



# N.J.B.A. Newsletter

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

## Editors Soapbox

Hi, 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.

I want to apologize for the lateness of this newsletter. This was due to personal problems and I have tried to keep the web site current in the mean time.

We have some events coming up that are good opportunities for fellowship and to swing a hammer so come out and enjoy. Larry Brown, editor

## We need some more activity from our members!

Recent events in the lives of some of our directors have made it hard for NJBA to be all it can be. We need more people to help out other than the same few doing everything. Please talk to one of the directors to find out what you can do to help!

We are also looking for members who have a pickup and would be interested in helping bring the NJBA trailer to meets. If you are interested in helping please contact one of the board members listed on page 2. 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.

**September 4th** -PV Pig Iron Fest, More info pages 1 and 3

**Sunday, September 12th**—10:00am - 4:00pm

Red Mill Tool Swap/Picnic, More info on page 3  
**September 17 - 19** - Old Time Engine Show  
Washington Crossing Park, NJ, More info page 3  
**October 3rd**-Walnford Day, More information on page 4.

## Peters Valley

### Iron Fest and Pig Roast

You don't want to miss the annual Iron Fest hosted by the Blacksmithing Studio, and Dick Sargent (Studio Department Head), at Peters Valley Craft Center on Saturday, September 4th, beginning at 11:00 am.

**Blacksmithing Demonstrations** - All day, throughout the day

**Live Music**

**Tailgate Tool Sale**

**Live Auction**

Live Auction including functional and decorative handmade art & fine crafts, anvil(s), blacksmithing tools, and much more!

(Consider donating something to the cause... just bring it with you)

**Pig Roast and other food:**

The event begins at 11:00 am with the pig roasted and ready to eat at approximately 1:00 pm.. There will be hot dogs, hamburgers, salads, and goodies available all day, along with the pig. Soda and water are included as well, however we do not serve alcohol (BYOB).

**Peters Valley Surplus Equipment, Tools & Supplies Sale**

Wow! You will find surplus equipment, tools, and supplies from ALL of our studios; Ceramics, Fibers, Fine Metals, Photography, Woodworking, Special Topics, and of course Blacksmithing.

# New Jersey Blacksmiths Newsletter

## **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**

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Farmingdale, NJ  
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**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 names are not  
listed on line**

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Tickets are \$25 per person in advance (within 48 hours) by phone 973-948-5200, or purchase them online at The Peters Valley Online Store. Tickets are available at the door for \$30 per person.  
KIDS UNDER 12 ARE FREE!!!

Keep in mind that the Iron Fest is happening during the workshop season. While you are at the Iron Fest, consider a self-guided tour of the other studios between 2:00 & 5:00 pm. Tour maps are available at the Peters Valley Store & Gallery which will be open that day. While at the store, explore a new exhibition upstairs in the Sally D. Francisco Gallery; Woodland Wanderings featuring the work of Liz Alpert Fay.

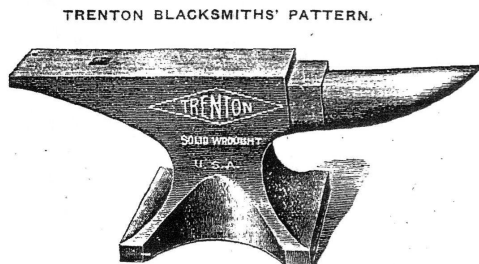
This event is rain or shine - we are under tents. More information is available on our website: [www.petersvalley.org](http://www.petersvalley.org). Please share this email with your friends and family.

See you at the Iron Fest!  
Kristin Muller  
Peters Valley Craft Center  
Executive Director

**Directions to Peters Valley;  
Peters Valley Craft Education Center**  
is located at;  
19 Kuhn Road. in Layton (Sussex Co.). NJ 07851.  
(Phone: 201-948-5200).

**From Interstate Route 80 West:**  
Take Exit 34B to NJ Route 15 North. to US Route 206 North. Left onto NJ Route 560 West. Go through the blinking light in the center of Layton. onto NJ Route 640: go about 2 miles and turn right onto NJ Route 615. Go approximately one mile.

**From US Route 209** (on the west bank of the Delaware River in Pennsylvania): Take PA Route 739 South across the Dingmans Ferry Bridge. Take the first right at sign to Peters Valley. Go two miles



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

**Sunday, September 12th  
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!

### **Notice!**

We could use some help running this event as Eric is going to be unavailable and he usually coordinates it. Please contact Larry Brown if you can help!

## **Old Time Engine Show September 17th, 18th, 19th**

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. 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.

**From their web site:**

**33rd. Annual Antique Power  
and Equipment Show**  
presented by the  
**Delaware Valley Old Time Power  
and Equipment Association**  
Dates are September 17, 18, & 19, 2010 .

