Ben Griffin

I'm a self taught blacksmith and knife maker with a flare for period and rustic works. I hand stitch all my own leather work.I enjoy the hunt for high carbon steel to repurpose into my original designs, every single piece of steel I use is recycled or reclaimed from something or someone. I find the most beautiful and interesting grained hardwood that I shape into handles making it one of a kind. Every blade is hardened, tempered and sharpened for practical and everyday use.

Blacksmithing is something I always wanted to do but never had the space or the equipment to start, I woke up one day and decided to "go for it " and started collecting broken tools and equipment and fixing them. I acquired a propane forge made a railroad track anvil and started swinging a hammer, I fell in love with the craft almost instantly. I am constantly learning new things and techniques, I approach challenges with an open mind and weather it be carpentry, leather working or Blacksmithing there is infinite potential for artistic expression.

In April of 2024, I moved my family to Keystone Heights. While showing the locals my knife work, they told me about the extraordinary art community in Melrose. Immediately, I was eager to check out their work and get to know other artists who share the same passion for creativity. My admiration continued to grow for not only the artists of Mossman Hall, but the entire art community in Melrose. I am thankful and overjoyed to embark on this journey alongside exceptionally talented artists.