operated forklift will be provided
- Production furnaces must have a minimum 16" ID
- All styles of furnaces accepted (cupola, cupolette, continuous, intermittent, alternative)
- Guest molds are subject to an iron charge as follows: Actual weight X \$.50/lb - De-spruing is encouraged. You take it home, You pay for the weight
- Furnace crews may elect to bring their supplies rather than purchasing them from Sloss
- All furnaces are responsible for cleaning up their pour sites, including mold waste, magnet rolling for iron and/or nails, etc. **Once your pour is complete and you've cleaned up, you must check out with a committee member before leaving the site.** Heavy lift crew will not be able to assist until the site is thoroughly cleaned up.

SUBMISSIONS DUE VIA [GOOGLE FORM](#) : October 31, 2026

Notification of acceptance by December 1, 2026

All questions can be directed to Dave at daveofthem@gmail.com

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OPEN CALL FOR GUEST FURNACES

Please submit the following information via the Google Form::

- Furnace name, type, tap style
- ID of furnace, tap size in pounds
- Approximate number of pours with furnace to date
- Estimated run time including burn in
- Are you bringing your own molds?
- Estimated coke and iron needed
- Will you be a production furnace (no smaller than 16" ID)
- Optional supplemental information including furnace designs, educational materials, photos, etc.

The National Conference on Contemporary Cast Iron Art and Practices

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