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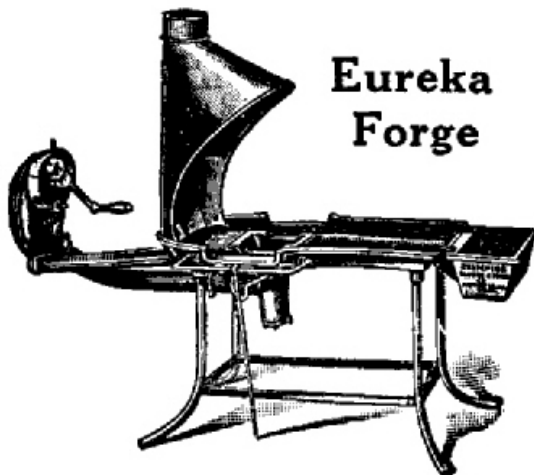
This is the third weekend in September.

The 2010 feature tractor, and implement line for the 32nd. annual "Days of the Past Show" will be "John Deere". In conjunction with this, we have adding the tractor games to the 2010 show. The Central Jersey chapter of the A.T.C.A will again be hosting their 8th annual truck show in conjunction with this event.

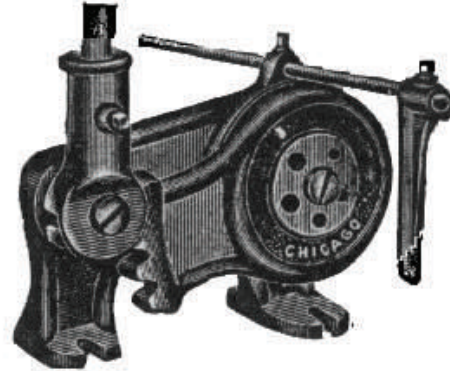
We also want to mention that the A.C.M.O.C "chapter 8 Caterpillar gang" will be back digging and making dust in grand style.

Show grounds are located off Church Road in Washington Crossing State Park, Titusville, NJ. Church Rd. runs between Rte. 29 and Rte. 579 only 4 miles north of I-95 along the Delaware River. Trucks use exit 3B off I-95 and follow signs to the park.

For more info:  
[www.DAYSOFTHEPAST.com](http://www.DAYSOFTHEPAST.com)  
908 813 9904 ~ Days of show call: (609) 737-1925 Gates open at 8:00am all days Donation: Saturday or Sunday \$5 per person Kids under 12 free!



## Macarco Rod Cutter



## October 3rd Meet at Walnford Park

We will be demonstrating and holding a membership meeting at Walnford Park on October 3rd. 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.

Come out and do some forging or socializing in a beautiful setting of a nice park that is not well known.

### Directions

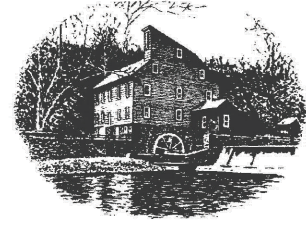
· NJ Turnpike to Exit 7A, (I-195 east). Follow I-195 to Exit 8 (Allentown, Rt. 524/539). Turn South onto Rt. 539 through Allentown (Rt. 539 requires a left turn where it splits from Rt. 524). Follow Rt. 539 to Holmes Mill Rd. Turn right. Follow to Walnford Rd. Turn right and follow 1 mile to Park.  
· 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.

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## *Red Mill Museum Village*

56 Main Street, Clinton, NJ 08809



### **PRESS RELEASE**

For Information contact:  
Peter Osborne, Curator of Education  
908-735-4101 ext.102

### **RED MILL MUSEUM TO HOST ANNUAL HAMMER IN AND TOOL SWAP**

CLINTON, NJ—The Red Mill Museum Village is pleased to announce its annual Hammer In and Tool Swap on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> from 10-4pm. This event is hosted by the NJ Blacksmith's Association, under the direction of association trustee, Eric Cuper, and our own resident blacksmith Robert Bozzay. The New Jersey Blacksmith's Association is dedicated to the promotion of the art and craft of blacksmithing. The day's activities will center at the Museum's Blacksmith Shop where local blacksmiths and NJBA members will be 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. Among the items to be found will be anvils, blowers, forges, vises, hammers, and tongs. Should anyone have a "what is it" cluttering up the garage, bring it along and we will be glad to identify it for you.

Admission for the day's activities 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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## Marshall at the Monmouth County Fair

By Bruce Freeman

In years past NJBA had been invited to demonstrate near the Longstreet Farm exhibit, but we haven't received such a request for several years. This year Marshall, who demonstrates a few times a year at Longstreet Farm, had been asked by them to demonstrate at the fair for one day only. I helped Marshall set up and break down the forge.

On the day of his demo, I stopped by with a friend who'd never seen blacksmithing before. Marshall gave his usual super-competent demonstration and handed my friend, who was quite impressed, a keychain as a keepsake. Marshall and I both entered the crafts competition, he with a traditional, adjustable candlestick holder, I with a four-votive-candle chandelier with basket twist. Although there were lots of woodworking sections, there was no section at all for blacksmithing, so we had to enter our works in Miscellaneous/Miscellaneous! Marshall won a second place ribbon, but neither of us was impressed with the object that took first place.

