



Chamorro Traditional Tools

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- History
 - Metal
 - Blacksmithing
- Basics for Blacksmithing
 - Tools
 - Materials
- Description of traditional Chamorro tools

History

- Pre-Spanish arrival
 - Shell and stone tools
- Spanish arrival
 - Metal replaces shell and stone tools
- American arrival
 - Increase in supplies
 - Increase in blacksmithing
 - Later decline of blacksmiths

Chamorro Blacksmithing Today

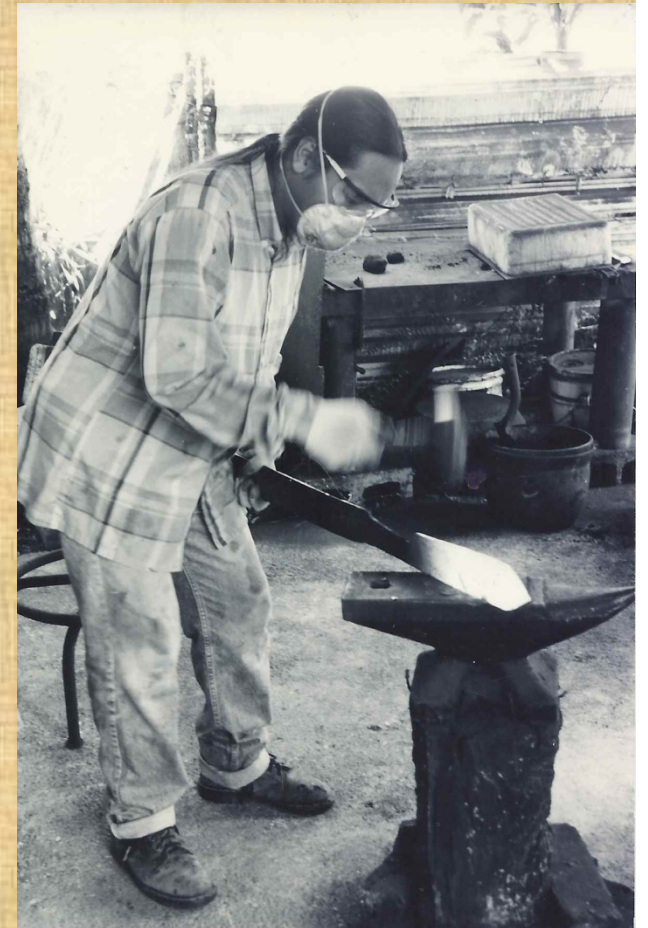
- Nearly became a lost art
- Master Blacksmith
Joaquin 'Jack' Lujan
 - National Fellowship
Heritage Award from NEA
- Apprenticeship program



Tools and Materials



- Forge and fuel
- Anvil and hammer
- High to medium carbon steel



Chamorro Tools

- Machete
- Fosinos (Hoe)
- Soh'so (Coconut extractor)
- Kamyō (Coconut grater)
- Si'i (Weaving Tool)

Machete

- All purpose cutting tool
 - Clearing land
 - Harvesting
 - Slaughtering and butchering
 - Kitchen purposes



Fosinos

- Push/Thrust hoe
- Clear land
- Cultivation



Soh'so (Coconut extractor)

- Used to remove coconut meat from the shell
 - Livestock feed
 - Copra



Kamyo (Coconut grater)

- Pronounced Kam-zu
- Shred coconut meat from the shell
 - Coconut milk
 - Coconut oil
 - Feed for livestock



<http://guamfirehousecook.blogspot.com/2011/05/making-coconut-milk.html>

Si'i (Weaving tool)

- Pandanus leaves
 - Baskets
 - Mats
 - Hats



Closing

- Chamorro traditional tools were once important for survival
- They are as useful today as they were yesteryear
- The tradition is still maintained by a handful of blacksmiths trained by Master blacksmith Jack Lujan

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