



N.J.B.A. Newsletter

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Editors Soapbox

Hi, We still have the Holiday Party for this year and we are working on the events for 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!

We had a lot of help for the meet at the Red Mill, it is appreciated and helps the group thrive. My thanks to all who stepped up to the plate and helped make this an enjoyable event.

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

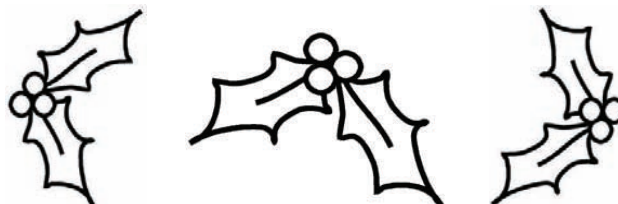
Upcoming events for 2008

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.

December 6th 3PM—Holiday Party—

Information on this page.

February 6th 9am NJBA/PABA Meet at Eric Cupers Information on page 3.



NJBA Holiday Party!

The holiday party is to be held on December 6th, 3PM at Jan and Marshall's house. Many thanks again, to Marshal and Jan for opening their home to us in the holiday season. Members are asked to also bring various trivets, candle holders, or other holiday items they are making to the party.

Despite the emphasis on blacksmithing, members are encouraged to bring their families. Bring a dish, beverage or dessert. Contact Jan or Marshal for advise on what to bring.

Directions to Marshalls' Home:

Marshall and Jan's "cabin" is not on Marshall's farm, but about 3 miles east of it on the same road. Casino Drive is just off Rt. 9, about 3.5 miles north of interstate I. 195 (exit 28). and about 4 miles south of Rt. 33. Either of these routes can be easily reached from the major north-south highways including the Garden Sate Parkway, the NJ Turnpike. 1-295, Rt. 18 or Rt. 34. From Rt. 9 northbound. make a right onto Casino Dr.; southbound. take the jug handle to make a left onto Casino Dr. Continue past Marshalls' Farm to #301 Casino Dr., Howell, N.J. (ph# 732-938-6577)
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NJBA RENEWAL NOTICE

The NJBA Renewal was the last page of last newsletter. If you haven't please fill it out and send it back 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

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Blacksmithing Demonstration Eric Cuper and Daniel O'Sullivan at Cuper Studios Saturday, February 6th, Starting at 9am.

Eric and Dan are teaming up again to present a scintillating demonstration for NJBA, PABA, NOMMA and others.

All are welcome! As always, there will be an Iron In The Hat, tailgating is welcome (try to leave parking spaces in front of the garage doors for tailgaters), and maybe I'll turn the heat all the way up to 60 (don't tell my employees). Coffee and Donuts will arrive at 8:45ish, demos starts at 9ish, lunch and IITH at 12ish, more demos from 1 until 4. We usually order out for lunch and request contributions. I only have a few chairs so if you want to sit, you might want to bring a chair.

The Demonstrators

Eric Cuper, an NJBA Board member, began blacksmithing at Peters Valley Craft Center in 1996 (which is where he first heard of NJBA). From there he attended Southern Illinois University at Carbondale to receive his BFA and MFA degrees specializing in blacksmithing. While at SIUC, Eric's forged sculptures were shown nationally and won several prestigious awards. His work can also be found in several books on forge work.

Since 2004, Eric has been operating Cuper Studios LLC in Easton, PA. Cuper Studios is an architectural metalsmithing company currently producing railings, lighting, gates, furniture, fireplace accessories, sheet metal work, sculpture, and other house jewelry.

Check out www.cuperstudiosllc.com for some of Eric's work.

Daniel O'Sullivan received a BFA from Parsons School of Design, completed a traditional Ornamental Ironworker Apprenticeship followed by Stage Forge at the International School of French Wrought Ironwork in Muizon, France. He taught blacksmithing in County Mayo, Ireland, and worked for an exclusive European metalworking company. Daniel is now proud to be a Local 483 Union Ironworker and is on the Board of the NJBA.

A good time should be had by all, hope to see you there.

Directions to Cuper Studios

Shop address is 1301 Lynn Street, Easton, PA 18042. Phone 610-438-8694.

Email: www.ericcuper@msn.com

From NJ: Take 22 West into PA. After you leave the toll booth, stay in the right lane. Take the first exit immediately off the bridge. Keep right on the exit, going under 22, to a stop sign. Turn left at stop onto Larry Holmes Drive. Take Larry Holmes Drives thru 2 lights and turn left onto Lehigh Drive (immediately following Wawa strip mall). Lynn Street will be your first right and my building is the first big beige building with maroon trim on the right.

From PA: Take Route 22 East towards Easton. Take the 248/ 25th Street Exit. At the end of the exit turn right onto and follow 25th Street heading South. Turn right onto Lehigh Drive. After the intersection with a stop sign and the bridge for the park, Lynn Street will be the 4th left.

