



N.J.B.A. Newsletter

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Editors Soapbox

We need some more activity from our members!

As editor I would appreciate some help in writing up events for the newsletter. 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. It would be great if we could have some of you helping scheduling meets that are local to you. You can see we do not have much to list here. 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 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.

August 27th and 28th Seafarer's Weekend in Historical Cold Spring Village. Cape May NJ See this page for more info

September 11th, Sunday, 10:00am - 4:00pm
Red Mill Tool Swap/Picnic, See page 3 for more info

September 17th, There will be a demonstration by Jonathan Nedbor to be held at Marshall's farm

September 16 - 18, Old Time Engine Show
Washington Crossing Park, NJ, see page 5

October 1st, Walnford Park See page 5 for more info

October 8th, PV Pig Iron Fest See page 6 for more info

November 6th, NJBA and an antique tool collectors group at Josh Kavett's shop. See page .

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. Please come and enjoy the blacksmithing and the beach. This is a particularly great location to have people experience blacksmithing first hand. In July when I was demoing there, I had some great help running the blower and few striker candidates. Here is the URL: <http://www.hcsv.org/>

David Macauley

Directions: Take exit 4A south from the Garden State Parkway and follow the signs to Historic Cold Spring Village 720 Rt. 9 Cape May NJ 08204 (609) 898-2300.

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://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

Directors are available on request or
on the hard copy version

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BLACKSMITH HAMMER-IN & TOOL SWAP

At the Red Mill Museum Village

Sunday, September 11th, 10:00am - 4:00pm

The Red Mill Museum Village is pleased to announce its annual Hammer In and Tool Swap on Sunday, September 11th 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



One Blacksmith we recently met and who has agreed to demonstrate is Leonid Karelshtayn, an artist-blacksmith well known in several countries, who opened his workshop in Moscow in 2003. His professional activity started in Kiev, Ukraine, a city with considerable resources of such skills. Beginning in the 1980's, Leonid was trained to work with metal and learned from the best blacksmiths in workshops in this ancient city. He was engaged in the restoration of the old part of the city: Gates, fences, balconies, and many other things bearing Leonid's touch mark, can be seen on Andreevsky Promenad and in other historical places of the city. Later, he worked as a key craftsman of a firm to train many students. In 1992,



Leonid was invited to Germany, where for a year he received training and exchanged experience with German blacksmiths. Now his work can be seen not only in Kiev and Moscow, but also in many cities of Europe and the US. He is a regular participant of Russian and international exhibitions. Leonid Karelshtayn is a vice-president of the Union of Blacksmiths of Russia.

At the Red Mill event on Sept. 11, Leonid will demonstrate forged elements that typify his style of blacksmithing.

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

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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:

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.

September 17th Meet With Jonathan Nedbor at Marshalls Farm

Marshall Bienstock will be hosting a meet at his shop in Howell NJ. on the 17th of September at 9AM and it will feature Jonathan 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!

Jonathan is an experienced teacher, demonstrator and the current President of the Northeast Blacksmiths and was instrumental in arranging the ACBC Conference held 2 years ago 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 de-



signs and produces contemporary furniture and household ironwork.

Jonathan's 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, whitemithing, planishing), a side hinge (hot splitting, shearing, punching), Dutch style thumb latch, Dutch Style Ring Latch (forge welding, upset corners).

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Old Time Engine Show September 17th, 18th, 19th

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. 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.

Walnford Park

October 1st,

We will be demonstrating and holding a membership meeting at Walnford Park on October 1st. 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.

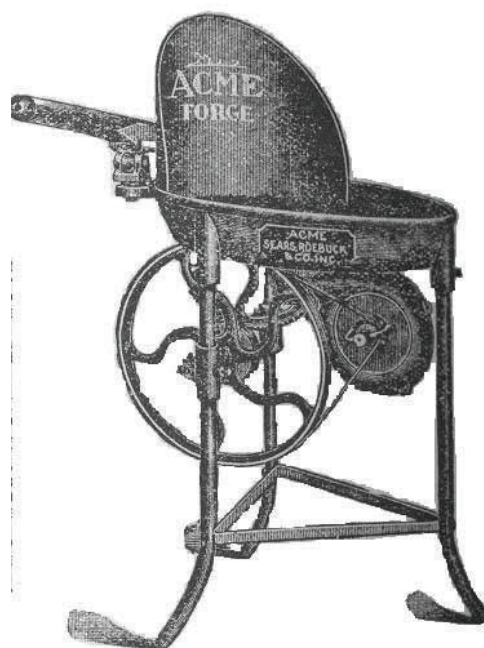
Coordinator David Macauley,
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Historic Walnford is the 36 acre Historic District at the heart of Crosswick Creek Park. This country estate and former mill village provides a window to view more than a century of social, technological, and environmental 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: 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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Mini Press Workshop

The 2011 July Mini Press work shop went well ,we had all ten spots filled and had a addition of several people show up to help with the welding and assembly , aside from a little glitch with the drawing dies being welded to make a large X the day went well , about 4 pm it was decided that we would stop and finish the presses on Monday nights at the open forge , many thanks to Marshall and all the participants and welders that made the workshop a success , Mark Morrow

Historic Cold Spring Village Demonstrations

David Macauley supported Historic Cold Spring Village for two event so far in 2011:

6/11 – 6/12/2011 Celtic Festival:

On both days David worked in the shop with Jerry Goldman (the village blacksmith) and Bill Banks his assistant. I demonstrated making leaves for the kids – you have to love the smiles you get when they receive something. I also made a few courting candle holders for the village.

