

2009 Gunmaker's Hall Giveaway

by Dick Miller, Gunmaker's
Hall Chairman

Due to the overwhelming success of our 2008 giveaway, the Committee of Gunmaker's Hall has decided to keep things the same for 2009, but with several additional prizes.



Our **FIRST PLACE** winner will receive a superlatively crafted flintlock rifle by Mike McHugh of Clarksville, Ohio, styled after John Rupp of the Allentown, Pennsylvania School. It boasts a 44-inch Rice barrel in .50 caliber, stocked in a fine piece of curly maple donated by Jerry Crawford of Colorado. The lock is from Larry Zorne's Mold and Gun Shop. I saw the rifle before it was completed, and can attest to the maker's skill.

Our **SECOND PLACE** winner will re-



Mike McHugh working on the rifle.



One of the embellishments on this year's rifle.



ceive a shooting bag by the well known maker Don Rose of Wyoming, Michigan. Don has made many bags over the years, and they are highly sought after.

Our **THIRD PLACE** winner will take home a beautifully made and scrimshawed powder horn by Jon Stamp of Rockford, Michigan. Jon is very well known in the Midwest. He has made numerous horns over the years.

Our incentive program was very popular last year, and to entice greater participation, Gunmaker's Hall is again offering some very special incentives to those who donate **fifty dollars or more at one time**: a separate drawing for their tickets only. This drawing will have as its main prize a poor boy rifle by Richard Miller, Hall Chairman, stocked in mulberry wood. It has a Chambers Late Ketland Lock and a .50 cal. barrel rifled **in gain twist** by Bill Hoover and his crew of The Gun Shop of Ohio. Complementing the rifle we will have powder horns donated by P.A. Danis of Youngstown, Ohio, and Jeff Bottiger of Edgar Springs, Missouri. Finally, something specifically for the ladies: Nancy Thelen of Lansing, Michigan has hand made and donated a beautiful quilt for the drawing. After the incentive drawing, all tickets will be placed together for the main drawing.

As you can see, Gunmaker's Hall has assembled another spectacular group of prizes for your enjoyment. The committee wishes to express our utmost appreciation to the contributors of prizes for their creativity and generosity, and to all of **you** for your continuing financial support of Gunmaker's Hall through



your ticket purchases.

On page 57 you will find twelve tickets for your use. You may use these or photocopy them (please do not enlarge or reduce) and clearly fill in the information on as many tickets as you wish to submit. Some state regulations may require us to make tickets available free of charge, but we greatly encourage your donation of \$3 per ticket, two for \$5, or 12 for \$25.

Buy 24 for \$50 and get in on the incentive drawing!

The drawing for these outstanding prizes will be Saturday, September 19, 2009 on the back porch of Gunmaker's Hall on the NMLRA range in Friendship, Indiana. You do not have to be present to win. Winners will be notified by phone promptly after the drawing. Items will be shipped to the winners.

Please send tickets with your donations to NMLRA, PO box 67, Friendship, IN 47021. This offer is not valid where prohibited by law. Thank you in advance for your support through your generous donations.

While I have your attention, I want to encourage you to *attend the National Shoot* in June. If you have a rifle to display, please bring it to the Hall during your stay. Also, we will have several informative evening presentations for your enjoyment. I plan to be working on a rifle on the back porch as usual. We will also have Dennis Priddy working on our 2010 incentive rifle under the pavilion. He tells me he will complete it at the June shoot. You will want to stop by to see how he progresses.

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Incentive prizes for the 2009 Gunmaker's Hall Giveaway include from top left: powder horns donated by P.A. Danis of Youngstown, Ohio, and Jeff Bottiger of Edgar Springs, Missouri; a beautiful hand made quilt donated by Nancy Thelen of Lansing, Michigan; and a poor boy rifle stocked in mulberry wood by Richard Miller, Hall Chairman.

