



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. 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.

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! 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 2, 8—9 Middlesex County Fair More information on this page .

September 11 - 13 Days of the Past Engine Show Washington Crossing Park, NJ, More info on page 3 .

September 27th Red Mill in Clinton NJ, elections meeting. More information on pages 3 & 5.

October 4th Walnford Day Information on page 4.

October 10th Peters Valley Pig Roast Information on page 4.

October 24th—25th Knife making workshop with Mark Morrow. More information on page 4.

December Holiday Party—Information next newsletter

Middlesex County Fair

August 2nd – 10th 2008, East Brunswick NJ

NJBA will be providing public demonstrations during the Middlesex County Fair. Several smiths provided demonstrations the last few years to test the waters and judged the fair to be a great event.

We will be setting up on August 1st - meeting at Marshall's farm at 1PM to bring the equipment up. NJBA will provide demonstrations on Monday August 2nd 5PM - 10PM, Saturday August 8th 5PM - 10PM and Sunday August 9th. 11AM - 5PM

Please contact David Macauley if you are interested in demonstrating. Tear down will be Sunday August 9th starting around 5PM. David will also investigate using the equipment at the fair on off hours - when we have not scheduled demos. This is a great fund raiser for the organization since the fair pays us for demonstrations. Here is the URL for the Fair: <http://middlesexcountyfair.org/>

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,
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NJBA Renewal Notice and Form are the last page of this newsletter. Please fill in and send back in the enclosed envelope to continue enjoying being a member!

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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.

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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

Editors not available on line

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Old Time Engine Show September 11th, 12th, 13th

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.

From their web site:

32nd. Annual Antique Power and Equipment Show

presented by the

Delaware Valley Old Time Power and Equipment Association

Sept. 12, 13, 2009

Washington Crossing State Park
Titusville, New Jersey

Featuring: John Deere tractors and Associated Gas Engines All exhibitors welcome! ~ No Fee ~ Set up day Sept 11, 2008

Antique Farm Tractors, Engines, Cars and Trucks Flea Market and Crafts ~ Parades ~ Pedal Tractor Pulls ~ Wood Working Displays ~ Limited Camping w/Engines Working Farm and Construction Equipment ~ Hay Rides ACMOC,chapter 8 digging show ~ Blacksmith Demonstration ~ Primitive Camping on grounds, Food and Beverages on site ~ Breakfast served Sat. & Sun. Alcoholic drinks are not permitted in the park

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.DAYSOF THE PAST.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!

Also there;

8th Annual Antique Truck Show At "DAYS OF THE PAST" in cooperation with the Delaware Valley Old Time Power and Equipment Association presented by the Central Jersey Chapter Antique Truck Club of America Sept. 12, 13, 2009 Washington Crossing State Park Titusville, New Jersey

All Trucks 25 years and older welcome No registration fee, Working Antique Trucks with construction equipment. For more info call: (609) 499-3840 evenings or day of show call: (609) 737-1925

BLACKSMITH HAMMER-IN & TOOL SWAP

At the Red Mill

Museum Village

Sunday, September 27th

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!

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October 4th Meet at Walnford Park

We will be demonstrating and holding a membership meeting at Walnford Park on October 4th. Walnford is also known as Crosswicks Creek Park and is in Upper Freehold, N.J. Set-up starts 10:00, the event is 11:00 - 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.

Peters Valley Pig Roast Saturday, October 10 2009

Annual Iron Fest and Pig Roast scheduled for Saturday, October 10 2009 at the Blacksmith Studio at Peters Valley Craft Center

The annual Iron Fest and Pig Roast features nationally recognized blacksmiths giving varied demonstrations throughout the day in the teaching studio, a tailgate tool sale, live music, a live auction and of course a pig roast which also includes an array of other food, (hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, soda - BYOB). This is a family friendly event. The Iron Fest begins at 11am and generally begins to wind down with the live auction in the late after-

noon, but demonstrations continue till about 6pm. The charge for the event includes the pig roast and is \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door, and children under 12 years of age are free. For more information about becoming an exhibitor, or about attending the craft fair, call the Peters Valley office at 973-948-5200 or visit the website, www.petersvalley.org

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.

Knife Making Workshop October 24th and 25th

Mark Morrow, Swordsmith will lead a Knife making workshop to make a small forged camp knife. The cost will be \$50 per person for the workshop which will be held at Marshall Bienstock's farm in Howell, NJ. The sign up will be handled by Mark Morrow, swordsmith2001@verizon.net, (732) 458 5823
www.swordsmith.net

Register soon, at this price the workshop should fill up quickly!

Mark also has some items for sale a Jet bench mill and a Grizzly break roll shear, 12 inch model, so contact him if interested.

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Red Mill Museum Village

56 Main Street, Clinton, NJ 08809



PRESS RELEASE

For Information contact:
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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 27th 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 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.

