

Happy Independence Day!



July 2009

Flint River Knife Club

BENEFIT KNIFE QUILT The dimensions for the handmade quilt are: 68 inches by 95 inches. It will lay over the top of a king-sized bed or hang over a queen-sized bed. The drawing for the quilt will be at the November meeting. Remember that the club scholarships and demonstrations are funded by the monies derived from these benefit drawings. The ticket price is **\$5 for one ticket and 5 tickets for \$20. Buying five tickets gives you one for free!**

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER June was one of the months to draw for a chance to win a \$500 scholarship to any class or event related to knives. Nola Costin won the drawing! She has not yet decided exactly what she'd like to do.

KNIVES for SALE June Hawkins has information on knives for sale by a former club member. Call her if you're interested. Her number is 770-964-1177.

CLUB OUTING DEMONSTRATIONS The Club is looking for someone to give a demonstration other than forging. Travel and dinner expenses will be paid for by the Club. If you know of someone who would be a good choice for this, or if you would like to do one yourself, please contact David Prowell. His number is 770-903-9185 or 770-366-6511.

MIKE MULLIKIN'S TREASURE Many years ago, 1968 in fact, when Mike was a young tank commander in Berlin, he invested a substantial part of his pay in what would become one of his prized possessions—a Gerber Mark II combat knife (later changed to “survival” knife because someone thought that “combat” sounded too dangerous). He carried and used the big



Gerber almost daily until he left Berlin three years later. He gave it to a friend, thinking he would no longer need such a tool, but a few years later bought a new one at the PX as a keepsake. This remained in his knife collection and one of his favorites until 1997, when he moved to Atlanta. The Gerber Mark II and a number of other knives were stolen during the move. For many years the loss couldn't be replaced; Gerber no longer made the Mark II and they became rare. On those occasions when one turned up on ebay it easily went for \$800-\$1200. Mike had all but given up replacing his knife when, about two months ago, Gerber announced the re-release of the classic Mark II to celebrate Gerber's 70th anniversary, along with a new Mark II for the Twenty-first century.

**NEXT MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 7TH**