

## Demonstrators

### Mark Aspery

Mark is an European journeyman blacksmith, currently an Associate of the Worshipful Company of Blacksmiths in the United Kingdom. He currently owns and operates the Mark Aspery School of Blacksmithing based in Springville, California. Mark is an accomplished smith who, besides taking on private commissions, teaches throughout the US, and is authoring a series of books that teach the Blacksmith's craft.

"My own style now is one of a semi-literal, flowing representation of the natural world, utilizing traditional methods of joinery where ever possible."

### David Norrie

David, who has lived in Boulder, Colorado since 2001, operates a three-man shop that specializes in architectural ironwork commissions. His primary focus is in creating functional architectural iron work ranging from sculpture, furniture to gates and railings. David has demonstrated his blacksmithing skills and techniques all over the United States, Canada, and England. His commissioned work has been installed throughout North America; from West Palm Beach, Florida to San Mateo, California, as well as in Canada.

### Peter Ross

Master of the Shop at Colonial Williamsburg's Anderson Forge for over twenty years, Peter Ross's interest in blacksmithing began while still in high school. In the early 1970's he volunteered at Old Bethpage Village Restoration in New York. He attended Rhode Island School of Design, then worked with Dick Everett of Connecticut who specializes in the restoration and reproduction of 17th and 18th century hardware and furnishings. In 1976, after several months of travel in Europe studying ironwork, Ross opened a one-man shop in Deer Isle, Maine where he concentrated on the restoration and reproduction of English hardware, tools, and cooking utensils from the 18th and 19th centuries. In 1979, he began as a journeyman blacksmith at Colonial Williamsburg and 3 years later was appointed Master of the Shop.

"Traditional objects combined fashion, function, and economy. The challenge was efficient use of iron and labor... so that early pieces are a delightful mix of simple, yet elegant solutions. Early work has a casual and spontaneous character that gives each piece life and charisma - even very repetitive things such as nails or door latches made by the thousands."

**Demonstrators** - staggered demonstrations to allow all attendees to see each demonstrator progress through various stages of their projects.

## Driving Directions to Ashokan Center



### A. Start: Kingston Exit 19 RT-28 W

1. Follow the sign to **Route 28 West / Pine Hill** (quick right after the toll).
2. Continue on Route 28 West for 11.5 miles to the hamlet of **Shokan**.
3. Turn left at Winchell's Pizza (red building on left) onto **Reservoir Road**. (Also, an arrow sign on your right for "Olivebridge 4 Miles" points left for Reservoir Road.)
4. Cross the **Ashokan Reservoir Bridge** and continue to the **stop sign**.
5. Turn left at the stop sign onto **Monument Road**.
6. Bear right at the fork onto **28A**.
7. Take the next left onto **Beaverkill Road** (just past the DEP police station).
8. Continue for one mile and turn right at the **Ashokan Center** sign on your right.

### B. End: 477 Beaverkill Rd Olivebridge, NY 12461

### For more Information

Tim Neu, Registrar  
(845)657-8333

neutim@ashokancenter.org

Ryan Blessey, Conference Chair  
(203) 948-0463

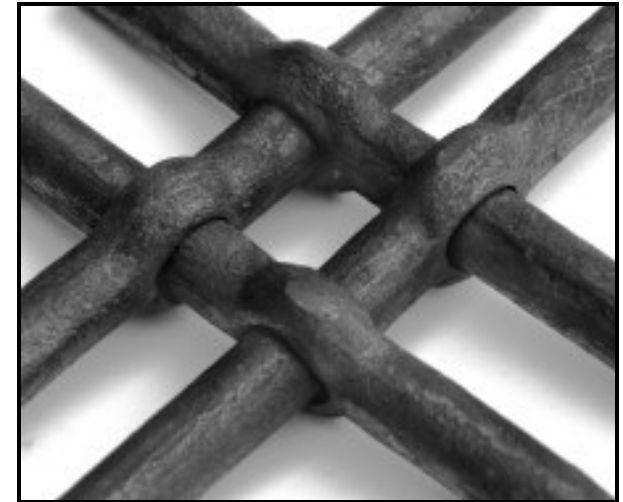
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The Preservation of Fire

## Announcing the First Regional Atlantic Coast Blacksmiths Conference



*"A meeting of minds and friends  
welded to a love of the craft."*

Mark Aspery - David Norrie - Peter Ross

3 Days of Hot Metal

at the

The Ashokan Center, Olivebridge, NY

September 4 - 7, 2008

A Cooperative Event, Sponsored by:

Northeast Blacksmiths Association  
New England Blacksmiths Association  
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Berkshire Blacksmiths  
Blacksmith's Guild of the Potomac  
Pennsylvania Artist Blacksmiths' Association

**A Stimulating 3 Days of Fire, Iron, & Fun  
Tentative Schedule of Events**

**Thursday Sep 4**

1:00 PM Registration Begins  
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Dinner  
 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Slideshow David Norrie  
 Friday, Sept 5  
 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM Breakfast  
 8:45 AM - 11:45 AM Demonstrations Mark Aspery (P)  
 Peter Ross (T)  
 NOON - 1:00 PM Lunch  
 1:15 PM - 2:30 PM Mini Demonstrations - TBA  
 2:45 PM - 5:45 PM Demonstrations David Norrie (P)  
 Mark Aspery (T)  
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Dinner  
 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Slideshow Peter Ross