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Report on Speedwell Meet

By David Macauley

I was able to attend the demo at Speedwell Village. For NJBA we had 2 smiths turn up - Jose Torres a relatively new member and Kevin Perry who introduced us to Speedwell Village. From the village there was 1 employee Joshua Kandebo is a Morris County Parks employee who is collecting blacksmithing gear for the site and two volunteers who were blacksmithing, Vanessa Chiaramonte and Rick Eckert. The village has started to acquire their own equipment so the size of the demo expands every year. I think the Lord did not want me to blacksmith yesterday. I brought two forges - 1 gas and 1 coal. The propane for the gas forge only lasted 2 hours because my wife keeps putting fresh tanks on the grill with using up the old tanks. I also forgot to bring the blower for the coal forge.

Oh well.

The weather was overcast and cool - perfect in my opinion. We had about 8- visitors to the park. Almost all appeared to be very interested in the demo. Kevin and I talked while the other smiths worked. That seemed to work out well.

The Tuckerton Meet Was canceled due to rain

Events outside NJBA

39th Annual

Peters Valley Craft Fair

to be held September 26 & 27 2009

With 180+ juried craft exhibitors, and over 10,000 visitors, the Peters Valley Craft Fair is a "don't miss" event. Now in its 39th year, the craft fair is held at the Sussex County Fairgrounds in Augusta, NJ. The fair features craft demonstrations throughout the weekend, kids hands-on art activities, live music, great food, and a wonderful and diversified choice of hand

crafted art and craft for purchase.

Exhibitors included will be showing and selling functional and decorative items, and several will be demonstrating their techniques. The selection includes fine jewelry, fashion and textiles, woodworking and wood turning, furniture utensils, sculptural items, glass, photography, painting, ceramics, metalworking, and more. Join Peter Valley Craft Center in one of its largest fund raising events of the year. The fair will be open from 10am - 6pm, Saturday, and 10am - 5pm of Sunday.

Admission is \$7 per person (a discount coupon is available at the website) and children under 12 years of age are free. The event is held rain or shine as all exhibits are in covered buildings. This is a family-friendly event, but please... no pets. For more information about becoming an exhibitor, or about attending the craft fair, call the Peters Valley office at 973-948-5200 or visit the website, www.petersvalley.org

Canal Day at Wharton Canal

David Macauley will be demonstrating on Canal Day, August 22.

Check out their web site;

<http://www.canalday.org/canalday.html>

David is featured on the site!

Hugh Force Canal Park, West Central Avenue
10:00 - 7:00 PM

Directions: East bound Route 80 to Exit 34 Wharton. Make a left turn onto North Main Street. Continue through the light at West Dewey Ave. and North Main Street, go around the pond and make a right onto West Central Avenue and continue to the park.

West bound Route 80 to Exit 34 A, Wharton to Route 15 South. Right on East Dewey Avenue. Make a left onto North Main Street at the traffic light, continue around the pond and make a right turn at West Central and continue to the Park.

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Demonstration Opportunities and outside NJBA meets

New England Blacksmith's Fall Meet: Huntington River Smithy

The NEB Fall meet for 2009 will be held at Jim Fecteau's "Huntington River Smithy" in beautiful Huntington, Vermont on the 11th, 12th, & 13th of September, 2009

Featured demonstrator- Steve Parker. Steve is an industrial smith that has 15 years of experience in making all the tongs and handling equipment for the Clifford Jacobs Forge House. Steve has worked with and stays in close contact with his friend and mentor Clifton Ralph who has shared his many years of experience with power hammer forging. Clifton worked all his life as a maintenance blacksmith for a steel mill in Gary Indiana.

This fall meet is one you should not miss if you own a power hammer or have any interest in Industrial Shaping, Tool Making, and General Forging Principals that apply to Treadle, or Power Hammer Operation and getting the results you are after in your work.

This Fall NEB event will also include:
Two Demo Areas -- Additional Demonstrators
-- Green Coal Teaching Tent— Iron in the Hat
-- Auction -- On Site Camping -- Gallery --
Chicken BBQ— Tailgating -- Coal for Sale

Local Details: Jim Fecteau's Huntington River Smithy is located in beautiful Huntington, Vermont—just 20 miles from Burlington. Lots of local B&B's and hotels near by. Onsite camping will have water and portajohns but no RV hookups. Swimming holes nearby.

Contacts: Event Coordinator -
Jim Fecteau— fecteau@gmavt.net
Registrations -
Lynn Lang langfarm@together.net

6th Annual Forge-In Blacksmith Festival

Hi, We are searching for artistic blacksmiths to participate in the 6th Annual Forge-In Blacksmith Festival by competing or setting up shop on October 17, 2009 at Fitchburg Riverfront Park, Fitchburg, Massachusetts. We hope you might consider participating this year.

This event draws thousands of visitors each year and offers live blacksmith competitions and demonstrations for cash and prizes, children's activities, entertainment, food, and works by artists.

