

New England Blacksmiths Spring Meet

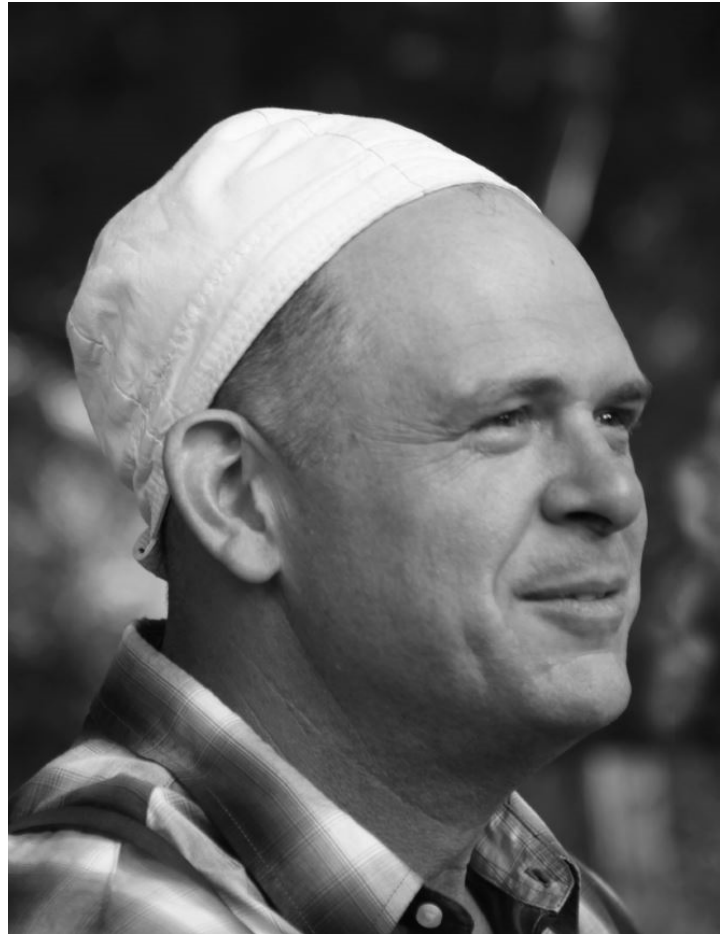
May 16,17,18 2025

NEB in association
with the Connecticut
Antique Machinery
Association and the
Connecticut
Blacksmith Guild,
present Jake
Trogden of
California
Blacksmiths



Jake Trogden of Tracy CA., was introduced to metal work at an early age and was immediately fascinated . That fascination has turned into a lifelong passion. Having worked in the fabrication, pipeline industry, and ornamental ironwork, he was lucky enough to be exposed to numerous skilled craftsmen. These individuals have inspired his commitment and attention to detailed forging.

Jake has demonstrated and taught as part of the California Blacksmiths educational team. At this years annual Spring conference he is leading the education team. He is a CBA level 3 certified Smith. He has also demonstrated for the Arizonia Artist Blacksmith Association at their Winterbash conference.



Lodging options near by;

Cornwall Inn (8 min, 5.7 miles from CAMA) – 2 night min required for the weekend

Main Inn - 270 Kent Road, South Cornwall Bridge, CT 06754 –

2 bedroom suite = \$279 per night

Other rooms range from \$184 to \$204 per night

Country Lodge allows pets

Kent Main Street Hideaway - 31 N. Main Street. **(2 min, 0.9 miles from CAMA)**

860.672.6884

info@cornwallinn.com

[<https://www.cornwallinn.com/>](https://www.cornwallinn.com/)

website currently shows availability at Main Inn and Lodge locations

Maple Leaf Motel (21 min, 13.1 miles from CAMA)

244 Kent Rd, New Milford, CT 06776

Phone: (860) 350-2766

1/31/25: called to check availability and rates – rooms range between \$89 and \$99 + tax

Rooms currently available that weekend, but no details. *Thick accent hard to follow.*

Rocky River Inn (21 min, 13.2 miles from CAMA)

236 Kent Road, New Milford, Connecticut 06776

Reservations: 860-355-3208

Email: therockyriver@gmail.com

[<https://www.therockyriverinn.com/>](https://www.therockyriverinn.com/)

1/31/25: called to check availability and rates – rooms range between \$149 and \$189 + tax (Economy vs “deluxe”)

Currently 8 rooms available that weekend.

