



N.J.B.A. Newsletter

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Editors Soapbox

Wake Up!!!

Get out and do something for yourself!
We have some good meets set up with opportunities to learn, forge or teach others what you know. Come out and chat or get your hands dirty! Let's boost the attendance at the upcoming meets. If you are interested in helping please contact one of the board members listed on page 2.
Larry Brown, Editor

Upcoming events for 2011

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.

May 20th 10am to 5pm , Set up 9AM Open Demonstration at the Tuckerton Seaport, 5th Annual Bluegrass & Barbecue Festival

June 9th, Damascus Workshop part III

Mark Morrow, Marshall's, Howell NJ

June 9 - 10th Hammer-in demonstration at the Historic Cold Spring Village in Cape May, NJ

June 16 -17th Art All Night in Trenton NJ

July 14th - 15th Cold Spring Village, Cape May, NJ

August 6th - 12th, Middlesex County Fair, For more info see page and check the web site

August 18th Canal Day Wharton NJ

August 22 - 26th, Herndon County Fair

August 25th and 26th Seafarer's Weekend in Historical Cold Spring Village. Cape May NJ

Sunday, September 9th 10:00am - 4:00pm Red Mill Tool Swap/Picnic, For more info see page and check the web site

September 30th Walnford Park

Tuckerton Seaport, May 20th Open Demonstration

On Sunday May 15 NJBA will be doing a demo at Tuckerton Seaport, at their Annual Bluegrass & Barbeque Festival. We did this event a few times before and always had a good time. So come on down, or up, depends where you live, and spend some time with us. Do a little blacksmithing, enjoy the music the food and the seaport.

Set up time is around 9:00 am . To get to the seaport take the Garden state parkway to Exit 58 Rt 539 go east or follow the signs at the top of the ramp to Rt 9 (Main st) in Tuckerton make a right the seaport is on the left. Hope to see you there.

We were promised good weather this year. But just in case here's my cell phone number, 201-815-0746.

Don't be afraid to call in the morning I'll be up.
Tom Majewski

For information on the seaport go to www.tuckertonseaport.org

Renewals

**If you have not renewed, this maybe your last newsletter!
Send in the renewal soon!**

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The NJBA Web Site!

The NJBA Web Site is:

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

The Newsletter is at:

<http://www.lightningforge.com/njba/index.htm>

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

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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

Info not available on line

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Damascus Workshop

Mark Morrow, Swordsmith will lead a Damascus making workshop to make a small forged Damascus billet. The cost will be \$75 plus \$25 for material per person it will be a one day work shop starting at 9am. The workshop which will be held at Marshall Bienstock's farm in Howell, NJ.

Bring Safety glasses and gloves, wear clothing that can take the flux.

The sign up will be handled by Mark Morrow, swordsmith2001@verizon.net, (732) 458 5823
www.swordsmith.net

Historic Cold Spring Village (HCSV)

June 9th - 10th

Demonstration - Hammer-in at HCSV Celtic Festival

Generally we start set up around 9AM and break down by 5PM. Travel time from central NJ is about 2 hours and Cape May is wonderful place to visit with your family.

If you need further information, please contact me at your convenience. The web site for HCSV is:
<http://www.hcsv.org/>

Thanks,
David Macauley drmacauley@att.com

NJBA Demo – Art All Night

Historic Roebling Wire Works Trenton, NJ

June 16th – 17th 2012

This event is Huge Exposure for NJBA. **All members are invited to demo, watch, heckle, scream, and shout at this no holds barred event.** We will be working a Large Sculptural Candelabra with hanging forged pieces lit with large candles. We have the opportunity to forge during the day and/or night if so desired. There will be NJBA forges, anvils, etc at the site for you to forge with.

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Help is needed to bring in, set up and strike down. We will also need to make sure we can transport the trailer back and forth. Parking will be available. Please let me know if you plan on going and have a truck that can pull the trailer. Thanks Eric Von Arx (e@xxsculptures.com).

There are also Iron Pour, Glass Blowing, Stone Carving, Multiple Bands and more events scheduled. This should be a fun interesting event not to be missed.

Here is the info from the AAN organizers:

We (AAN) are working on getting final confirmations but as of right now we're looking at our most exciting year yet as far as special events go. In 2012 we're going to have a large-scale iron pour, a large-scale stone carver as well as a glassblower. We have dozens of other events going on during the 24-hour period but those three specific events (plus NJBA) would make up the four most high profile events this year and the events that we would include the most in our marketing pieces.

In 2011, we had over 13,000 attendees attend during the 24-hour period so this will definitely offer an incredible amount of exposure for you and your work. If you'd like to see more info on last years event, please visit www.artworkstrenton.org/artallnight. There are photos available as well as a listing of what special events were included last year.