Information, registration forms and photos can found at
www.DiscoverFitchburg.com/blacksmithfestival.html.

Thank you for your time,
Katrina Burton
Event Coordinator

* The Fitchburg Forge-In Blacksmith Festival committee is made up of volunteers from the community. All proceeds benefit the maintenance of Fitchburg Riverfront Park through the Fitchburg Riverfront Park Foundation, a 501c3 organization. This event is sponsored by Achla Designs (www.achla.com), the City of Fitchburg, the Fitchburg Redevelopment Authority, and with a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council through the Fitchburg Cultural Council.

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Milford Borough Historical Society

I am the president of the newly incorporated Milford Borough Historical Society, located in Hunterdon County. We will be celebrating the borough's centennial in 2011. Historical records show that there was a blacksmith shop here in the 19th and early 20th centuries and I was wondering you could direct me to any individuals or organizations who might be interested in performing blacksmith demonstrations here. Such an event would most likely draw interest from not only Milford, but much of western Hunterdon County. I look forward to hearing from you and hope for a positive response.

Sincerely,

Andrew P. Huzar

"ANDREW P HUZAR" <aph2617@esu.edu>

President, Milford Borough Historical Society

Selections from the Permanent Collection

June 26 - August 23, 2009

For Immediate Release

Contact: Carissa Hussong, 901-774-6380

Memphis, Tennessee - The Metal Museum is pleased to present /Selections from the Permanent Collection/. This show, comprised of four separate exhibitions, offers viewers an opportunity to experience rarely seen treasures from our extensive collection of historic and contemporary metalwork.

The first exhibition, titled Under Lock and Key, will showcase the Museum's extensive collection of historic and handmade locks. From the intricate to the deceptively simple, both whimsical and practical, there's a lock for every taste, and a key for every lock. In the second exhibition, the J.G. Braun Collection of decorative ironwork will be on display, along with sales catalogs and texts from our library that illuminate its historical and artistic signifi-

cance. The third exhibition, titled Domesticity, will feature handmade household items from the utilitarian to the extraordinary, each displaying an exquisite marriage of form and function. Finally, our Dorothy Sturm Memorial Gallery will host our collection of Sturm's vibrant enamels.

Founded in 1976, the National Ornamental Metal Museum is the only Museum in the Americas dedicated to the preservation and advancement of the art and craft of fine metalwork. Located at 374 Metal Museum Drive, Memphis, Tennessee the Museum is open Tuesday - Saturday, 10 am - 5 pm and Sunday, noon - 5 pm. For more information, call 901-774-6380 or visit www.metalmuseum.org.

NJBA Members who want to demo in outside NJBA events can contact a board member about the loan of tools and equipment.

Support Peters Valley!

Attend the Craft Show
and or the Pig Roast

Take a class to improve
your blacksmithing skills
Make a Donation

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Report on Delaware City Day

July 18th dawned cool and clear after a rain storm Friday night that cleared out the high humidity and set the tone for a great Delaware City Day.



Kerry Rhoades



Mike Walker forging in Kerry's shop

Photos courtesy of Anton Holstrom

For the fourth year Kerry Rhoades opened his shop in Delaware City, Delaware to all local smiths and metal heads for a forge in and picnic.

NJBA set up a forge outside and Bruce Freeman and Dave Macauley demonstrated for the public, other smiths spent time at Kerry's forge making a knife and helping some of the young town boys forge hooks and such.

At 3:00 PM there was a dedication in the town park of the wrought iron fence that a group of local smiths under Kerry's leadership fabricated for the town.

The Artists who worked on the Fence were:

Blacksmiths

Kerry Rhoades	DE
Eli Infante	DE
Gene Riley	DE
Fred Milhorn	DE
John Chobrda	DE
Chuck Dover	DE



David Macauley demonstrating

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Some of the crew that made the pickets for the fence at the dedication

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| Phil Fisher | DE |
| Larry Brown | NY |
| Drew Jordan | PA |
| John Lee | DE |
| Kelly Smyth | PA |
| Wallace Bader | MD |
| Bobby Hanson | MD |
| Randy McDaniel | PA |
| Winslow Morgan | NM |
| Bill Shuler | MD |
| Michael Walker | MD |
| Tim Suter | NJ |

Brick Masons

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| Paul Steiner | PA |
| Primitivo Escobar | DE |
| Ray Morilo | DE |
| Cirilo Escobar | DE |

Timber Framers

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| Andrew McKnight | PA |
| Vincent Hernandez | DE |



Dedication plaque

As before there was an abundance of food and liquid refreshments at the shop and the evening was capped off with a great fireworks display. If you were not able to attend this year you missed a great party, hopefully we will see you in Delaware City next year.

The NJBA Newsletter has been shortened this issue to allow for the renewal form and envelope. It will return to normal next issue