Airbnb.com has local options



There is plenty of space for camping on site but there are no hook-ups

**Blacksmiths are hungry
and we have that covered!**

Friday Night Supper, Pot Luck

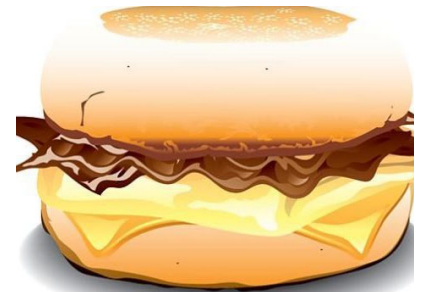
Grills will be on site to cook the meat you bring

Please feel free to bring a side dish to share.



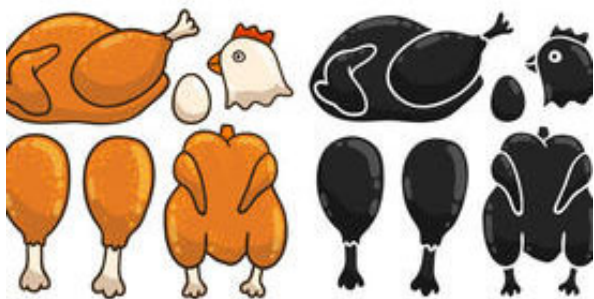
The food will be catered for the entire event by the cooking staff the CAMA. There will be a hot breakfast served each morning consisting of bacon, egg, & cheese sandwiches, assorted muffins, fruit, coffee, tea, or bottled water

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Saturday Free Lunch, Yes there is a free lunch.

Look for grilled burgers and dogs, chips, and some Yummy cookies



Saturday night banquet will be BBQ chicken & roast beef, baked potato, caesar salad, dinner rolls, and a dessert TBD

There will even be lunch on Sunday as we finish up the leftovers from the weekend.

Really this is a bribe.

Lunch will be served as a blatant attempt to encourage those that can hang out and help get the site all cleaned up, buffed, and polished

Schedule that we hope to adhere to:

Safety Glasses required!!!

In the work areas and green coal

Friday

Set up help welcome, all day!

1:00 – 5:00 pm

Registration @ dining area (look for Registration sign)

1:00 - 5:00 pm

Spring fuller class in the green coal area

3:00 - 5:00

Registration open

5:00 pm

Work evaluation for NEB level 1 certification

5:30 – 6:30 pm

Pot luck supper

7:00—9:00 pm

Slide presentations from our featured demonstrator in the Recreation Building

Saturday

7:00 – 8:30 am

Complimentary coffee and hot breakfast

7:00 –9:00 am

Registration open

8:00 – 10:00 am

Registration@ dining area (look for the NEB sign)

8:00 to noon

Open Forge at the green coal area

9:00 – noon

Jake demonstrating at the demo area

Noon – 1:00 pm

Catered lunch

Noon –1:00 pm

Registration open

1:00 pm

Work evaluation for NEB level 1 certification

1:00 – 4:30 pm

Demonstration continues at the pavilion

1:00 - 5 pm

Bottle opener class in green coal area

4:30 – 6:00 pm

Socializing

6:00 – 7:30 pm

Supper in the dining area

BBQ chicken and roast beef dinner

7:30 – 8:00 pm

Membership Meeting, Level 1 patch awards,

8:00 – 9:00 pm

Drawing for the casting raffle, and Iron-in the-Hat

9:00 – 10:00 pm

Forging competition in the green coal area

Sunday

7:00—9:00 am

Complimentary coffee and hot breakfast

8:30 – 11:30 am

Forged leaf class held at the green coal area

9:00 – noon

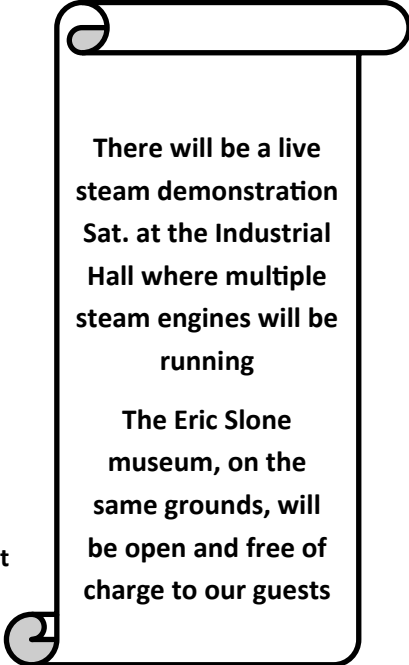
Demonstration wraps up at the pavilion

Noon – 3:00 pm

Lunch of what ever is left over. Take-Down and Clean Up, Help if you can!

We hope you enjoyed the program.

We'd like to thank you for your support of our efforts.