**Saturday, Sept 6**

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM Breakfast  
 8:45 AM - 11:45 AM Demonstrations David Norrie (P)  
 Peter Ross (T)  
 NOON - 1:00 PM Lunch  
 1:15 PM - 2:30 PM Mini Demonstrations - TBA  
 2:45 PM - 5:45 PM Demonstrations Mark Aspery (P)  
 Peter Ross (T)  
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Dinner  
 7:15 PM - 8:15 PM Auction of Forged Ironwork  
 8:15 PM - 10:15 PM Slideshow Mark Aspery

**Sunday, Sept 7**

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM Breakfast  
 8:45 AM - 11:45 AM Demonstrations David Norrie (P)  
 NOON - 1:00 PM Lunch  
 1:15 PM Silent Auction Ends  
 1:15 PM - 2:45 PM Pick up Silent Auction and IITH  
 1:15 PM Tear down begins

**Your help in tear down will be appreciated**

**Education** - A separate hands-on teaching tent operating throughout the 3 days, with qualified instructors and well equipped forging stations for those wishing to receive hands-on instruction as well as Lectures, and Slideshows.

**Forged Ironwork** - A Gallery and an Auction of Demonstrator and Attendee Forged Items.

**Tools and Equipment** - A variety of trade show, vendors, tailgate sales as well as an Iron-in-the-Hat lottery and Silent Auction throughout the weekend.

**Volunteers Needed** - To make the first Atlantic Coast Regional Conference a success, we need your help with Iron-In-The-Hat, Demonstrator Support, the Gallery, and many other things during the conference; and with tear down and clean-up after the conference. To Volunteer contact:

**Mike Braddee** 908-638-4900 Office 908-963-2576 Cell Email: [Mike@Braddee.com](mailto:Mike@Braddee.com)

**Lodging**

**Bunkhouse plan is \$54.00** (includes 8% NY Tax) for Early registrants includes a bed in the heated building with showers and toilets. Blankets and pillows will be provided. Bring your own towels, sheets or sleeping bag. **Capacity: 130\***

**Camping plan is \$32.40** (includes 8% NY Tax) A very large primitive camping area is available on the grounds for \$30 per person. There are no electrical, water or sewage hookups, and no dump station. Potable water, bathroom, & showers are located a short walk from the camping area.

**Motels** There a number of motels with 10 miles.

**Food**

**Dining Hall plan is \$162.00** (includes 8% NY Tax) The full food plan begins at dinner on Thursday and ends at lunch on Sunday: 9 meals, unlimited beverages. **Capacity: 160\***

**Food Vendors** We plan to have fast food/lunch wagon vendors on site for those who do not wish to use the meal plan in the dining hall. There are also **Restaurants** there are several within 10 miles

\*Call Registrar to check Bunk/Food Availability

**For details on Motels & Restaurants contact:**

**Ulster County Chamber of Commerce**

[www.ulstertourism.info](http://www.ulstertourism.info) 800-342-5826  
[www.ulsterchamber.org](http://www.ulsterchamber.org) 845-338-5100

Nearby Towns: Shokan, Mt.Tremper, Woodstock, Hurley, Kingston, Phoenicia, Saugerties.

For more information on the **Ashokan Center:**  
<http://www.newpaltz.edu/ashokan/>

**Conference Option Price Chart**

Option	Before 1 Aug*	2 Aug 25 Aug*	After 25 Aug
<b>1 Day</b>	<b>75.60</b>	<b>75.60</b>	<b>75.60</b>
<b>4 Day</b>	124.00	140.00	144.94
<b>4 Day/Camp</b>	156.60	172.00	180.25
<b>4 Day/Bunk</b>	178.20	194.40	201.85
<b>4 Day/Meals</b>	286.20	302.60	322.60
<b>Full/Camp</b>	318.60	334.80	357.91
<b>Full/Bunk</b>	340.20	356.40	379.51

**All prices include 8% NY Sales Tax**

**\* Registration must be post marked by this date**

**Atlantic Coast  
Blacksmiths Conference  
Registration Form**

Please Print Clearly

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age if under 18 \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

What do you consider your main Blacksmith Affiliate?  
 \_\_\_\_\_ ABANA Member? \_\_\_\_\_

Choose an **Option** from chart and the correct **Charge** from the columns based on when you are mailing your registration form in and enter them below. If Option is:

**4 Day/Bunk** or  
**Full/Bunk** Circle your choice of bunk ( **Top - Bottom**)

Bottom bunks go early so if you want one register early!  
 Also indicate your sex ( **M - F** )  
 so we may slate you for the proper bunk room.

If Option is **1Day** circle Day Choice: **Fri / Sat / Sun**

Note **Sunday** is only ½ Day as Conference ends at Noon

**Option** \_\_\_\_\_ Number in Party\* \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 = Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check number \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**I understand that blacksmithing is a potentially dangerous activity and agree to wear safety glasses while observing or participating in any of the demonstration areas. I further agree to hold harmless the Atlantic Coast Blacksmiths, the Ashokan Center, and the Ashokan Foundation in the event of personal Injury.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: **Atlantic Coast Blacksmiths**  
 Return your registration form and check to:

**ACB Conference C/O Tim Neu  
 Ashokan Center  
 477 Beaverkill  
 Olivebridge, NY 12461**

\* Please copy and fill out a separate form for each member of your party and mail together if using a single check for payment.