



# N.J.B.A. Newsletter

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## Editors Soapbox

Hi, We still have some great events for this year and we are working on next year. The Atlantic Coast Blacksmithing Conference is in September and will be more than worth the time to go. As editor I would appreciate some help in writing up events for the newsletter. You don't have to be a gifted writer just send me something about the event as I can't make all of them or remember everything. Larry Brown, Editor

## Upcoming events for 2008

Get you calendars out and mark these events down. Please bookmark our web site and check for updated meet information. Remember most of our meets have an "Iron in the Hat" drawing, so be sure to bring something. Meet information starts on this page and continues on page 3.

**August 3—10** Middlesex County Fair More information on this page .

**September 12 - 14** Days of the Past Engine Show Washington Crossing Park, NJ,  
More info on page 3 .

**September 28th** Red Mill in Clinton NJ  
More information on page 5.

**October 5th** Walnford Day  
Information on page 3.

**October 11** Peters Valley Pig Roast  
Information on page 3.

**October 18th—19th** Sword making workshop  
More information on page 6.

**December Holiday Party**—Information next newsletter

**Atlantic Coast Blacksmithing Conference**  
September 4th through 7th, with Peter Ross  
David Norrie and Mark Aspery.  
More information on pages 7-9

## Middlesex County Fair

**August 4<sup>th</sup> – 10th 2008, East Brunswick NJ**

NJBA will be providing public demonstrations during the Middlesex County Fair. Several smiths provided demonstrations last year to test the waters and judged the fair to be a great event. The organizers are very appreciative of our efforts and have provided a small stipend to defer costs. Those providing public demonstrations will be compensated for their travel.

If you can help, please stop by on Sunday August 3<sup>rd</sup> for set up, Sunday August 10<sup>th</sup> for tear down and/or the rest of week for demonstrations. We will have at least two forging stations set up.

### Directions:

The Middlesex County Fair is located on Cranbury Rd. where it intersects Fern Roads in East Brunswick. Take Route 18 into East Brunswick, follow the directions for Cranbury onto Cranbury Road (Rt. 535 South), pass East Brunswick High School on the left, keep left at the fork, and continue on Cranbury Road for about three miles to the fair. 655 Cranbury Road.

For more information please contact:  
David Macauley, 732-2-6-1568,  
[drmacauley@att.net](mailto:drmacauley@att.net)

### Notice

Recently NJBA member Jeff Morelli passed away. Any donations NJBA members are able to make to an educational fund for the benefit of Jeffrey's children would be appreciated. Donations should be written to "Morelli Children Fund" and sent to Mark Cubberley, 282 Main Street, Groveville, NJ 08620.

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## **The NJBA Web Site!**

The NJBA Web Site is up

and running at:

<http://njba.abana-chapter.com/>

The Newsletter is at:

<http://members.bellatlantic.net/~vze25jcc/index.htm>

or use the link on the NJBA web site  
for the newsletter.

## **Official NJBA Address**

**NJBA**

**P.O. Box 224**

**Farmingdale, NJ**

**07727-9998**

**Rather than use room in the newsletter,  
All correspondence between  
ABANA and NJBA is now being posted  
on the NJBA web site.  
If you cannot access it there, contact me  
and I will send you copies.  
ABANA is communicating again so  
check it out**

## **NJBA Board of Directors**

Directors information not  
available on line

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## Old Time Engine Show September 12th, 13th, 14th

NJBA will again be at the Delaware Valley Old Time Power and Equipment Association's "Days of the Past" Engine Show at Washington Crossing State Park, in Titusville, New Jersey. Come on out and bring the family, there are hay rides for the kids, a metal heads flea market, and a lot to see. We will have a couple of forges going so bring a hammer, also if you have some items for sale we will have a table out. Come on out and join the fun. For more information check out their web site <http://daysofthepast.com>

### Directions:

The Engine Show is located in Washington Crossing State Park off of Rt. 29 (River Rd.) South of Lambertville and North of Trenton signs are posted to show the way.

## BLACKSMITH HAMMER-IN & TOOL SWAP At the Red Mill Museum Village

Sunday, September 28th  
10:00am - 4:00pm

Details are on page 5, come out and have some fun! This will also be an election meeting, if you want to join the NJBA board let us know!