7/16 – 7/17/2011 Hands-On & Homespun

For this event I was working under the trees. The weather was absolutely wonderful – cool and a little breezy. No other smiths showed up, but we had the chance to demonstrate for the public.

Here are some photos:



Middlesex County Fair 2011

Submitted by David Macauley

Folks we had a long but successful week at the Middlesex County Fair. A lot of sweat, a lot of sun and a little rain. We had many visitors - I would imagine close to 50 a day. Almost all of the flyers and cards that I put out were gone. Hopefully we will see more volunteers. We spent quite a bit of time with Boy Scouts again. They are really interested in blacksmithing and are doing pretty well. The club earned \$300 for the demonstrations. We were also asked to do demonstrations at the Hunterdon County Fair next year. We would also be paid for those demos. In my opinion this is not a bad way to earn some money for the organization and increase our membership.

A big thanks for the following folks who came out to demo:

Marshall Bienstock
Bruce Freeman
Larry Brown
Dan O'Sullivan

Marshall demonstrated making a "dibble" A pointed gardening implement used to make holes in soil. Dan demonstrated making a snail and folded leaf. Larry demonstrated making an spiral end for a handle. He also assisted instructing some scouts

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to make hooks. David broke down and made some more courting candles. Bruce demonstrated make in a ladle.

Our big bonus was meeting Leonid Karelshytayn on Sunday 8/7. Leonid is an experienced and extremely talented blacksmith from Russia who recently emigrated to the USA. He does not speak a lick of English, but his sister was kind enough to translate as much as she could. Unfortunately, she does not know how to translate blacksmithing terms. Larry and I have asked Leonid to demonstrate how to make a pintle which he did. There was quite a bit of sign language going back and forth, but we were successful. I am quite sure Leonid will be appearing at our upcoming event.

Big thanks to Bruce and Marshall for help in setup and tear down - both on hot days. I can also report that as of Monday 8/8 Marshall modified the fire pot on the smaller square forge. We remove the 2" tuyre and replaced it with a 3" tuyre. That should improve the blast from the forge.

Here are some photos from the event.



Tool Group Meet

We have been invited to a joint meet with a tool group at Josh Kavetts Shop / Fisher Anvil Museum

Nov.6 Sunday

Plans:

Coffee, donuts, Tailgating from 7am on
Maybe blacksmith demo ongoing (up to njba)
Send everyone to lunch, on their own, around 11
Open the museum at 12:30 Tour and talk at 1am
Maybe IITH, I have to talk to tool group

NO SMOKING on the property. If you need a smoke, you must go and stand on the street.

The museum will not be open until after lunch.
Park in the front field if you are only here to look.
Park by the museum as directed if you are selling (tailgating).

There is no rain date.

There will be a portapoty on site

Directions: Josh's shop is at 471 Casino Dr Farmingdale, NJ, near Marshalls farm, East off of Route 9. Casino Dr. is a few miles north of 1-195. and a few miles south of Rte. 33.

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Meet outside of NJBA, Northeast Blacksmiths Meet At the Ashokan Center

The Meet is on September 30, October 1, 2, 2011

The demonstrator for the Fall meet is Fred Crist. We had Fred as a demonstrator over 20 years ago and thought it was time to bring him back. He has had an impressive career. Mr. Crist received a BFA in sculpture from Philadelphia College of Art in 1977. He was employed by Samuel Yellin Metalworkers from 1977 until 1988. While at the Yellin Shop he advanced to the position of Mastersmith and has executed major works for the city of Philadelphia, the National Cathedral in Washington DC, the University of Pittsburgh, Yale University as well as numerous other commissions.

Since going out on his own in 1988, in addition to his traditional ironwork, he has developed a body of his own modern work that is very sculptural.

Frederic A. Crist has over 30 years experience in designing and forging metalwork of all kinds including gates, exterior and interior lighting, railings, furniture and sculpture.

Fred's plans for the weekend are as follows: "Time permitting I will work on 3 pieces. On Sat I will do an interpreted reproduction, forged from one piece of material based on one done in 1918 by Sam Yellin for a film by the Metropolitan Museum of Art. That will be followed by a sculptural piece, using the same techniques. On Sunday morn I will do another sculpture using traditional techniques, tapering, forge welding and development with the torch."

For more info on Fred check out his many references online. His website is:

<http://www.facristmetalsmith.com/arch.html>

<http://www.facristmetalsmith.com/>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Jvpp4O9w6o>

For more information visit the web site:
northeastblacksmiths.org

Looking for Demonstrators!

A good chance to show your work and skills! These events are next year so you have time to get ready!

Jefferson Township Day

NJBA,

As president of the Jefferson Arts Committee, we would like to explore the possibility of scheduling a demonstration of your blacksmithing talents at our 26th annual Jefferson Township Day celebration scheduled for Saturday, July 14, 2012 held on the fields of the Jefferson Township High School, 1000 Weldon Road, Oak Ridge, NJ.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could contact me. Thank you.

Carol Punturieri

Jefferson Arts Committee, President

973-697-3828/973-663-8404

Contact them directly or contact David Macauley

Hunterdon County Fair in 2012

We have been asked to do demonstrations at the Hunterdon County Fair in 2012. For 2011 it is WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24TH - SUNDAY, AUGUST 28TH, So I would imagine that it is at the end of August in 2012. These are paid demonstrations. We can get the NJBA trailer there and back.

Contact David Macauley

