



## Gilbert Teaching Forge 2026 NEB Level 1 Class Schedule

Date	Project	Instructor	NEB Level 1 Skills	Special Tools*
April 4 <sup>th</sup> **	Hot Cut Chisel	Beth Holmberg	Heat treating (and forging) tool steel, ribbon taper	Headlamp to see the temper colors; 3/4" V-bit tongs
April 11 <sup>th</sup>	Iron-Age Belt Buckle	Beth Holmberg	Hot cutting, convenience bends, square taper, scroll round eye	Hot cut chisel, wolf jaw tongs
May 9 <sup>th</sup>	TP Holder	Bob Arredondo	Expanding scroll, punch holes, bend correctly, square taper	Round punch, 3/8" V-bit tongs, scrolling pliers to un-do
June 13 <sup>th</sup>	Ring-Style Bottle Opener (and drift)	Bob Menard	Punch holes, make and use drift	Round punch, 1/2" V-bit tongs, 1/4" x 1" tongs, hot cut chisel
July 11 <sup>th</sup>	Barbeque Tongs	Sam Perakis	Upset, half-face forging, bend correctly	3/8" V-bit tongs, 12-16 oz. can for water
August 8 <sup>th</sup>	Leaf Key Ring	Sam Perakis	Fuller neck, fuller width, round taper, scroll round eye	Spring fuller! Cross- and ball-peen hammers, hot cut, wolf jaw tongs
September 11 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup>	Fall Meet in Louden, NH- Gilbert Forge is CLOSED			
October 10 <sup>th</sup>	Welded Fire Rake	Bob Menard	Forge weld, twist, scroll round eye, ribbon taper, straighten	Low-IR glasses (even 40%) strongly recommended, twisting wrench, mallet
November 7 <sup>th</sup>	Scrolling Tongs (Note: this can be a Final Project for NEB Level 1!)	Beth Holmberg	Rivet, moving joint, punch holes, round taper, half-face forging	Round punch, mallet. 3/8" V-bit tongs, extra patience

**\*Bring what tools you have.** We have some at the forge, but bring it if you have it!

**Basic Kit:** eye & ear protection, forging hammer, wire brush, measuring stick & chalk, center punch, and notebook & pencil.

\*\*Bonus class to make up for the late opening!