## October Meet at Walnford Park

We will be demonstrating and holding a membership meeting at Walnford Park on October 5th. Walnford is also known as Crosswicks Creek Park and is in Upper Freehold, N.J Set-up starts 10:00, the event is :00 - 5:00.

### Directions

· NJ Turnpike to Exit 7A, (I-195 east). Follow I-195 to Exit 8 (Allentown, Rt. 524/539). Turn

South onto Rt. 539 through Allentown (Rt. 539 requires a left turn where it splits from Rt. 524). Follow Rt. 539 to Holmes Mill Rd. Turn right. Follow to Walnford Rd. Turn right and follow 1 mile to Park.

· Rt. 9 to Freehold (West Main Street/Rt. 537 east exit). Northbound, turn left at exit; southbound, turn right at exit. Follow Rt. 537 west to Rt. 539. Turn right onto Rt. 539 west. Follow Rt. 539 west to Burlington Path. Turn left; follow to Holmes Mill Rd. Turn right; follow to Walnford Rd. Turn left and follow 1 mile to park.

## Sword making workshop October 18th and 19th

NJBA Will be offering a two day sword making workshop lead by Master Swordsmith Mark Morrow. More information on page 6.

## Outside of NJBA meets:

### Atlantic Coast Blacksmiths Conference

Mark Aspery - David Norrie  
Peter Ross

3 Days of Hot Metal at the  
Ashokan Center, Olivebridge, NY .  
September 4 - 7, 2008

This looks like its going to be a great conference, small and easy to see it all, so register early to get a spot! More information on pages 7—9.

## Peters Valley Pig Roast

The only information I have is that it is scheduled for October 11th. Please check their web site <http://www.petersvalley.org/> for more information.

**Many Thanks To Nate Pettengil  
who moved to New England and  
still Volunteered to send out our renewal  
notices. Lets make it worth his time and  
send them in!**

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## **NJBA Demo, Waterloo Canal Day Saturday June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008 Waterloo Village, Stanhope NJ**

NJBA performed public demo on Saturday June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008 at Waterloo Village in support of the Waterloo Canal Day. The event was sponsored by the NJ Canal Society. They appear to be an easy going, yet well organized group who were easy to work with. They requested a demo while we were doing a demo at the Speedwell Village in Morristown. Well you could not have asked for a more beautiful day to have outdoor event. We had bright sunshine, and low humidity. Total attendance at the event was estimated at over 1,000. In addition to the NJBA demo, there were walking tours of the Morris Canal which traverses through the village, boat tours of the canal, children's games, some lectures and of course food.

NJBA members attending the event included: David Macauley, Bob Bozzay and Tom Tomczyk. Everyone made some simple items. We had several young men who helped run the bellows. We set up under large tree across from the existing blacksmith shop. The blacksmith shop is closed and locked, but all of the tools, anvils, bellows and forges are still in the shop. Unfortunately, the shop will remain closed until the state of NJ resolves its legal dispute with the former foundation that interpreted the village. That foundation is bankrupt and is not interpreting the village any longer.

Unfortunately, given the position of the shop getting a trailer up to the shop or near it is not possible. David barely got his pickup truck positioned near to the demonstration site.

After the event closed the Canal Society hosted a barbeque on the grounds. Although

the NJBA demonstrators were invited, we could not attend due to other commitments. Many the organizers came up to us and expressed their appreciation for the demo. Apparently it was great draw. We were asked to participate again next year. Hopefully we will be able to demonstrate in the shop.

Submitted,  
David Macauley

## **Employment**

### **Creative Metal Fab**

316 Courtland Ave  
Stamford, CT. 06906  
Fax: 203 325-8756

e-mail - jonpompea@cmfmetals.com

Architectural metal shop in Stamford, Ct. that specialize in custom blacksmithing work, ornamental work, structural steel work, and meticulous architectural work. CMF is seeking an experienced blacksmith to work in a custom metal shop. Must be experienced in forge, power hammer and anvil. Must be knowledgeable of hand forged decorative work such as railings, fireplace, table consoles, etc.. Pay will depend on experience.

