

# FIRE & IRON

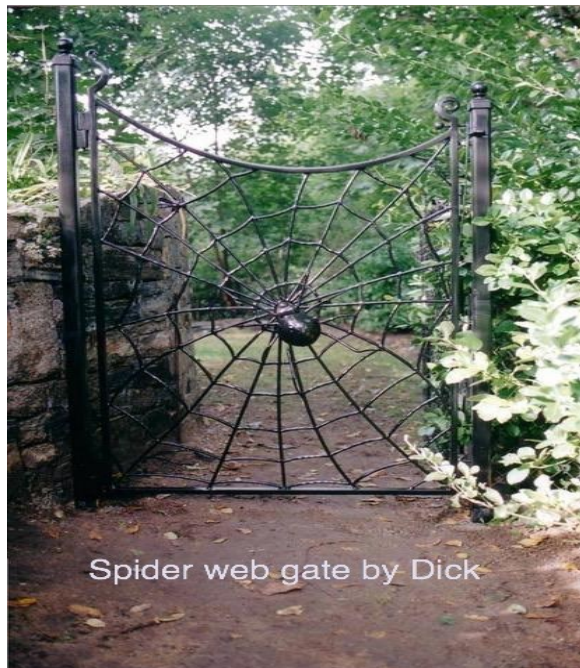
Northeast Blacksmiths Association

Fall 2021

**Next Ashokan Hammer-In Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Demonstrator:**

Dick Sargent



Spider web gate by Dick

## Fall Forging Contest

The project for the  
Fall is a forged  
“Shoe Horn”

**Hands-On Workshop**  
Beginner and not so.

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## President's Message

Wow, our Spring Hammer-In was quite a day! In the planning stages, we were hoping to get 20 or 30 members willing to come out of quarantine for a casual get together. Who could have predicted that we would have over 125 people at the meet! The day offered some interesting demos, lots of tailgate tool sales, a very busy Hands-On Teaching area and beautiful weather for us to enjoy getting back together as a group.

On a serious note, the Coronavirus variants are still posing a threat, so we are watching the state recommendations for safe gatherings in the lead up to our September meet. Please be prepared to follow any public health recommendations when you attend the Hammer-In.

The Artist Blacksmithing Association of North America (ABANA) is preparing to host a large gathering to celebrate the opening of their new permanent home in Johnstown PA. The event, "Iron to Art", runs Thursday through Saturday, October 14 – 16. The new ABANA headquarters are in the historic steel town, close to Cambria Forge where Pat Quinn has The Center For Metal Arts on Iron St. The "Iron to Art" conference offers a chance to attend a big smithing event, visit Cambria Forge, and see this historic center of the iron and steel industry. For more info on "Iron to Art" and to register go to: [www.ABANA.org](http://www.ABANA.org)

That's all from here. Looking forward to the Fall Hammer-In, one more step in the direction of "normal".

Stay safe and hope to see you all at Ashokan,

Jonathan

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## 2021 Fall Hammer-In

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Our demonstrator for the Fall Hammer-In is Dick Sargent from Vermont. Dick has been smithing for 50 years and is a great source of metalsmithing knowledge. He began blacksmithing at Old Sturbridge Village, in Massachusetts. In the mid 1970s, he and Tony Millham ran Star Forge on a dock in Newport, Rhode Island, where they made “a prodigious amount” of reproduction period hardware used in the restoration of many period homes in the town.

A master Blacksmith, Dick has demonstrated and taught workshops nationally. For a number of years, he ran the Blacksmithing program at Peters Valley. Over the years, Dick has focused on high-end architectural ironwork and reproductions of historic ironwork and hardware. Dick’s approach to blacksmithing is very practical. His thought process leads him to an understanding of the way the work was likely done by the smiths of centuries ago.

Some of the topics he will cover over the weekend will be: Layout: tooling and methods; discussion and demo of special tooling for railings; a practical method for forging angled tenons on stair runs; sinking and shaping hollow forms in sheet steel, useful for ladles, frying pans and more. Dick will cover a wide range of smithing topics and said he will make time for questions and requests.

Don’t forget to bring items (shop related or not) for the Iron-in-the-Hat Lottery, our after lunch fundraiser. If you can take the time, make an entry for the Forging Contest. And also, bring some examples of your work for the display table. Remember that it is about sharing your joy of shaping steel and making things, so all levels of work are welcome.





## Spring Hammer-

In : 2020

Our Spring Hammer-in was unique to say the least and featured several different presenters from our association. We had a fantastic turnout and beautiful weather for our outdoor event.

**Jordan Lamothe** made an American-style polled hand axe. **Jonathan Nedbor** shared his expertise on scroll forming and forge welding. **Tim Miller** demonstrated the basics of French-style repousse. **Chris Doherty** showed us his finishing technique using boiled linseed oil. And lastly **Paige Steinhardt** demonstrated how to forge a hidden tang hunting/utility knife.