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Howell Living Farm Gives Blacksmith Demo

Added by Debby Berger on June 13, 2009 at 9:38 PM



Volunteer, (l) Mike Erdie helps Kyle Nock, 11 years old of Green Lane, Pa, heat the iron which will be formed into a tool, to the right is Kyle's father, Joe Nock.

Mary Iuvone/For the Times

<http://photos.nj.com/the-times/2009/06/>



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Kyle Nock, 11 years old of Green Lane, Pa, strikes a hot iron during a blacksmith demonstration, to the left his Kyle's father, Joe Nock and to the right is volunteer Mike Erdie. Mary Iuvone/For the Times

http://photos.nj.com/the-times/2009/06/howell_living_farm_gives_black_2.html

Middlesex County Fair

Report by Bruce Freeman

Middlesex Co. Fair. Sunday, August 2, a Marshal Bienstock, David Macauley, Tom Majeski, and I met at Marshall's farm and caravanned in two vehicles, with Marshall towing the NJBA trailer, to the Middlesex Co. Fairgrounds (Cranbury Road, and Fern St.) where we set up the equipment. It went fairly well.

Monday, Aug. 3, the Fair opened and NJBA was there, but I wasn't, as I subbed for Marshall at his open forge meeting so that he could attend the fair. The rest of the week Marshall was out of town, attending a class taught by Peter Ross. Saturday, Aug 8, David picked me up and we arrived earlier than our 5 PM start time so we could set the equipment back up. It had been moved aside for the four days we were not at the fair so others could use some of the space. As it turned out, a 5-11 PM stretch was a bit tough. After working half the day in my own shop, I had trouble even thinking of things to forge, but I did make a table-spoon, which I added to our collection of examples of blacksmithing work. David did a leaf or two.

Sunday, Aug. 9 was the last day of the fair, and we were scheduled for 11 AM – 5 PM. David again picked me up and we made good time to the fair, as well as setting up. This time I'd come equipped with books by Tom Tucker and Percy Blandford with suggested projects. I made a couple sets of feathers and wedges – tools used to split stone. I attempted some ornamental work, with no luck. I finished off with a spatula, but quit as it approached 5 PM with the handle unfinished.

As it turned out, I needn't have quit, because we could not pull out till 7 PM! Tom Majeski had planned to join us, but was held up by some work he had to do for his sister.

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He arrived about 4:30 PM and helped us clean up. Then we all sat around till nearly 7 when I finally convinced David to go get the truck. Tom towed the trailer back to Marshall's farm, while David and I headed home.

Red Mill Picnic

Report by Bruce Freeman

Since Eric Cuper was otherwise preoccupied (over something trivial like his first-born being due), I opted to help run this event this year. As it turned out, I got substantial assistance from several others, including Bob Bozay, Dave Ennis, Mark Balzarette, and several others. Even Eric showed up and helped with the Iron-in-the-Hat, showing that he really does know what's most important in life!

My main task was to fetch the food, which I did with the help of Marshall Bienstock, who has a membership in a national membership store where we were able to get much of the food at a good price. However, not wishing to buy picnic supplies for 250 people when about 30 were expected, I finished off the shopping at my local supermarket. I then kept all the perishables carefully on ice till the next morning.

I was joined by Bruce Hay for the trip up to the Red Mill. It was a rainy day, but the worst came early so it wasn't intolerable. When we arrived, we were greeted with donuts and coffee in the smithy. One canopy was already up and another was being put up by Larry Brown and others. The NJBA canopy fit perfectly between these, giving us a rain-free zone for the cook-out and the IITH.

Mark brought the grill and agreed to be in charge of the cooking. Bob and others of us fetched a couple tables and set them up for the cooking and for the IITH. Meanwhile, folks had been pulling in their vehicles and displaying their goods for sale. A few sellers put up tarps to provide more refuge from the rain. As

usual, there were forges, blowers, anvils, vises, hand tools, books, and lots of other assorted items for sale, and I know that a lot of this merchandise changed hands before the end of the day.

Peters Valley

Ironfest and Pig Roast

Report by Larry Brown

The Peters Valley Ironfest and Pig Roast was held on October 10th this year and as usual it was a great time and party. Mark Emig of the Northeast Blacksmiths demonstrated in the shop during the day and was later joined by Arie Haksteen a smith from the Netherlands.

There was a good size tailgating area and there was an auction of contributed iron work, much from the smiths who taught there over the Summer. As usual the food was GREAT!

This event was a benefit to help the teaching program in the blacksmith shop. I don't know how much they made at the end but I hope it was worth doing so they'll repeat this great event again next year. Keep your eyes on their web site for the calendar of next years classes and sign up for one and increase your skill level. The Web site is;

www.petersvalley.org, Phone 973-948-5200

Mid Atlantic Smiths Association 6th Annual Bill Gichner Memorial Hammer-In

January 8- 9-10, 2010 at Hutchison Brothers' Farm, Cordova, MD 21625.

Featured demonstrators Masters In Wrought Iron, Pat Livengood and Kim Thomas. Cost is \$60 till Jan 01, \$80 after. Space is limited, Registration Is Required. More info @ masasmiths.org .