### **Iron Studio Coordinator**

#### **Job at Penland.**

The job is listed on the Penland website. It means real employment for some young smith. Here is where the job is listed:

<http://www.penland.org/jobs/iron-coord.htm>

**BLACKSMITH  
HAMMER-IN & TOOL SWAP**  
*At the Red Mill Museum Village*  
*Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>*  
*10:00am - 4:00pm*

*Hosted by the  
NJ Blacksmith Association*



The day's activities will center at the Museum's Blacksmith Shop where local blacksmiths and the New Jersey Blacksmith's Association, a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of the art and craft of blacksmithing, will have members on hand to demonstrate and sell their work.

Tool dealers and collectors are invited to tailgate, sell and swap their smithing tools and accessories. We are currently registering blacksmiths and tool collectors.

**Admission is \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors, and \$5 for children (6-12). Free for children under 6, museum members and for NJBA members.**

**Included in the price is admission to the Museum's historic buildings and exhibits.**

**The Red Mill Museum Village is located at 56 Main Street in Clinton, NJ.**  
**For more information, or to register call the Museum at (908) 735-4101.**

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## Sword Making Workshop October 18-19<sup>th</sup> 2008, Marshall Bienstock's Shop

NJBA Will be offering a two day sword making workshop lead by Master Swordsmith Mark Morrow on October 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The object of the workshop will be to make the wakizashi blade, Japanese short sword blade. The workshop will be offered for a minimum of 6 people and maximum of 10. Cutoff date is October 11th

The cost will be \$300 plus the cost of the tool steel - \$20 for 24 inch bar of 1075

Tools: need bring your favorite hammer and a good bastard file, 10 to 12 inch.

Tongs and anvils and forges (Sin or scraper ) will be provided plus work station

NJBA will be providing gas forges and anvils, but students can bring their own equipment.

The first day starts with introduction and short lecture and schedule of time and steps. Forging of the blade will start at 9 AM to 12 Noon at this time the forged blades will be normalized for filling and scraping. After lunch the blades will be filled and scraped prior to claying for heat treat. This will conclude the first day.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> day in the morning the blades will need to be dried and then fired in the hardening process , then there will be a demo of how the blades will need to be finished, plus if time allows , the process of how to forge and fit a copper habaki or copper blade collar.

Note: This seminar is just on how to forge the blades and heat treat them not a finished blade , the student is responsible for all the finishing and final polishing. Forges will be for sale after the workshop. For more information contact: **David Macauley, 732-206-1568, drmacauley@att.net**

To register for this event please fill out the following information and include a check for \$50.00 made payable to New Jersey Blacksmith Association

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Name:	
Address:	
Email:	
Phone:	

Please send your registration information and payment to:  
NJBA  
PO Box 224  
Farmingdale NJ 07727-9998



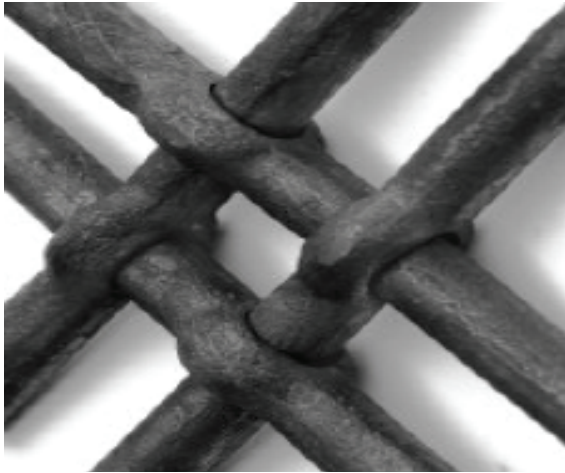
A previous class in 2004



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## Announcing the First Regional Atlantic Coast Blacksmiths Conference



“A meeting of minds and friends  
welded to a love of the craft.”

