



# N.J.B.A. Newsletter

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## Editors Soapbox

Hi, We have lined up some great events for this year. You can all help by making suggestions for demonstrators that we can contact and try to arrange in the future. 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. Remember this is your group, so find some way of being involved and you will enjoy it more. Our next meet is at Cold Spring Village and is an election meeting, so come out and see this great location for a meet and vote!

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.

**June 21st Waterloo Village** NJBA has been asked to provide a demonstration. More information on page 3

**June 28 - 29th** Historic Cold Spring Village (HCSV) in Cape May. More information on this page.

**July 19th** Delaware City Day, Hammer-In and BBQ More information on page 3.

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

**September 12 - 14** Old Time Engine Show Washington Crossing Park, NJ, More info on page 4 .

**September 28th** Red Mill in Clinton NJ More information on pages 4 & 5

## Historic Cold Spring Village (HCSV) June 28th - 29th

NJBA is holding a public demonstration/hammer-in at Historic Cold Spring Village (HCSV) in Cape May on July 28 – 29. This will also be an NJBA elections meet. If you are interested in joining the board please contact David Macauley. Try to come out and vote. NJBA has been holding this event at (HCSV) for several years now. I will be bringing the NJBA trailer and some personal portable equipment down to the site, so you don't need to lug any equipment If you are interested in demonstrating to the public or just hanging with the Smiths please join us. I can obtain free passes and meal vouchers for all demonstrators. I do need to know in advance if you are coming one or both days, so I can make arrangements. We have also been known to have a nice a lunch at the Grange on the property.

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

### 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.

## **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**

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## Waterloo Village with the Canal Society of NJ June 21st

NJBA has been invited to provide a blacksmithing demonstration at the Waterloo Canal Day at Waterloo Village on June 21. This event is being hosted by the Canal Society of NJ. The village is technically closed since the organization that interpreted the village is defunct. However, the NJ Canal Society has been given permission to host an event on the site. We cannot use the blacksmith shop, but we will be able to demonstrate outside the shop with our own equipment. This looks like another great family event. The address for the village is:

525 Village of Waterloo  
Stanhope, NJ 07874

**Directions:** Travel West on I80 and take exit 25 then follow the signs.

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

early as the parade runs down Clinton Street and it will be closed at 9:00 AM. phone numbers are: 302-832-1631 or 302-757-0733

Come on out on the 19th of July, bring your family, your work, a hammer, your hunger and something (food) to share. Hope to see you then.



## Delaware City Day, Hammer-In and BBQ July 19th

### Second Annual Hammer in / BBQ

Kerry Rhoades and John Chobarda, along with the New Jersey Blacksmiths Assn. would like to invite all smiths, metal heads, and their families to the 2nd Annual forge in and BBQ on Saturday July 19th at Kerry's shop, "Forged Creations" in Delaware City, Delaware. This event is being held in conjunction with "Delaware City Day" a day of parades, games, and fireworks.

We will be setting up portable forges and display tables for you to display and sell your work, also to demo to the general public and teach some of us old dogs new tricks. We will be grilling a whole suckling pig, so we ask that you bring a covered dish or something to share with others. Space is available for tail gating so bring any tools, anvils or stuff you no longer use. Kerry's shop is located at 124 Clinton Street in Delaware City, try to come

## Middlesex County Fair August TBA

We have been invited back to Middlesex County fair which runs from August 4th through the 10th in East Brunswick. Setup will be Sunday August 3rd. and tear down will be Sunday August 10th. 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 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. We particularly need some coverage during the week days. A remuneration of \$100/day is available to NJBA which is turn will be available to demonstrators to help defer transportation costs. This is a wonderful fair to attend and is great opportunity for the entire family.

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## Middlesex County Fair , Cont.

### 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](mailto:drmacauley@att.net) 732-206-1568,

## Old Time Engine Show September 12th, 13th, and 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>

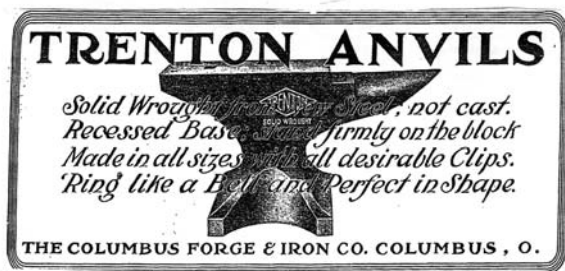
### Directions:

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 on the next page, come out and have some fun!



## 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

More information on page 6—8

This looks like its going to be a great conference, so register early to get a spot!

## Furnacetown Blacksmith Shop

The meet was Cancelled due to lack of preregistration. We need to get up and register early to help get some of these activities rolling.

**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.**

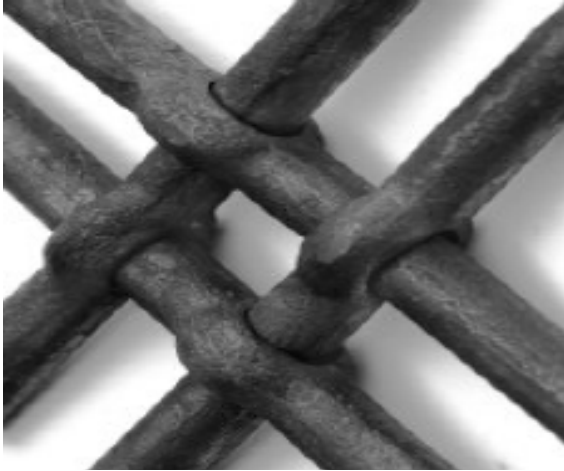
**Included in the price is admission to the Museum's historic buildings and exhibits.**

**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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## 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](http://www.ulstertourism.info) 800-342-5826

[www.ulsterchamber.org](http://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

	Before	15 Jun	1 Aug	After
Option	15 Jun	1 Aug	25 Aug	25 Aug
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

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The Preservation of Fire

