

"Tales of the Western Reserve"



WRABA

Western Reserve Artist Blacksmith Association

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- JULY 16 WRABA/NOB PICNIC
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- AUGUST 6-7 WEST WOODS NATURE ARTS FESTIVAL
- AUGUST 13 HAMMER-IN AND RACCOON COUNTY MUSIC FESTIVAL
- AUGUST 20 WRABA FAMILY PICNIC
- SEPTEMBER 10 HANDS-ON HAMMER-IN
- SEPTEMBER 23-25 SOFA CONFERENCE
- OCTOBER 8-9 APPLE BUTTER FESTIVAL
- OCTOBER 15 HAMMER-IN



W.R.A.B.A. Conference 2011 with Brian Brazeal as demonstrator was the best yet. He uses the hammer [fuller] to move metal efficiently in ways that this writer had not envisioned. His punches are ground on the business end in a very different way but perform much better and easier than the traditional flat ones. He demoed his edge tool, dial-a-hole hardy, one heat horse head, calli lilly, mushroom, flower and silver ring all done with a 5 pound hammer. This was one of the best opportunities your club has offered to learn new techniques. For those of you who were unable to attend YouTube Brian. Brazeal and see some of his techniques demo'ed with close up cameras. Great opportunity brought to you by your club.

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The Western Reserve Artist Blacksmith Association (WRABA) is a non-profit, educational organization, an affiliate of the Artist Blacksmith Association Of North America (ABANA).

We are dedicated to preserving and promoting the art and craft of hand forging iron. WRABA, our group of blacksmiths meet monthly to share information and techniques at the smithy of one of its' members or at Century Village in Burton, Ohio.

A Membership application is on the back cover of this newsletter.

www.wraba.com

Get information on our organization. Find out what is going on and take a look at some great pictures of what we've been doing.

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President's Letter July 2011

We just finished up with the conference; those who attended had a great time. Those who missed sure missed a lot. Brain Brazeal worked way after hours, often not quitting until dark. Many members were asked what they thought of the demonstration, some of the comments were:

Learned enough in the first half hour to make it worth the price of admission.

Learned a lot that I had never heard before.

Lots of different techniques that I had never seen before, but they made a lot of sense.

I felt guilty that Brain was working long after his scheduled end time, but he seemed to love passing on information, and didn't mind at all.

Our thanks go out to Roy Troutman and Bruce Woodward who helped spread the word and recruit help. No one seems to step up on their own, but when asked to help they do so immediately. Thanks to all who helped make this a success. We had one group that was on their way to Touchstone, but as Brain kept on demonstrating they waited and waited and didn't leave until dark. I know I learned a lot, Roy was the one who suggested Brain and he made a great choice.

We made about \$700 on the conference, but this wouldn't have been the case if the auction was not the success it was. The auction brought in over \$900. We try to keep the entrance fee reasonable and just cover expenses, I know a few thought it was way too much, but good demonstrators cost a lot. Brain didn't get rich on this demonstration he was paid \$1200 and consumed 5 days. Must be about \$5 per hour. Well let us know if you want to continue with quality demonstrators or not. The conferences are a lot of work. The sad part is that more of our members don't participate, and we get few from other areas. Give it your support or let us know that you don't want them at all.

Remember that our Hammer-Ins are held the second Saturday of the month at Burton's Century Village. These are hands on events so bring your hammer. We are doing hinges at the July event, Nail headers and punches were done at the past ones. Come on out. It's hot but fun was had by all, bring the dish to pass and iron in the hat item. We are also having our annual event at Ky Green's place on route 60 south of Vermillion. This is a joint meeting with the NOB group. This was started by Bill Hahn and a lot of fun. Ky has kept it going. Bring a dish to pass and item for iron in the hat. The date is July 16th. See you there.

Happy Hammering, Ralph

July Hands-On

Saturday 9th 9:00 AM

Pot-luck lunch

Burton Century Village

14653 East Park Street

Burton, Ohio 44021

Hands-on demonstration of hinges. We will also be making them for the shop doors.