Mark Aspery - David Norrie  
Peter Ross

3 Days of Hot Metal  
at the  
Ashokan Center,  
Olivebridge, NY

September 4 - 7, 2008

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A Cooperative Event, Sponsored by:  
Northeast Blacksmiths Association  
New England Blacksmiths Association  
Blacksmith Guild of Central Maryland

With the Support of:  
Connecticut Blacksmiths  
Capitol District Smiths  
Berkshire Blacksmiths  
Blacksmith's Guild of the Potomac  
Pennsylvania Artist Blacksmiths' Association

## Demonstrators

### Mark Aspery

Mark is an European journeyman blacksmith, currently an Associate of the Worshipful Company of Blacksmiths in the United Kingdom. He currently owns and operates the Mark Aspery School of Blacksmithing based in Springville, California. Mark is an accomplished smith who, besides taking on private commissions, teaches throughout the US, and is authoring a series of books that teach the Blacksmith's craft. "My own style now is one of a semi-literal, flowing representation of the natural world, utilizing traditional methods of joinery where ever possible."

### David Norrie

David, who has lived in Boulder, Colorado since 2001, operates a three-man shop that specializes in architectural ironwork commissions. His primary focus is in creating functional architectural iron work ranging from sculpture, furniture to gates and railings. David has demonstrated his blacksmithing skills and techniques all over the United States, Canada, and England. His commissioned work has been installed throughout North America; from West Palm Beach, Florida to San Mateo, California, as well as in Canada.

### Peter Ross

Master of the Shop at Colonial Williamsburg's Anderson Forge for over twenty years, Peter Ross's interest in blacksmithing began while still in high school. In the early 1970's he volunteered at Old Bethpage Village Restoration in New York. He attended Rhode Island School of Design, then worked with Dick Everett of Connecticut who specializes in the restoration and reproduction of 17th and 18th century hardware and furnishings. In 1976, after several months of travel in Europe studying ironwork, Ross opened a one-man shop in Deer Isle, Maine where he concentrated on the restoration and reproduction of English hardware, tools, and cooking utensils from the 18th and 19th centuries. In 1979, he began as a journeyman blacksmith at Colonial Williamsburg and 3 years later was appointed Master of the Shop.

"Traditional objects combined fashion, function, and economy. The challenge was efficient use of iron and labor... so that early pieces are a delightful mix of simple, yet elegant solutions. Early work has a casual and spontaneous character that gives each piece life and charisma - even very repetitive things such as nails or door latches made by the thousands."

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## A Stimulating 3 Days of Fire, Iron, & Fun Tentative Schedule of Events

### Thursday Sep 4

1:00 PM Registration Begins  
6:00 PM - 7:00PM Dinner  
7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Slideshow David Norrie

### Friday, Sept 5

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM Breakfast  
8:45 AM - 11:45 AM Demonstrations Mark Aspery (P)  
Peter Ross (T)  
NOON - 1:00 PM Lunch  
1:15 PM - 2:30 PM Mini Demonstrations - TBA  
2:45 PM - 5:45 PM Demonstrations David Norrie (P)  
Mark Aspery (T)  
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Dinner  
7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Slideshow Peter Ross

### Saturday, Sept 6

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM Breakfast  
8:45 AM - 11:45 AM Demonstrations David Norrie (P)  
Peter Ross (T)  
NOON - 1:00 PM Lunch  
1:15 PM - 2:30 PM Mini Demonstrations - TBA  
2:45 PM - 5:45 PM Demonstrations Mark Aspery (P)  
Peter Ross (T)  
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Dinner  
7:15 PM - 8:15 PM Auction of Forged Ironwork  
8:15 PM - 10:15 PM Slideshow Mark Aspery

### Sunday, Sept 7

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM Breakfast  
8:45 AM - 11:45 AM Demonstrations David Norrie (P)  
NOON - 1:00 PM Lunch  
1:15 PM Silent Auction Ends  
1:15 PM - 2:45 PM Pick up Silent Auction and IITH  
1:15 PM Tear down begins

## Your help in tear down will be appreciated

**Demonstrators** - staggered demonstrations to allow all attendees to see each demonstrator progress through various stages of their projects.

**Education** - A separate hands-on teaching tent operating throughout the 3 days, with qualified instructors and well equipped forging stations for those wishing to receive hands-on instruction as well as Lectures, and Slideshows.

