



N.J.B.A. Newsletter

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Editors Soapbox Wake Up!!!

We have a lot of events scheduled as of now and more to come. We have tool and sword demos at Marshalls, we have a kick off Spring meet at Peters Valley with knife and traditional demonstrations, a all night demo and many more. So, Mark your calendars, empty out the cookie jars for some gas money and get out and do some blacksmithing to start the Spring. If you are interested in helping please contact one of the board members listed on page 2. Larry Brown, Editor

Upcoming events for 2011

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.

March 10th Mark Morrow will demonstrate making various tools such as axes, at Marshall's Farm, Howell, NJ. More information on this page.

April 14th Spring Meet at Peters Valley Craft Center, Sam Salvati and Dick Sargent demonstrating. Meet is open to all members from other groups.

May 5th Mark Morrow will be demonstrate making a Katana blade, at Marshall's Farm, Howell, NJ

May 20th 10am to 5pm , Set up 9AM Open Demonstration at the Tuckerton Seaport, 5th Annual Bluegrass & Barbecue Festival

June 9 - 10th Hammer-in demonstration at the Historic Cold Spring Village in Cape May, NJ

June 16 -17th Art All Night in Trenton NJ

July 14th - 15th Cold Spring Village, Cape May, NJ

August 6th - 12th, Middlesex County Fair, For more info see page and check the web site

August 18th Canal Day Wharton NJ

August 25th and 26th Seafarer's Weekend in Historical Cold Spring Village. Cape May NJ

Sunday, September 9th 10:00am - 4:00pm Red Mill Tool Swap/Picnic, For more info see page and check the web site

September 30th Walnford Park

Mark Morrow Tool Making Demonstration March 10th

Mark is going to give a demonstration on making wood working tools , from sockets to a small trim axe. Come out for this first meet of the year!

Directions:

Marshalls farm is at 663 Casino Drive, Howell (Monmouth Co.). NJ. which is about 1/4 mile east of Route 9. Casino Dr. is a few miles north of 1-195. and a few miles south of Rte. 33. Either of these routes can be easily reached from the major north-south highways. including the Garden State Parkway, the NJ Turnpike. 1-195. Rt. 18 or Rt. 34. Marshall can be reached at his shop at (732) 780-0871.

Renewals

**If you have not renewed, this maybe your last newsletter!
Send in the renewal soon!**

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The NJBA Web Site!

The NJBA Web Site is:

<http://njba.abana-chapter.com/>

The Newsletter is at:

<http://www.lightningforge.com/njba/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 members not available on
web site, only hard copy

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Saturday, April 14

**A Kick out the Winter and start the Spring Meet!
Members from the NJBA, NBA, NEB, PABA and Berkshire Blacksmiths and other interested people are invited to attend!**

The NJBA has set up a spring meet in Layton, New Jersey hosted by the Peters Valley Craft Center. Demonstrators will be Sam Salvati demoing blade smithing and edged tools. Material selection and a synopsis of metallurgy will be discussed. Dick Sargent Department head of Peters Valley blacksmithing will demonstrate joinery tooling for the power hammer and some simple and unique hand tools for the anvil.

The teaching studio at Peters Valley is equipped with nine forges and anvils plenty of room for people to play during the day. Hoping you'll all come, don't forget to bring something for iron in the hat we are also encouraging PABA, Berkshire and NEB members to attend. This should be a fun Saturday for everyone tailgating encouraged.

Dick Sargent
Dept Head Blacksmithing
Peters Valley Craft school
Layton, NJ 07851

**Mark Morrow
Japanese Sword Blade Demonstration
May 5th**

Mark is going to give a demonstration on making Japanese Katana sword blade, forging to heat treat

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**Tuckerton Seaport, May 20th
Open Demonstration**

On Sunday May 15 NJBA will be doing a demo at Tuckerton Seaport, at their Annual Bluegrass & Barbeque Festival. We did this event a few times before and always had a good time. So come on down, or up, depends where you live, and spend some time with us. Do a little blacksmithing, enjoy the music the food and the seaport.

Set up time is around 9:00 am . To get to the seaport take the Gardenstate parkway to Exit 58 Rt 539 go east or follow the signs at the top of the ramp to Rt 9 (Main st) in Tuckerton make a right the seaport is on the left. Hope to see you there.

For information on the seaport go to www.tuckertonseaport.org

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Historic Cold Spring Village (HCSV) June 9th - 10th

Demonstration - Hammer-in at HCSV Celtic Festival

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

drmacauley@att.com

ART ALL NIGHT June 16th - 17th

Location: Trenton NJ. Description: NJBA will provide a demo and hammer in at various hours TBD. There will be various artists working all night long. There will also be an iron pour. More information soon on the web site

Historic Cold Spring Village (HCSV) July 14th - 15th

Family Weekend, Demonstration Hammer-in.