I would like to encourage all NJBA members to consider entering their works in the county and state fair exhibits and competitions. (In some counties, at least, it is not necessary to be a resident of the county of the fair.) This is just another way NJBA can publicize blacksmithing to the NJ public.

## Middlesex County Fair

By Bruce Freeman and David Macauley

Once again NJBA demonstrated at the Middlesex County Fair. Marshal Bienstock, Tom Majeski, David and Bruce met at Marshall's farm the Sunday before the fair opened and caravanned to the fairgrounds (Cranbury Road, and Fern St.). Marshall towed the NJBA trailer, while David brought some addi-

tional equipment in his truck where we set up the equipment. It went fairly well. We were given a location just behind where we had been in previous years – a concession to the “cleaner” crafts around us. Setup went smoothly with lots of hands to help.

We had agreed to provide demonstration on Monday, Saturday and Sunday, but the equipment was available all week for members who wanted to demonstrate. As it happened, David demonstrated every day except Tuesday and Wednesday. In addition, Tom and Bruce demonstrated on Monday and Sunday; Jose Torres on Saturday and Sunday; and Dan O'Sullivan and Larry Brown on Sunday. Both David and Dan brought their families to the Fair as well.

David brought at least 100 fliers to the fair and they were all gone by the end of the week. He says we had significantly more visitors due to our new location. He had several boy scouts who practiced blacksmithing with us starting on Friday night through Sunday. We had several other adults try it. In every case we had great big smiles and dirty hands at the end of each individual's participation, and we expect NJBA is going to pick up several new members from the event.

We had great coverage for all of the times slots -Monday 5-10, Saturday 5-10 and Sunday 11-6 for which we were contracted. A big thank you goes out to all who supported the event. NJBA earned \$300 from the event. We provided the demos during the other time slots for free, but it was a fantastic opportunity to allow the public to experience and try blacksmithing. Dan said he loved the opportunity not only to blacksmith but also to bring the family to the fair - they all had a great time. David's family now has a new Guinea Pig from the fair named "Peanut".



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## Meets Outside of NJBA and NJ

Fall Meeting of the Northeast Blacksmiths Assoc.

### Fall Hammer-In

October 1, 2 & 3

The weekend activities will begin on Friday at 2:30 with a guided tour of the Poughkeepsie Rail Road Bridge. See the tour listing for all the information. Friday evening after dinner our bridge guide, Charlie Hulsizer, will present a slide show on the building and history of the bridge, and if there is time, a few other related topics.

The demonstrator for the weekend is Brian Brazeal from Mississippi. Brian began smithing as a horseshoer over 25 years ago and eventually moved into general forging. In Europe he had the opportunity to work with Professor Alfred (Freddie) Haberman and his family, who all are excellent smiths. In the US he studied and worked with Tom Clark (Ozark School of Blacksmithing), Bob Patrick (our demonstrator from last year), Bill Bostas, Darrell Nelson, Terry Carson and Tsur Sadan (from Israel, worked with Uri Hofi).

Brian is a hand forger. He has used power hammers but does not own one so he does it all with his hand hammers, though he does use a striker when available. Brian stresses clean work and hammer control and is known for his "tools to make tools", collaring, "forged to finish" hammers and forge welded bundles to make birds, etc.

Brian enjoys teaching and sharing his practical experience, so bring your notebooks. Check out his myspace page and on youtube (search: clay tong blank) for photos and videos of his work.

Saturday evening Brian will do a presentation about his work with Alfred Habermann in Ybbsitz, Austria and will include the story of the railing he built while there.

And now for the usual reminders. Please remember to bring some examples of your work. We all enjoy seeing and learning from others, no matter what your skill level. Make a nail for the Nagel Baum. Also, it is important for the financial success of our weekend that we bring lots of useful, fun, odd/interesting items for the Iron-in- the-Hat.

### Bridge Tour

The Poughkeepsie Railroad Bridge, now called the Walkway Over the Hudson is a steel cantilever bridge spanning the Hudson River between Poughkeepsie and Highland, NY.

When it was completed on January 1, 1889, it was the longest bridge in the world and considered the engineering marvel of its day. It is 1.25 miles long and the deck is 212 feet above the river.

2:30pm Friday, October 1, meet at the western end of the bridge: 87 Haviland Road, Highland (Route 9W to Haviland Road, Parking alongside road)

Restrooms located at each end of the Walkway.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Poughkeepsie\\_Bridge](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Poughkeepsie_Bridge)

<http://www.walkway.org/>

<http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?hl=en&ie=UTF8&oe=UTF8&msa=0&msid=104853963706833944616.0004754918d3c84df27cf&ll=41.707651,-373&z=14&source=embed>