**Forged Ironwork** - A Gallery and an Auction of Demonstrator and Attendee Forged Items.

**Tools and Equipment** - A variety of trade show, vendors, tailgate sales as well as an Iron-in-the-Hat lottery and Silent Auction throughout the weekend.

**Ashokan Center** - The site we have chosen has been the NBA's meeting place for over 30 years. It is a beautiful campus set in the wooded foothills of the Catskill, in the scenic Mid Hudson Valley of New York. We are offering a food plan, bunkhouse lodging and on-site camping.

## Lodging

**Bunkhouse plan is \$54.00** (includes 8% NY Tax) for Early registrants includes a bed in the heated building with showers and toilets. Blankets and pillows will be provided. Bring your own towels, sheets or sleeping bag. Capacity: 130\*

**Camping plan is \$32.40** (includes 8% NY Tax) A very large primitive camping area is available on the grounds for \$30 per person. There are no electrical, water or sewage hookups, and no dump station. Potable water, bathroom, & showers are located a short walk from the camping area.

**Motels** There a number of motels with 10 miles.

## Food

**Dining Hall plan is \$162.00** (includes 8% NY Tax) The full food plan begins at dinner on Thursday and ends at lunch on Sunday: 9 meals, unlimited beverages. Capacity: 160\*

**Food Vendors** We plan to have fast food/lunch wagon vendors on site for those who do not wish to use the meal plan in the dining hall. There are also **Restaurants** there are several within 10 miles  
\*Call Registrar to check Bunk/Food Availability

For details on Motels & Restaurants contact:

### Ulster County Chamber of Commerce

www.ulstertourism.info 800-342-5826  
www.ulsterchamber.org 845-338-5100  
Nearby Towns: Shokan, Mt. Tremper, Woodstock, Hurley, Kingston, Phoenicia, Saugerties.  
For more information on the Ashokan Center:  
<http://www.newpaltz.edu/ashokan/>

## Conference Option Price Chart

Option	Before	15 Jun	1 Aug	After
1 Day	75.60	75.60	75.60	75.60
4 Day	108.00	124.00	140.00	144.94
4 Day/Camp	140.40	156.60	172.00	180.25
4 Day/Bunk	162.00	178.20	194.40	201.85
4 Day/Meals	270.00	286.20	302.60	322.60
Full/Camp	302.40	318.60	334.80	357.91
Full/Bunk	324.00	340.20	356.40	379.51

All prices include 8% NY Sales Tax



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## Atlantic Coast Blacksmiths Conference Registration Form

Please Print Clearly

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age if under 18 \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

What do you consider your main Blacksmith Affiliate?  
\_\_\_\_\_ ABANA Member? \_\_\_\_\_

Choose an **Option** from chart and the correct **Charge** from the columns based on when you are mailing your registration form in and enter them below. If Option is: **4 Day/Bunk** or **Full/Bunk**

Circle your choice of bunk ( Top - Bottom)

Bottom bunks go early so if you want one register early!

Also indicate your sex ( M - F )

so we may slate you for the proper bunk room.

If Option is 1Day circle Day Choice: Fri / Sat / Sun

Note Sunday is only ½ Day as Conference ends at Noon

Option \_\_\_\_\_ Number in Party\* \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ \_\_\_\_\_

= Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check number \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that blacksmithing is a potentially dangerous activity and agree to wear safety glasses while observing or participating in any of the demonstration areas. I further agree to hold harmless the Atlantic Coast Blacksmiths, the Ashokan Center, and the Ashokan Foundation in the event of personal Injury.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: Atlantic Coast Blacksmiths  
Return your registration form and check to:

ACB Conference C/O Tim Neu  
Ashokan Center  
477 Beaverkill  
Olivebridge, NY 12461

\* Please copy and fill out a separate form for each member of your party and mail together if using a single check for payment.

## Driving Directions to Ashokan Center

A. Start: Kingston Exit 19 RT-28 W

1. Follow the sign to Route 28 West / Pine Hill (quick right after the toll).

2. Continue on Route 28 West for 11.5 miles to the hamlet of Shokan.

3. Turn left at Winchell's Pizza (red building on left) onto

Reservoir Road. (Also, an arrow sign on your right for

"Olivebridge 4 Miles" points left for Reservoir Road.)

