

# ROBB GUNTER

---

## Blacksmithing Bio

Robb Gunter began blacksmithing in 1980, under the instruction of Rolando DeLeon who taught a class in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Robb was at the time, employed by Sandia National Laboratories in the Precision Metal Forming prototype development shop.

As he learned more about blacksmithing from Francis Whitaker and others he began to introduce the idea of forging metals as a viable method of producing parts at Sandia Labs. Over numerous concerns he proved to management that forged parts, in many cases, produced superior quality parts and were in fact a cost effective way of making them. From 1986 to 1993 Robb was the Resident Blacksmith for Sandia National Laboratories. During his tenure there he developed what is known amongst blacksmiths as the Super Quench for mild and low carbon steels and with Karl Schuler developed the Recuperative Gas Forge; plans for which are still available from ABANA (Artist Blacksmiths Association of North America) and over 2000 of them have been built around the country. He has taught at numerous regional conferences, 11 recuperative forge building workshops and at 3 ABANA national conferences.

In 1986 Robb founded the Forgery School of Blacksmithing and taught classes for basic and intermediate smiths for 12 years. In 1993 he left Sandia Labs to devote more time to teaching and perusing architectural commissions. In 1998 Robb put the basic class instructional demonstrations and lectures into a video production which has now been re-mastered to a DVD set. This video course is used as an instructional tool in many university art schools, by blacksmithing associations and private individuals wanting to study the skill of blacksmithing. Robb's sons Chad and Brad are also professional blacksmiths who both began smithing as 5 years of age. They each own their on businesses in competition with their father. While Robb took a few years off teaching classes to complete a large architectural commission in Arizona, Robb's sons, Chad and Brad built a brand new facility for the Forgery School of Blacksmithing. The well tooled school can now accommodate 12 students at a time, and Chad and Brad along with Robb, now conduct regular basic, intermediate and specialty classes. Chad, Brad and Robb also forge and sell many specialty tools and supplies for the blacksmith under the G 3 Tool name. Go to: [g3blacksmithing.com](http://g3blacksmithing.com)

Robb Gunter Architectural Metals now forges commissioned work such as tools, chandeliers, gates, door hardware, furniture, and railings in fine homes and commercial buildings around the country.