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Northeast Blacksmiths Association

Northeast Blacksmiths holds its meets twice a year at the Ashokan Field Campus in New York State.

The Ashokan campus is located in Olivebridge, N.Y., several miles west of Kingston, N.Y. The meets are held the first weekend in May and in the first weekend in October every year. The main demonstration is in the blacksmith shop and there is a "Hands On" workshop for beginners. A main demonstrator is brought in for each meet, food and bunk-house style lodging are provided as part of the cost of the weekend long meet.

Contact : Tim Neu to register for hammer-ins or subscribe to the newsletter;
Tim Neu, The Ashokan Center,
447 Beaverkill Rd.
Olivebridge, N.Y. 12461 [914]657-8333
 For more information check out the web site; <<http://nba.abana-chapter.com/>>

Join The Pennsylvania Blacksmiths Association!

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Do you have any particular skills (welder, accountant, carpenter, doctor) that may be helpful to the group or membership?

Suggestions for PABA demonstrations

What is your skill level?
 Beginner Intermediate Advanced Professional

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Send your completed application with \$ 20 (one year dues) to;
 PABA Treasurer, Buzz Glahn
 1667 Wyomissing Rd.
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 (make Checks payable to PABA)

PABA Membership Application
 Membership is from Jan. 1 — Dec. 31

New Jersey Blacksmiths Association
Attn: Larry Brown, Editor
90 William Avenue
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How to Join or Renew your Membership in NJBA:

NJBA Dues are \$20 per year.

NJBA Business Dues are \$40 per year

Please make your check out to: "NJBA"

Please mail checks to:

NJBA, P.O. Box 224, Farmingdale, NJ 07727-9998

Please include payment with the information listed below. You will receive a postcard confirmation of your membership, and will receive a newsletter within a month.

NJBA's "year" runs from June to June. If you join mid-year, the postcard will offer a prorated dues option which will then allow you to extend your membership till the following June. The following information will be listed in a roster available to other members.

Name _____ Home Phone _____
Address _____ Day Phone _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____
E-Mail _____ Skill Level (optional) _____
Comments _____

New Jersey Blacksmiths Newsletter

Renewal Page

Please return this page with a check for the indicated amount, payable to NJBA to;

NJBA, P.O. Box 224, Farmingdale, NJ, 07727-9998.

Individual - \$20.00

Businesses - \$40.00

If you join NJBA as a **business member**,* you will be listed in the newsletter with your contact information.

NJBA does not pro-rate dues on a month-to-month basis since we do an annual membership drive once a year in June. However, if you joined within the past nine months, you may renew at a discount applies (please check appropriate box):

- I joined in August, September or October, 2009, so I qualify to my membership through June 2011 for \$15.
- I joined in November, December, 2009, or January, 2010, so I qualify to my membership through June 2011 for \$12.
- I joined in February, March or April, 2010, so I qualify to my membership through June 2011 for \$7.

Only name and address are required. Our mailing list is not sold or distributed, but information may be made available to other NJBA members upon request. Please list your **e-mail address**, which we will use to share late breaking news and announcements.

Name: _____ **Home phone:** _____

***Business name:** _____

Address: _____ **Day phone:** _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Email: _____ **Skill level:** _____

Programs I'd like to see: _____

I'd like to volunteer to: _____

Comments: _____

New Jersey Blacksmiths Newsletter

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**Then send it back with your renewal
on the back of this page**

NJBA, P.O. Box 224, Farmingdale, NJ, 07727-9998

May 1st, 2010

Dear NJBA Member,



We're running a little early with the renewal letter, this year, because we decided to save postage by combining it with the newsletter mailing. The official month for renewals is June but you may send them in anytime after receiving this. **We have sent newsletters this last year to some who have not renewed, if this is you, this is your last newsletter, please act now to stay with us!** Dues are still \$20, for which you get four newsletters and about 90 events each year. Yes, I do mean 90 events, because in addition to membership meetings approximately monthly, we have two (count 'em, two!) open forge meetings going on a weekly basis. (See the newsletters for details. <http://njba.abana-chapter.com>)

As for monthly meetings, we have a master blacksmiths demonstrate to our group at least once per year. We have some fun events each year, like Delaware City Day (hosted by Kerry Rhoades) and the Holiday Party (hosted by Marshall). Each September we hold a tool swap (tailgate sale) at the Red Mill in Clinton. We also try to have at least one workshop each year. Last year's sword-making workshop had to be cancelled due to lack of interest, unfortunately. We are constantly being called upon to give public demonstrations, such as the ones at Speedwell, Middlesex Co. Fair, Historic Cold Springs Village, and Walnford, and could be at many more of these if we had members willing to staff them.

And that brings us to the core of my message: NJBA is a volunteer organization. The most active volunteers we usually get to serve on the board, but there is no requirement to be on the board to be active. A few of the current directors (i.e., board members) have been decreasing their activity levels due to work, family, health, or other personal reasons. Currently, only two directors have vehicles that can tow the NJBA tool trailer. Larry Brown, our editor, ends up writing up most of the event reports for the newsletter, with a little help from yours truly. Although we get decent turn-out at the public demonstrations, we'd love to do better.

NJBA can do better if more members will help out. Please consider helping out in some way that you will enjoy. Can you haul the trailer from Marshall's farm to a meeting? Can you help out to prepare for a workshop? Would you like to man a public demonstration in your area? Let us know. Drop an email or phone up one or more of the directors to let us know of your interest.

Finally, I must repeat another very important request: We would really like to have email addresses for all members who use email. Often we have important information too late in hand to get it into the newsletter, and we just don't have the manpower for a telephone tree.

Sincerely,
Bruce Freeman