4. Cross the Ashokan Reservoir Bridge and continue to the stop sign.

5. Turn left at the stop sign onto Monument Road.

6. Bear right at the fork onto 28A.

7. Take the next left onto Beaverkill Road (just past the DEP police station).

8. Continue for one mile and turn right at the Ashokan Center sign on your right.

B. End: 477 Beaverkill Rd Olivebridge, NY 12461

To see a map go to;

[www.acblacksmiths.org](http://www.acblacksmiths.org)

## For more Information

Tim Neu, Registrar, (845)657-8333

[neutim@newpaltz.edu](mailto:neutim@newpaltz.edu), [neutim@ashokancenter.org](mailto:neutim@ashokancenter.org)

Ryan Blessey, Conference Chair, (203) 948-0463

[ryanblessey@charter.net](mailto:ryanblessey@charter.net)

Atlantic Coast Blacksmiths Website:

[www.acblacksmiths.org](http://www.acblacksmiths.org)

## The Preservation of Fire



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## Blacksmithing Workshops and Classes:

**Peters Valley Craft Education Center**  
19 Kuhn Rd., Layton, NJ 07851 (973)948-5200  
pv@warwick.net www.pvcrafts.org

**Academy of Traditional Arts  
Carrol County Farm Museum**  
500 South Center St. Westminster, MD 21157  
(410)848-7775 (410)876-2667

**Touchstone Center for Crafts**  
R.D.#1, Box 60, Farmington, PA 15437  
(724)329-1370 Fax: (724)329-1371

**John C Campbell Folk School**  
One Folk School Rd.  
Brasstown, NC 28902  
1-800-365-5724 www.folkschool.com

**Brookfield Craft Center**  
286 Whisconier Road  
P. O. Box 122  
Brookfield, CT 06804-0122  
203.775.4526

## Open Forges

We are looking for members who are interested in opening their forges up to members as an open forge. This does not have to be a weekly forge as is Marshall's the others can meet once or twice a month. Please contact, Larry Brown, Editor.

*We want to encourage all to join us at:*

### Monday Night Open Forge in N.J.

Marshall Bienstock is hosting an open forge in his shop at 7 pm almost every Monday night ( Please call ahead on holidays to make sure , (732)780-0871 )

### Open Forge in Long Island

Sunday from 10:00 am to 6pm.  
Starting the 1st Sunday in November until the end of April. Please call ahead to confirm and get directions. Ron Grabowski, 110 Burlington Blvd. Smithtown, NY (631) 265-1564  
Ronsforge@aol.com

If any members have a forge at home and work in the evenings or weekends and want to open it up to help a few local guys, let me know, Larry Brown, editor, as we get requests from members who have a hard time traveling to some of the open forge locations.

### Business Members

We would like to thank those who joined with our new Business Membership category .

Business dues are \$40

Please show them our support

**John Chobrda, Pine Barrens Forge**  
231 Morrison Ave., Hightstown, NJ 08520  
609-443-3106 JChob@earthlink.net

**Grant Clark, GWC Forge**  
PO Box 158 Perrineville NJ 08535  
732 446-2638, 732 446-2638

**Eric Cuper Artist Blacksmith**  
109 Lehman Lane, Neshanic Station, NJ 08853  
908 642-6420 ericuper@msn.com

**Bruce Hay, Jr.**  
50 Pine St., Lincroft, NJ 07738

**Jayesh Shah, Architectural Iron Design**  
950 S. 2nd St., Plainfield, NJ 07063  
jay@archirondesign.com

**Louise Pezzi, Blacksmith**  
1241 Carpenter St  
Philadelphia, PA 19147  
215 336 6023 pezziandjr@gmail.com

### Search

I am looking for a #250 fisher anvil in good shape. If you have one for sale or run across one, contact me; Larry Brown, NJBA Editor. (718) 967-4776

### BLACKSMITH TOOLS FOR SALE!

John Chobrda

Has a large selection of tools for sale.  
Anvils – Forges - Leg Vices—Blowers  
Tongs – Hammers  
and/or resurfaced Anvils  
Call John for prices and availability  
Evening 609-610-3501