



N.J.B.A. Newsletter

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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 hope to see you at Eric Cuper's shop in February!

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

March 20—21 There will be a demonstration and workshop with Jonathan Nedbor to be held at Marshall farm.. More information and directions on page 4.

April 23 – 25 Delaware College A-Day
More information on page 5.

May 16th—Tuckerton Seaport - More information on page 6.

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Jonathan Nedbor at Marshalls Farm
March 20 - 21
9AM Saturday and 10:30 Sunday

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NJBA Sweatshirt Alert

We are hoping to have NJBA Sweatshirts for sale at Eric Cupers shop on February 6th

NJBA RENEWAL NOTICE

The NJBA Renewal was sent out 2 newsletters ago. 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**

NJBA Board of Directors

Board information not available on web due to spam, etc.

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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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March Meet With Jonathan Nedbor at Marshalls Farm

Marshall Bienstock will be hosting a meet at his shop in Howell NJ. on the 20th of March at 9AM and it will feature Johnathan Nedbor of High Falls, New York as the demonstrator. There will be an Iron In The Hat on this day, so bring and buy as this helps pay for the demonstrators!



The following day (Sunday) there will be a workshop for 6 –8 participants. The workshop fee is \$25(Cheap!) Contact Marshall Bienstock to sign up for the workshop.

Jonathan is an experienced teacher, demonstrator and the current President of the Northeast Blacksmiths and was instrumental in arranging the ACBC Conference held last year at



the Ashokan Center near Kingston NY to replace the cancelled ABANA conference. A full time blacksmith for over 30 years, Jonathan is a popular teacher and demonstrator, able to share his insights into the forging process. He specializes in historic forged ironwork focusing on early hardware of New York's Hudson Valley. Much of his work is used on historic houses and museums, many of which are listed on the National Register. He also designs and produces contemporary furniture and household ironwork.

Jonathan's classes and demonstrations seek to communicate the beauty and simplicity of a pure forged approach to shaping iron. He covers tool making, forge welding, scrolls, approaches to authentic reproduction of historic hardware and much more.

For the demo, The first day, he will demo a variety of items, with lots of forge welding. Some items will be a soup ladle (forge welded, shouldering, whitesmithing, planishing), a side hinge (hot splitting, shearing, punching), Dutch style thumb latch, Dutch Style Ring Latch (forge welding, upset corners).

For the workshop, 2nd Day, participants will

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get a chance to work on projects from the previous days demo or get help with specific projects/ problems of their own choice.

I have know Jonathan for quite a few years and have seen him demonstrate and he is informative, experienced and answers questions well. He demonstrated 8 years ago at Tim Millers Shop in Long Island and 4 years ago at Marshalls shop, both meets were a great success and learning experience, L Brown Editor

Mark your calendars and get out for this meet!

Directions to Marshalls Farm;

Take any N-S route to Route I-195 , to Route 9, travel North a few miles to Casino Drive. Marshall's farm is at 663 Casino Dr. Approximately 1/4 mile east of Route 9, on the right. Marshall can be reached at his shop at (732) 780-0871.

A-Days at Delaware Valley College

April 23rd, 24th and 25th

The last few years my son Calum and I used the NJBA trailer to demonstrate at A-DAY at Delaware Valley College in Doylestown, my home town. In the Spring 2007 newsletter, I described A-DAY, it's history and how the funds raised support student activities throughout the year for all the groups on Campus. Over the years, we have demonstrated at various sites and each year, we get a better location, a better tent, and more recognition from the school. A-DAY is now designated an official fair, as defined by the PA State Associate on County Fairs, and able to take entries and award prizes in all the categories that county agricultural fairs have (iron work won several categories in hand crafts last year). For the fifth year, Calum and I demonstrated for the attendees and supported the students in their fund raising efforts (the highest grossing A-DAY in history). As a gesture to the students, on Sunday Calum and I made small horseshoes (or unicorn colt shoes, as I described for some of the attendees) from 5/16" bar stock, 22 in all, for the students on the steering committee and their faculty advisors. In each one I stamped 'A Days 2007' and then their initials in the toe of shoe. These were handed out and I got much positive feedback from both students and staff. I assume that I will again be making shoes for this year's committee.