July Joint Hammer-In and Picnic with NOB

Saturday 16th 9:00 AM

Iron-in-the-hat

Pot-luck lunch

Ky Green

5115 State Rt 60

Wakeman, OH 44889

Directions: Now for the important part. MapQuest, Google, etc are incorrect by several miles. The situation is this. We have a Wakeman address, but do not go into Wakeman. We actually live in Vermillion township on Rt. 60.

. 2 (90), get off at Rt. 60 (Vermillion exit) and head **South (left)** approx. 3 miles to my house. I'm on the right (West) side.

Coming from the East on 113, turn right (north onto Rt. 60 and go approx. 2.5 miles. I'm on the left.

If traveling on the Turnpike, you'll need to get off at the Baumhart road exit and go North to Rt. 2 or South to Rt. 113. At this point you can head West on Rt. 60. Questions-Please call 440-967-6965 (H) or 440-935-5107 (C).

July Antique Power and Steam Equipment Show

29th—31st 10:00 AM—5 PM

Burton Century Village

14653 East Park Street

Burton, Ohio 44021

Contact Bob Temple if available to volunteer.

August Nature Arts Festival

6th—7th 10:00 AM—5:00 PM

The West Woods Nature Center

9465 Kinsman Road (Route 87)

Russell & Newbury Twps.

WRABA will have a demonstration booth and a sale booth. Items must be nature themed. There is an art competition you may enter. Contact Marc Yanko if you can volunteer or for more information.

See <http://www.geaugaparkdistrict.org/parks/westwoods.shtml> for more information on the West Woods Nature Center and directions.

See <http://reservations.geaugaparkdistrict.org/programs/index.shtml?id=5588&sid=75111.64384&uid=> for more information on the Nature Arts Festival.

August Hands-On Hammer-In and

Raccoon County Music Festival

Saturday August 13th

Iron-in-the-hat

Pot-luck lunch

Burton Century Village

14653 East Park Street

Burton, Ohio 44021

Hammer-In: 9:00 AM—Noon
Raccoon Festival: Noon—8:00 PM

August WRABA Family Picnic

Saturday 20th 10:00 AM—2:00 PM

Bring side dishes and deserts. Art will provide the hot dogs, burgers, and drinks.

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September Hands-On Hammer-In

Saturday 10th 9:00 AM

Pot-luck lunch

Burton Century Village
14653 East Park Street
Burton, Ohio 44021

Jason Nass will be demonstrating hands-on forge welding. And pattern welding if time allows.

September SOFA Conference

23rd—25th

Miami County Fairgrounds
Troy, Ohio just north of Dayton

This years theme will be "Tools and Tooling". Bring and display your best tools whether its a set of punches, pair of tongs, or power hammer tooling for your special result. Nearly every blacksmith has made many of the tools they work with and the quality of their finished projects is often reflected by the quality of those tools. Many of the the tools that are made by blacksmiths are for applications other than blacksmithing and are as unique as the smith who made them.

See www.sofablacksmiths.com for registration & info.

October Apple Butter Festival

8th—9th 10:00 AM—5:00 PM

Burton Century Village
14653 East Park Street
Burton, Ohio 44021

October Hammer-In

Saturday 15th 9:00 AM

Iron-in-the-hat
Pot-luck lunch

Bill Rickard
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440-477-4490

Check the website for updates.

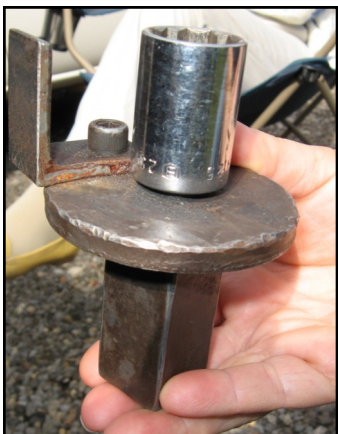
December Holiday Party

Saturday 15th 1:00—5:00 PM

Pot-luck lunch
Gift to Exchange

Burton Century Village
14653 East Park Street
Burton, Ohio 44021

April Hammer-In at Don Pfaff's



Bending jig using
interchangeable sockets



Don Pfaff's demo'ed miner's knife

Don Pfaff's Grill Buddy that became
instantly popular at his April Hammer-In



Don Pfaff's
Grill Buddy
Deluxe that
was auctioned
off at the
conference.