David will bring the equipment - great beach vacation opportunity

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.

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Thanks,

David Macauley

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Middlesex County Fair August 6st - 12th

Confirmation of the dates coming soon!

We have been invited back to Middlesex County fair which runs from August 6st through the 12th in East Brunswick. 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 for the entire time 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. This is a wonderful fair to attend and is great opportunity for the entire family.

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. Directions continued on next page.

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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 732-206-1568

Canal Day Wharton NJ August 18th

I will be doing a demo at Canal Day in Wharton NJ 10Am - 5PM. Here is the URL: <http://www.canalday.org> I will have two forging stations. All NJBA smiths are welcomed. This was a great festival in 2011. Some good bands, food and vendors. Great family event.
Coordinator David Macauley, drmacauley@att.net , 7320-310-1300

Seafarer's Weekend in Historical Cold Spring Village. Cape May NJ. August 27th and 28th

I will again have two forging stations. There are some great displays of boats made in the bay area of Cape May county. Some darn realistic pirates with accurate and authentic weapons. Again great family event. this is the middle of the Macauley Family vacation. Pelase come and enjoy the blacksmithing and the beach. This is a particularly great location to have people experience blacksmithing first hand. Here is the URL: <http://www.hcsv.org/>

BLACKSMITH HAMMER-IN & TOOL SWAP At the Red Mill Museum Village Sunday, September 9th, 10:00am - 4:00pm

The Red Mill Museum Village is pleased to announce its annual Hammer In and Tool Swap on Sunday, September 9th 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 blacksmiths Dave Ennis and Robert Bozzay.

NJBA members who want to demonstrate should contact Dave Ennis and register for a time slot in the schedule so the museum can publicize them and the event

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. Directions continued on next page.

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Directions:

Red Mill Museum; Take exit 15 on I-78 onto old route 22 going North (routes 513 and 173), make a left onto main street before bridge. Museum straight ahead.

Meet at Walnford Park September 30th

We will be demonstrating and holding a membership meeting at Walnford Park on September 30th. Walnford is also known as Crosswicks Creek Park and is in Upper Freehold, N.J. Hammer in and demo at Walnford Park. Please come out especially with your family to enjoy a day at the hidden jewel of the Monmouth County Park system - Walnford park. NJBA will have the trailer with three forges at the demo. We will be immediately across from the working gristmill. There are many activities for children so this is another great family event.

Coordinator David Macauley, drmacauley@att.net , 732-310-1300

Historic Walnford is the 36 acre Historic District at the heart of Crosswick Creek Park. This country estate and former mill village provides a window to view more than a century of social, technological, and environmental history in Western Monmouth County.

The site includes a large home built for the Waln Family in 1774, an 1879 Carriage House, and assorted outbuildings and farm structures. Much of the site's interpretation is connected to the newly restored and operating late 19th century Gristmill.

Directions

Directions: Please note: If you choose to do an internet search for directions to this address, be aware that the parking lot on site is not accessible from the Walnford Rd/Hill Rd intersection. Directions below. From the East Via I-195: Take Exit 11 (Imlaystown/Cox's Corner) and turn left onto Rt.43 (Imlaystown/Hightstown Rd). At the first intersection, turn right onto Rt. 526/Red Valley Rd. At the first light, turn left onto Sharon Station Rd and follow approximately 2 miles. Turn right onto Rt. 539 North. Travel a short distance and turn left onto Holmes Mills Rd. Make first right onto Walnford Road which leads directly into the park.. From the West: Follow I-195 to Exit 8 (Allentown), Rt. 524/539. Turn right and follow Rt. 539 through Allentown. Turn right onto Holmes Mills Rd and then right onto Walnford Rd, which leads directly into the park. From the North: Take Rt. 9, 79, or 34S to 537W to Rt. 539 in Upper Freehold. Turn right onto Rt. 539 (Forked River Rd), then left onto Burlington Path Rd. Turn right onto Holmes Mills Rd and then left onto Walnford Rd, which leads directly into the park.



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Josh Kavett's Anvil Collection

Report by John Chobrda

It was a beautiful autumn day when Tim Sutter and I decided to take a ride up to Josh Kavett's. There was to be a Crafts of NJ meeting and swap meet at his place, with a tour of his anvil collection after lunch. For those of you who don't know about Josh, he has assembled the largest collection of Fisher and Norris anvils and associated equipment that exists. He also owns the Fisher and Norris Trade Name. Josh has erected a very large pole building to house his collection. Not only does it contain F&N anvils there are also anvil bases, double screw vices, swage blocks, and all the patterns that were used to cast these items. The pride of the collection is a group of anvils from ten pounds to eight hundred pounds (one example of every size anvil Fisher and Norris made). Josh was also able to save some of the associated equipment that was used during manufacturing.