Jordan Lamonthe





Jonathan Nedbor



Paige Steinhardt



French-style repousse  
by Tim Miller



Linseed Oil finish  
by Chris Doherty



Tools of the trade for sale at our tailgating section!



Our Iron-in-Hat is always a great way to contribute to the association and pick up some great stuff!





We had a great turn out for the Spring Hammer-In and perfect weather!!!



The “Green Forge” teaching area was active all day with all ages!




## ABANA– Upcoming Events

ARTIST-BLACKSMITH'S ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA

# ABANA

IRON TO ART



2021  
JOHNSTOWN,  
PA

## A Festival of Blacksmithing

October 14, 15 & 16

Demonstrations by the best \* Beginner classes for adults \* Beginner classes for youth \* Vendors of new tools & equipment \* Vendors of books and video resources \* Tailgating of used tools & equipment \* Blacksmith craft booths \* Gallery of ironwork (Bring yours) \* Auction of ironwork \* Iron-in-the-Hat raffle \* Tour of Center for Metal Arts \* Public tour of the Festival Saturday \* Dedication of the ABANA Home Office \* Intro of the ABANA Executive Director \* Camping & RV parking \* Food trucks and nearby pub \* and, always, camaraderie

Registration & full details are at  
<https://irontoart.abana.org/>

## ABANA– Upcoming Events

Join ABANA & Enjoy the Benefits  
[www.abana.org](http://www.abana.org)

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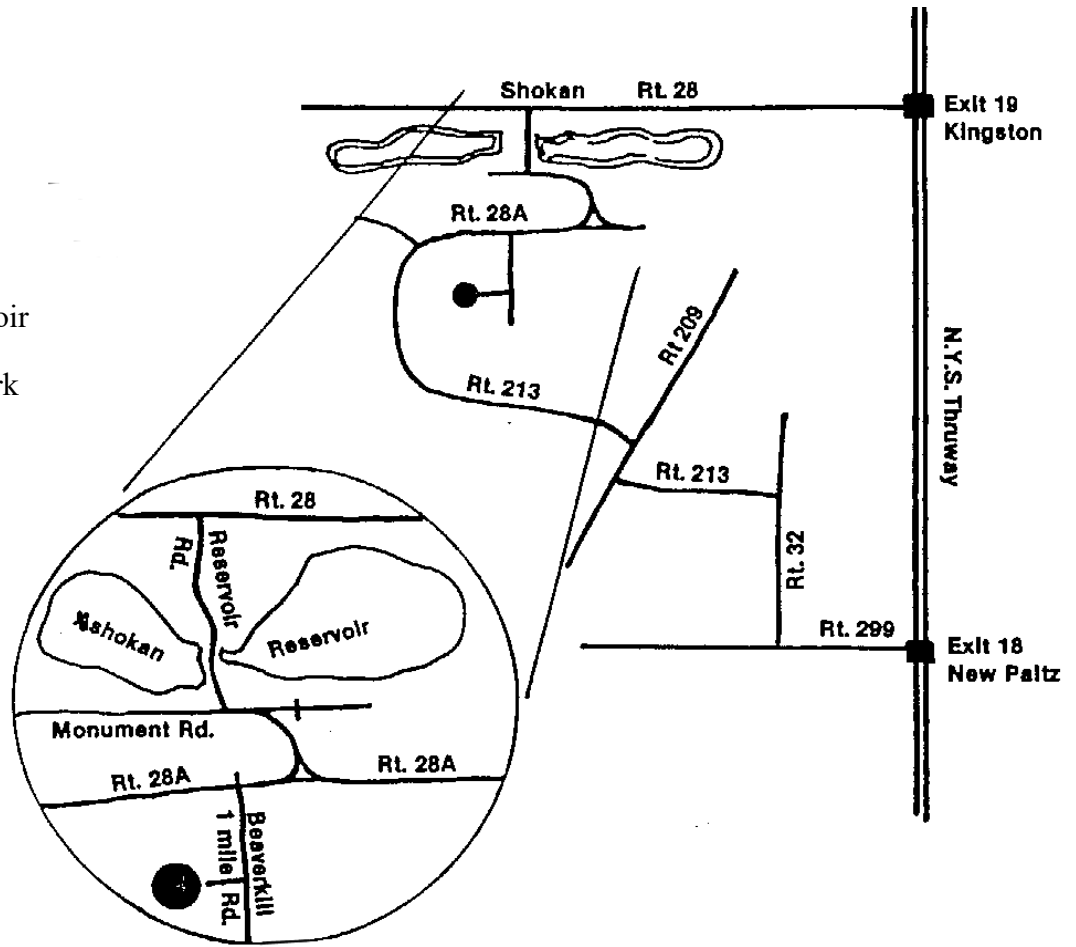
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