There will be a live steam demonstration Sat. at the Industrial Hall where multiple steam engines will be running

The Eric Slone museum, on the same grounds, will be open and free of charge to our guests

N.E.B. Spring Meet at the Connecticut Antique Machinery Museum, 31B Kent Cornwell Rd. Kent, CT.

Fee Schedule for the Spring Meet

A late fee will apply after May 11, 2025

Pre-registration will help us, a lot!

	Pre registration	After 5/11/25
Adult or youth 14+	\$100	\$30 late charge \$130
Attending the demonstration and/or work areas		
Spouse & Children 10-14	\$60	\$15 late charge \$75
<i>This does include all meals for the event</i>		
Children under 10	Free	
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Saturday <u>Day visitor</u>	\$70	\$95 at the gate
<i>This does include meals on Sat.</i>		

Make checks payable to New England Blacksmiths and mail registration form to;

**Dominic Spano
82 Redemption Rock Trail N.
Princeton, MA 01541**

Cash & check accepted onsite. Use of PayPal is limited to the quality of the onsite internet access and may or may not be available

Name _____
 Name _____
 Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ Email address _____

Indicate here the number of vegetarian plates desired

Adult or youth 14+ attending demo or work areas	_____ X \$100/\$130 = _____
Spouse and/or child 10-14	_____ X \$60/\$75 = _____
Children under 10	_____ X Free
Sat. day visitor	_____ X \$70/\$95 = _____
Total attending on this registration	_____ Total \$ enclosed _____

All attending the Meet must sign this Waiver [Safety glasses are required in all work areas]

The New England Blacksmiths Fall Meet is a non-profit project of the NEB, an ABANA affiliate, for the purpose of reviving the art and craft of Blacksmithing. While all reasonable precautions are taken to prevent injury to participants and their property, I recognize that there are inherent dangers connected with the activities, as well as common hazards that exist in any phase of daily activity. All who register, and accompanying guests, release above organizations, CAMA, Slone Museum and all demonstrators and assistants from liability should there occur any injury or accident involving anyone attending this Event. I have read and understand the above conditions. I agree to hold blameless all parties helping put this Meet on, for any claim arising from injury or property damage.

Signature _____ Date _____
 Signature _____ Date _____
 Signature _____ Date _____

See the website, newenglandblacksmiths.org, to register with Pay Pal

Hands On Education in the Green Coal Area

There will be 3 hands on classes being offered by members of the Gilbert Center Teaching Staff.
See the schedule for day and times.



Classes will begin promptly– Students are encouraged to be on time to maximize their learning. Bring what tools you have from the list– we have lots for you to use, too. Notebook are also recommended for future reference. Everyone in the green coal area should be in all natural fiber clothing, legs and toes covered. Eye protection is required at all times, even if just observing. Hearing protection is recommended.

Friday 1p-5p Spring Fuller with Beth Holmberg–**Geared to 3rd timers and up** Comfort with tongs and coal fire is a plus.

It looks like a cartoon duck but it is a powerful & useful tool that fits in a hardy hole. Learning to forge one will focus on how to get the bends where you want them, and how to straighten & adjust alignments & gaps.

Tools; hammer, 3/8" V-bit tongs, measuring tool, chalk, wire brush

Saturday 1p-5p Smushy bottle opener with Ben Holt– **Geared to anyone wanting to try.** No previous experience required.

Super cool looking and easy-(ish) bottle opener, with facets that catch the light. You can mess with the design in lots of ways and make it your own. Learn basic skills like tapering and controlled curls over the edge of the anvil, plus the power of localized quenching.

Tools– Hammer, 1/2" V-bit tongs, hacksaw or hot cut, measuring tool, chalk, wire brush, a bottle or 2 for test.

Sunday 8:30a-11:30A Key ring leaf– **Geared to mid level 1 or folks that have 5+ projects under their belt.**

Learning to make nice steel leaves open the door for adding life to so many projects, from cooking tools to gates. This session we'll make a leaf & stem and turn it into a bit of jewelry, (key fob or neck pendent). Skills covered short controlled tapers using a spring fuller to neck down the stock, using a peen to spread the stock, drawing round and scrolling a neat eye. We'll talk about giving a flat leaf some life.

Tools; Spring fuller from Friday, hot cut, wolf jaw or farrier tongs, ball peen hammer, cross peen hammer, narrow fuller (optional), wire brush.

Members interested in NEB Level 1 certification can bring in past work for assessment. I'll do it at 5 pm Friday and 1 pm Saturday, somewhere in the dining area. Anyone who completes the requirements by Saturday afternoon will be awarded their certificate and patch on Saturday night!

Return to;

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CAMA is right off Rt. 7. There is noticeable signage