For the eighth year, we hope to be back with the NJBA trailer, we enjoy doing it and the president of the executive committee has invited us back. I invite all NJBA members to join us in this demonstration. We have a great time, expose a large number of people to the art and craft of blacksmithing, the campus is beautiful and student enjoy what we do. Please contact me if you are interested in demonstrating cjfdlearn@verizon.net, 215.489.1742. For more information on A-DAY, please go to the Delaware Valley College web site www.delval.edu. I hope to see you at A-DAY.

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Tuckerton Seaport May 16th

On May 18, 2008 NJBA will be doing a demo at Tuckerton Seaport, in Tuckerton NJ. The event starts at 10:00 am. We start setting up around 9:00. Bring your own food or there is a restaurant at the seaport. The contact for this event is Tom Majewski
732 462-2453 v2e4mab9@verizon.net

Directions to the seaport are, from the North take the Garden State Parkway South to Exit 58(Tuckerton/Little Egg Harbor). Make a left at the end of the ramp onto Rt.539 south. Follow Rt 539(becomes Green Street) to the third traffic light at Rt 9(Main St.) Make a right. the Seaport is on the left across from the lake. for information on the seaport go to www.tuckertonseaport.org

LEARN HOW TO MAKE YOUR LITTLE GIANT POWER HAMMER WORK HARDER THAN EVER!

Please join us March 19-21, 2010 for our annual Little Giant Rebuilding Seminar!

This class was first taught by our good friend Fred Caylor of Zionsville, Indiana. We carry on his tradition of teaching how to make Little Giants run well and hit hard.

This 2 ½ day class is a hands-on format. You will help transform a 25 LB Little Giant hammer from functional but sloppy condition into a well tuned, quiet, hard working hammer. Sid Suedmeier, owner of Little Giant, will share all his knowledge and experience gained from working with Fred and from 19 years of repairing and rebuilding Little Giants.

An old style 25 LB Little Giant will be rebuilt during the class, and a new style machine will be on hand to demonstrate proper assembly and adjustment of both styles.

The class is held in our shop in historical Nebraska City, Nebraska. The city has a wide variety of cafes, outlets (including Pendleton Woolen Mills), antique and gift shops, orchards, wineries and museums.

IF YOU HAVE A LITTLE GIANT, THIS CLASS IS FOR YOU!

No experience is required to attend this class. Past students have ranged from age 15 to 90, and from all walks of life. Anyone who wants to learn will benefit from this class. We approach the rebuilding process using tools that can be found in the average home workshop.

If you are in the market to buy a power hammer, this class will make you an educated shopper. If you already own a Little Giant, or any other brand of power hammer, this class will teach you how to get the best performance possible.

The class costs \$95, refundable up to 7 days prior to the class; advance registration is required. We limit the class to 25 participants. The class starts at 9 AM sharp on Friday, and usually ends by Saturday evening. The schedule runs Sunday until noon in case we encounter any exceptional problems in rebuilding, and to answer remaining questions.

When we receive your registration, we will send you a city map, along with travel and hotel information.

Airports are located in Omaha (45 miles north), Lincoln (50 miles west) and Kansas City (125 miles south).

I took this class last year as have other NJBA members and recommend it highly even if it is just to help understand how this old equipment works— Larry Brown

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NJBA Holiday Party

Marshall and Jan hosted the NJBA Holiday Party at their home in Howell, NJ on December 6th. I was able to attend this year and had a very good time. There were about 25 people there and the food was brought by those attending and provided by Marshall and Jan which made a very nice selection of delicious food to try. This has been a yearly event for NJBA and Marshall has opened his home to us for as long as I remember and I'm sure I speak for the group when I say that their hospitality is appreciated by all.

NJBA Knife Makers Workshop

On October 24 and 25th NJBA held a Knife Makers Workshop at Marshalls Farm. The workshop was led by Mark Morrow and Attended by Joshua Kuehne, Liam O'Malley, Garry Harrison, Tom Majewski, Rob Robbins, Jeff Dolan, David Macauley, Michal Krol and Jose Torres.



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Grasshopper Treadle Hammer Plans, 2009 Edition

by Bruce Freeman

I have just completed the revisions to the Grasshopper Treadle Hammer plans. These incorporate all previous changes, which were principally to the kick-back mechanism (for those of you familiar with the machine). The prototype Grasshopper with all the updates is in Marshall Bienstock's shop and can be tried out at his open forge meetings.

