

# 2010 Gunmaker's Hall Giveaway

by Dick Miller, Gunmaker's Hall Chairman



For 2010 Gunmaker's Hall is continuing our tradition of offering some really fine items in our annual giveaway. We have two rifles, a great shooting bag, and a fantastic handmade quilt as our prizes. We will be adding to this list, but due to the illness of your Hall chairman, the list of items is not complete as I write this.

I would like to thank everyone who purchased tickets for the 2009 giveaway, and also to the contributors of prize items for both last year and 2010. With the revenue generated by our giveaways, the Hall has been able to plan a number of improvements in addition to funding an additional NMLRA educational scholarship.

This year our main rifle prize was created by **Mike Miller** of Paducah, Kentucky. Mike does really fine work and has a booth in commercial row at the National Shoots. Mike's production for the Hall giveaway is a Virginia rifle with a wood patchbox. The curly maple stock is from **Wayne Dunlap** and is entirely hand scraped in the tradition of 18th century work. The barrel, donated by **Rice Barrel Company**, is forty-six inches long in .50 cal. It is charcoal blued in the old-time way. The early Ketland style lock was donated by **Jim Chambers Flintlocks**. The brass castings are from **Reaves Goehring**. *This rifle certainly is as fine as any we have offered.*

Our second prize is a handmade shooting bag by **Rick Bruner** of Jenison, Michigan. This bag was made in the style

of our forefathers using materials that were readily available. Rick's creation is made of feed sack cloth with a pillow ticking lining with the front of buckskin and the flaws patched by hand. The strap is crafted from sack cloth and buckskin. Mr. Bruner donated this wonderful creation to the Hall and should be "a prideful piece for any flatlander or mountain man."

And now especially for the ladies, we again have a beautiful handmade quilt for our third place prize. It was made by **Nancy Thelen** of Lansing, Michigan, and donated to the Hall for this giveaway.

We are again continuing our "incentive giveaway." Because of the success of our two previous incentives, we are again offering a poorboy style rifle as the main prize. This year's product is by **Dennis Priddy** of Nashville, Michigan. The rifle features a really neat stock of cherry with streaks running throughout, and a .50 cal. barrel rifled under the Hall pavilion by **Bill Hoover and his crew** of The Gunshop of Ohio.

Anyone getting \$50 in tickets at one time will have their tickets placed in a special drawing for this rifle before the main drawing for the other prizes.

Our ticket prices will remain the same as last year with a requested donation of \$3 each, two for \$5, and 12 for \$25. But get in on the incentive drawing and get 24 tickets for \$50!

On the next page you will find twelve tickets for your use. You may use these or photocopy them (please do not enlarge or reduce the size). Fill in the information clearly 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 in the amounts previously mentioned.

The drawing for these fine items will take place on the back porch of Gunmaker's Hall on the NMLRA range on September 18, 2010. 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.

*Incentive prizes: Rifle by Dennis Priddy, powder horn by Clester Armstrong of Morehead, KY, priming horn by John D. Ruoff, Wapakoneta, OH.*



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