For those NJBA members that were unable to attend that day, it is hoped that Josh will entertain such a gathering again. For not only does his collection contain Fisher and Norris items, but also a large collection of Star anvils and a plethora of "STUFF".



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Report on the Anvil Workshop Saturday November 19th

By David Macauley

It was a beautiful day to have the workshop - nice and cool. We had the fire cooking anvils by 9AM - probably should have started a little earlier.

The fireplace really worked nicely - great design Bruce F and Marshall. We had just enough room for the anvils. Getting them on and off was reasonably easy, Although David has a few less eye brows. My wife's potato soup seemed to work out for lunch - she really enjoyed visiting. Big thanks Bruce H, Marshall and Larry for welding. Seems like we had more difficulty finding the right rod to adhere to cast parts of the anvils, but we were successful. Larry kept digging into his reserves of different rods until we found stuff that would work. Thanks to Bruce Freeman for participating even though we were not repairing any of his anvils.

Report on the Holiday Party Sunday December 4th Marshall and Jan's house.

The holiday party was held on December 4th, 3PM at Jan and Marshall's house. Many thanks again, to Marshall and Jan for opening their home to us in the holiday season. We had a great turnout and a large variety of foods and desserts. A good time was had by all.

For Sale!

An "Ohio" brand Metal Shaper. Has a 20 inch stroke, about 3.5 ft wide, 5.5 ft tall, and 6 ft long. Solid cast iron. Converted to electric motor. For more information please email

John Scancella at :
blacksmithforlife@gmail.com

Demonstrators Needed

It is time again for Delaware College's A-Day celebration, the last weekend in April here in Doylestown. Unfortunately I will not be able to demonstrate this year because of a family commitment. If anyone is interested in stepping in and doing so, please contact me as soon as possible so I can get the student organizer in contact with you.

Thanks

Doug Learn
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(If someone can demonstrate there give me a call or email and I will post the event on the web site, Larry Brown editor)

Damascus Workshop

NJBA and Mark Morrow are planning another Damascus workshop for the fall. There is no date set, but the price will be \$75 per person.

Contact: Mark Morrow,
swordsmith201@verizon.net
732-458-5823

Outside NJ Meets

2012 California Blacksmith Association Spring Conference

Dates: April 27 - 28
Sonoma-Marin Fairgrounds - Petaluma, CA
More Info and Registration: <http://calsmith.org/events/spring-conference/2012/>

NBA SPRING MEET 2012

May 4, 5 and 6
Kim Thomas of Seville Ohio
Meet at The Ashokan Center, Olivebridge, NY
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<http://www.northeastblacksmiths.org/>

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Blacksmithing Workshops and Classes:

Peters Valley Craft Education Center
19 Kuhn Rd., Layton, NJ 07851 (973)948-5200
pv@warwick.net www.pvcrafts.org

**Academy of Traditional Arts
Carroll County Farm Museum**
500 South Center St. Westminster, MD 21157
(410)848-7775 (410)876-2667

Touchstone Center for Crafts
R.D.#1, Box 60, Farmington, PA 15437
(724)329-1370 Fax: (724)329-1371

John C Campbell Folk School
One Folk School Rd.
Brasstown, NC 28902
1-800-365-5724 www.folkschool.com

Brookfield Craft Center
286 Whisconier Road
P. O. Box 122
Brookfield, CT 06804-0122
203.775.4526

Open Forges

If any members have a forge at home and work in the evenings or weekends and want to open it up to help a few local guys, let me know, Larry Brown, editor, as we get requests from members who have a hard time traveling to some of the open forge locations.

Please contact, Larry Brown, Editor.

We want to encourage all to join us at:

Monday Night Open Forge in N.J.

Marshall Bienstock is hosting an open forge in his shop at 7 pm almost every Monday night (Please call ahead on holidays to make sure , (732)780-0871)

Open Forge in Long Island

Sunday from 10:00 am to 6pm.
Starting the 1st Sunday in November until the end of April. Please call ahead to confirm and get directions. Ron Grabowski, 110 Burlington Blvd. Smithtown, NY (631) 265-1564
Ronsforge@aol.com

Business Members

We would like to thank those who joined with our new Business Membership category .

Business dues are \$40

Please show them our support

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