Obviously we don't expect you to run for a full 24-hours but that is how long the event goes for. Fire permits and direct vehicle access to where you'll be set up will not be an issue. We've dealt with all of that in the past so we are prepared. We'll also have sand delivered if that's helpful. Considering you'll be setup in an outside area with old cobblestone, I would suggest we go that route so as not to destroy or hurt the stone at all.

We're extremely happy to have you involved thus year! I really think this is going to bring a true, raw energy to Art All Night 2012. Also, we're expecting upwards of 15k-18k people this year so be prepared for a HUGE crowd watching you guys do your thing!

Thank You
AAN Organizers

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Historic Cold Spring Village (HCSV)

July 14th - 15th

Family Weekend, Demonstration Hammer-in.
David will bring the equipment - great beach vacation opportunity
Generally we start set up around 9AM and break down by 5PM. Travel time from central NJ is about 2 hours and Cape May is wonderful place to visit with your family.

If you need further information, please contact me at your convenience. The web site for HCSV is: <http://www.hcsv.org/>

Thanks,
David Macauley
drmacauley@att.com

Middlesex County Fair August 6st - 12th

Confirmation of the dates coming soon!

Watch the web site or call David for the demonstration days or if you want to go out on other days.

We have been invited back to Middlesex County fair which runs from August 6st through the 12th in East Brunswick. The fair hours are 5 - 11 PM Monday through Friday, 11 AM - 11PM on Saturday and 11AM - 7PM on Sunday.

We will have the NJBA trailer at the site for the entire time and we will probably have additional forging stations. We will be under a tent with other crafters. The site has easy access to water and power and we will have tables to display our forged items. All smiths are encouraged to attend. This is a wonderful fair to attend and is great opportunity for the entire family.

Here are the driving instructions:

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.

FROM OLD BRIDGE-Take Route 18 north toward New Brunswick, pass the Colonial Diner and head toward Cranbury over the Route 18 overpass and proceed past the high school and bear left at the fork, as above.

Route from north county (this is the least congested route), take Exit 8A on the New Jersey Turnpike. Turn right on Route 535 North directly to fairgrounds (5 miles)

For further information please contact David Macauley, drmacauley@att.net 732-206-1568

Canal Day Wharton NJ August 18th

I will be doing a demo at Canal Day in Wharton NJ 10Am - 5PM. Here is the URL: <http://www.canalday.org> I will have two forging stations. All NJBA smiths are welcomed. This was a great festival in 2011. Some good bands, food and vendors. Great family event.

Coordinator David Macauley,
drmacauley@att.net , 7320-310-1300

Seafarer's Weekend in Historical Cold Spring Village. Cape May NJ. August 27th and 28th

I will again have two forging stations. There are some great displays of boats made in the bay area of Cape May county. Some darn realistic pirates with accurate and authentic weapons. Again great family event. this is the middle of the Macauley Family vacation. Pelase come and enjoy the blacksmithing and the beach. This is a particularly great location to have people experience blacksmithing first hand. Here is the URL: <http://www.hcsv.org/>



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BLACKSMITH HAMMER-IN & TOOL SWAP

**At the Red Mill Museum Village
Sunday, September 9th,
10:00am - 4:00pm**

The Red Mill Museum Village is pleased to announce its annual Hammer In and Tool Swap on Sunday, September 9th 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 blacksmiths Dave Ennis and Robert Bozzay.

NJBA members who want to demonstrate should contact Dave Ennis and register for a time slot in the schedule so the museum can publicize them and the event

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. 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.

Directions:

Red Mill Museum; Take exit 15 on I-78 onto old route 22 going North (routes 513 and 173), make a left onto main street before bridge. Museum straight ahead.

Meet at Walnford Park September 30th

We will be demonstrating and holding a membership meeting at Walnford Park on September 30th. Walnford is also known as Crosswicks Creek Park and is in Upper Freehold, N.J

Hammer in and demo at Walnford Park. Please come out especially with your family to enjoy a day at the hidden jewel of the Monmouth County Park system - Walnford park. NJBA will have the trailer with three forges at the demo. We will be immediately across from the working gristmill. There are many activities for children so this is another great family event.

Coordinator David Macauley,
drmacauley@att.net , 732-310-1300

Historic Walnford is the 36 acre Historic District at the heart of Crosswick Creek Park. This country estate and former mill village provides a window to view more than a century of social, technological, and environmental history in Western Monmouth County.

The site includes a large home built for the Waln Family in 1774, an 1879 Carriage House, and assorted outbuildings and farm structures. Much of the site's interpretation is connected to the newly restored and operating late 19th century Gristmill.