May Hammer-In at Brad Weber's



John Steele



Buttons demoed by Chris Holt



Horse shoe nail crosses demoed by
Mark Millhoff Jr.

WRABA 2011 Conference

Brian Brazeal our Demonstrator
for our three day conference



Brian Brazeal with Bob Parks striking



Brian's dial-a-hole hardy at the top
with his other tools. Notice his
curved hardy edge with a taper on
its stem. His chisels have a
diamond shape on the end

Brian demonstrated making a ring out of fine silver and how it is similar to a normal yellow heat. He then twisted the ring off of the ingot with the curl that you see



Some other demonstrated items made using his 5 lb rounding hammer



Brian's eye punches start square so that they have points on the sides of the eye





This was another item that Brian demonstrated. The above picture shows the steps of how to make the stork



Works of Roy Troutman (left) and Bruce Woodward (right) that were in the conference gallery



Made by John Steele and Chris Holt at a workshop held at Ken Tucker's



Classifieds

Anyone with a blacksmith related item to sell please send info, picture to jeffrey@naufamily.net and we would be happy to include it in the next newsletter.

Ceramic board 8 inch x 24 inches ---\$8--2 for \$15

Gas forge burners ---\$50

Kevlar gloves 800 degree \$14 each or 2 for \$25

anvil peter wright 158# \$320

blacksmith vise 4 to 6 inch various prices

can help with items for building a gas forge

25# Little Giant power hammer
new style, has been rebuilt, 2 sets of dies (round and flat)built 1949, \$2500 firm

Early american wrought iron by Soon, no dust jacket
1989 edition \$75

Ralph Neumeister 440-552-9560



WRABA Anvils

"WRABA" brass anvils are available.

They are 4" long and 2" tall.

Their cost is \$25.00

Get one at the next WRABA event.

Blacksmith helper 3/4 by 2 inch dies Member \$80 non member \$100

various die heat treated 4140 to rc50 \$55 member --\$65 non member

monkey tool set 4149 heat treated set of 5 --3/16-1/4--5/16--3/8--1/2 \$60 member \$75 non member

blacksmiths ruler \$20 member --\$25 non member

e-z weld 1# can \$14 member ---\$16 non member

Ken Tucker 330-792-9722

"Pitch It To You" Chasing & Repousse Pitch
(A Division of A Copper Rose Metal Art)

Debra Montgomery

website: <http://www.chasers-pitch.com>

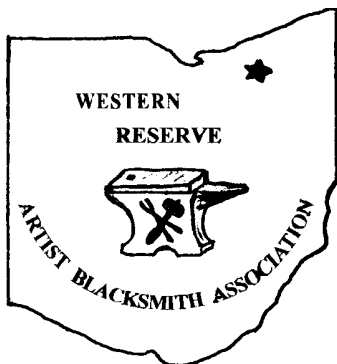
email: info@chasers-pitch.com

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This is a good all around medium grade/hardness chasing and repousse pitch. Good adhesion, soft enough for repousse, firm enough for chasing work. It is pine rosin based with no petroleum or animal products used in the making. Quantity and WRABA membership discounts offered as well as shipping discount. Use the code WRABA30 to receive \$0.30 per pound discount in addition to quantity discounts already in place. Sold in 1 pound increments, minimum 2 pound order. Base price is \$9.00/lb plus shipping (California State Tax applies to Cali. residents)

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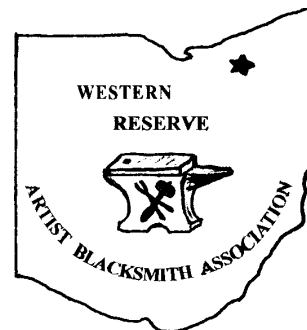
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WRABA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____
Spouse's Name _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Home Phone: _____
E-mail: _____
Forge Name: _____
Occupation _____
What areas of metalworking are you interested in? _____



Smithing:

Professional___ Hobbyist___ Beginner___ Advanced___

Dues are payable by MARCH 1st. \$20. yearly single \$25. yearly family

(new members prorated quarterly: March-May, June-August, Sept.- Nov. and Dec.-Feb.)

New membership_____ Renewal_____ Date_____

Send application and dues to:

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