These new plans come with a slight price increase, the first in a decade: \$27 postpaid (by media mail) in the USA. The website currently does not reflect the price increase (I'm having some trouble dealing with the website host.), and the price on the website will not be honored.

These plans are now being sold via ebay, both domestically and overseas, and can be found at: <http://tinyurl.com/yhjl82>

Adam Howard has moved up to Vermont Windham Foundation Grafton Blacksmith Shop

Situated in the very heart of Grafton Village is its own unique historic Blacksmith Shop.

Owned by the Windham Foundation, and operated by noted blacksmith and educator Adam Howard, the shop's mission is the furtherance of the art of blacksmithing and the sharing of its vital role past and present in the daily life, economy, and community of Grafton and rural Vermont.

The shop is host to visitors from far and near including numerous school groups and others interested in learning about this ancient art and its contemporary applications and is home to Grafton's annual autumn Blacksmith's Festival drawing crafters, vendors, demonstrators and enthusiasts from across the United States and Canada.

In addition to the highest quality ironware and custom orders produced on-site, the shop also houses a fascinating collection of historic tools, artifacts and contemporary works on a rotating basis.

Workshops, internships, and apprenticeships are available to those interested in a more intensive education.

SHOP HOURS

Tuesday through Sunday

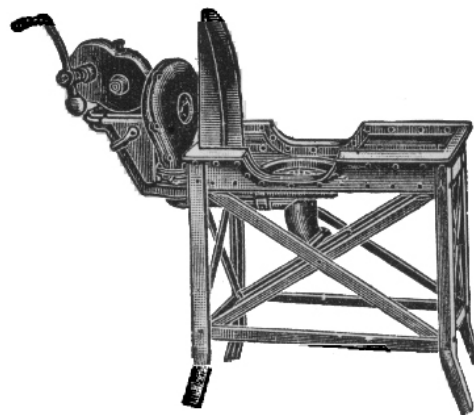
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

(Closed Mondays and Major Holidays)

FREE PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS

Continuous throughout hours of operation.

For further information or to schedule a group tour, please call Adam Howard, Blacksmith
802-843-1029



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Outside of NJBA Meets OPEN FORGE

Announcing a new quarterly Hammer In and Open Forge at Canal Forge in High Falls, NY. This is a first time event co/sponsored by the Northeast Blacksmiths Association,

ALL ARE WELCOME.

When: Saturday, February 20, 2010

10am till 4pm

Location:

Canal Forge

496 Towpath

High Falls, NY 12440

845-687-7130 Jonathan

845-338-4559 Mark

On Saturday February 20th from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Jonathan Nedbor and Mark Emig will host a get together at Jon's shop in High Falls, New York. There will be a couple of short demos and then a hands-on open forge with instruction.

Two Demos: Forged Bending Forks with Mark Emig, Tongs with Jonathan Nedbor.

Following the demos, participants are welcome to work on a pair of tongs, a bending fork or other forging challenge.

We are asking for \$15 per person to cover cost of material and food - Coffee, tea, donuts, soda, chips.

We hope to do an Iron-in-the-Hat to raise some money for Doctors Without Borders in Haiti. Bring some good stuff for that and tools etc for tailgate sales.

Please RSVP so we can be ready for you all. Call or email: jonned@hvc.rr.com
Smithingman@aol.com

Two New Open Forge Locations for NJBA

Joshua Kuehne in Southern NJ is looking to open his shop once or twice a month to members who would like to get together to forge. Contact him directly to set up a time.

Joshua Kuehne, 543 Amos Ave.

Vineland, NJ 08360

(856) 503-5297 iforgeiron88@yahoo.com

Kerry Rhoades and John Chobrda

would like to host an open forge night at his shop this year. It would be on Wednesday nights from seven to nine. If people would be coming we would like them to call first to make sure we would be there. Forged Creations, 124 Clinton Street, Delaware City, DE

Kerry (302) 832-1631

John (302) 838-1960 (609) 610-3501 (cell)



Eric Von Arx

The sculpture named "Soldier's March" is made from forged rebar with a walnut base. It was forged at one of Marshall's Monday night open forges.

The Show was the 23rd Annual State wide open juried show at The Art Alliance in Red Bank, NJ. Eric won an award for this piece in November. The show ran in November for the month. Eric won 1 of the top 5 equal awards.