Directions

Directions: Please note: If you choose to do an internet search for directions to this address, be aware that the parking lot on site is not accessible from the Walnford Rd/Hill Rd intersection. Directions below. From the East Via I-195: Take Exit 11 (Imlaystown/Cox's Corner) and turn left onto Rt.43 (Imlaystown/Hightstown Rd). At the first intersection, turn right onto Rt. 526/Red Valley Rd. At the first light, turn left onto Sharon Station Rd and follow approximately 2 miles. Turn right onto Rt. 539 North. Travel a short distance and turn left onto Holmes Mills Rd. Make first right onto Walnford Road which leads directly into the park.. From the

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West: Follow I-195 to Exit 8 (Allentown), Rt. 524/539. Turn right and follow Rt. 539 through Allentown. Turn right onto Holmes Mills Rd and then right onto Walnford Rd, which leads directly into the park. From the North: Take Rt. 9, 79, or 34S to 537W to Rt. 539 in Upper Freehold. Turn right onto Rt. 539 (Forked River Rd), then left onto Burlington Path Rd. Turn right onto Holmes Mills Rd and then left onto Walnford Rd, which leads directly into the park.

Pictures from Edged Tool Demonstration by Mark Morrow, March 10th at Marshalls Farm



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Spring Kick Off At Peters Valley Craft Center. April 14th

The meet was a large success, with demonstrations by Sam Salvati demonstrating the forging of a large cooking knife in the morning and Dick Sargent demonstrating and discussing traditional joinery.

The meet had been advertized to the surrounding blacksmith groups and there was a turnout of 50 –60 people which was great. Many NJBA members and familiar faces and friends from other groups. There was a Barbeque for lunch and a good iron in the hat, after which NJBA donated the balance of \$327.07 money after expenses to the Blacksmith Shop at Peters Valley Craft Center. Dick Sargent arranged the meet, dealt with lunch and did a great job with the IITH. There is no Pig Roast scheduled for this year, so we may try to make this a yearly event to help the shop and teaching program.

Everyone should check the web site or call the Valley for a brochure to see the classes available this season and if possible attend a class.



www.petersvalley.org
973-948-5200

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Mark Morrow's Short Sword Demonstration at Marshalls Farm

We had a fine demo from Mark on Saturday 5/5/2012 on making Japanese swords. As always we were all impressed by Mark's skills. I was personally surprised how little time was required to do the forging of a short sword. Doing polishing, hardening, handle and case work would probably take much more time, but still to see a sword forged so quickly was impressive. The demonstration on claying was informative - quite a bit detail. Although I did not do a formal count I think we had about 6 participants - pretty small but that gave us plenty of opportunities to clearly watch the various processes - especially claying.

Report by David Macauley

Demonstration Opportunity

The **20th Annual Delaware Bay Day** festival will be held on Saturday, June 2nd this year, and we are looking for artists and crafters who would like to sell their works at this event. The attached document includes information about the festival and an application form. If you decide that you would like to be a vendor, please let me know so that I can reserve a space for you.

We are also seeking artisans and crafters to demonstrate traditional crafts and folkways of the region or new uses for regional materials. The \$30 vendor fee will be waived for those willing to demonstrate their craft throughout the day. There is a small rental fee if you require tables, chairs or electricity. Let me know if you would like to be a demonstrator and I will send you the appropriate form.

Thanks - We hope to see you on June 2nd.

Janis Traas

Outreach Coordinator

Bayshore Discovery Project

856-785-2060 X108

Contact Larry Brown editor, for vendor application or person above.

Tool Sale!

Here's what information I have about the sale of Fred Odell's tools.

Fred Odell

6209 Upper York Road

New Hope PA 18938-9669

The sale is on May 19th. 9 to 5. All items are very reasonably priced. Some high lights are: hossfeld bend, cone mandrel, swage block, hay bidden anvil (it is nice, but has a piece cut out of the tail, and welded to the step, like a farriers anvil) a couple of stakes, a stake plate, many tongs etc. Photo's can be seen on this link-

<https://www.dropbox.com/gallery/4009159/1/Sale%20of%20Fred%20Odell%20Studio?h=9a0ca2>

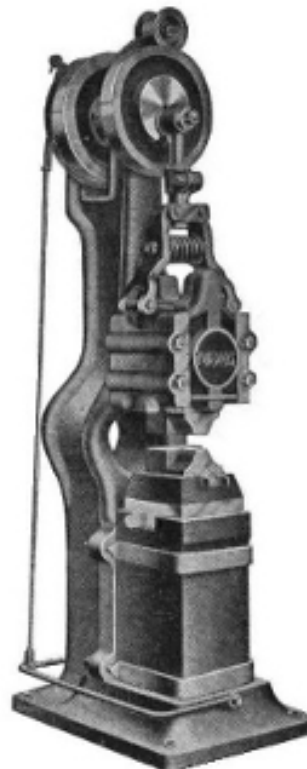
Let me know if you need more info.

Jim Wyckoff

570-421-2097 home/ work

570-856-0670 cell

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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
Carroll 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

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.

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

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

Marshall Bienstock, Marshall's Farms
663 Casino Dr., Howell, NJ 07731
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jlfbmib@optonline.net

John Chobrda, Dragon Run Forge
P.O. Box 315 Delaware City, DE, 19706
302-838-1960 jchob@verizon.net

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

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

Ronsforge@aol.com

In Southern NJ contact

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