

April 13-15, 2023 Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum, Vista, CA

Welcome to the 2023 CBA Spring Conference! You are in for a great series of talented demonstrators here from all over the globe, hands-on education opportunities, plenty of open forging time, great food, and a chance to spend quality time with blacksmiths from all over California and beyond! Be safe and enjoy!

GUEST DEMONSTRATORS



Leah Aripotch from Oakland, California will demonstrate her unique blacksmithing and fabrication sculpture techniques to create a Pitcher Plant Monster in **Demo Area D**. She will also give a lecture on her unique fabrication techniques.

Jay Burnham-Kidwell

from Golden Valley, Arizona will demonstrate techniques for forging sterling silver in Demo Area B.



Ellen Durkan

from Wilmington, Delaware, will demonstrate forging a Gypsy Mothinspired wearable steel chest piece in concert with the conference theme, "the lighter side of forging" in Demo Area C.

EDUCATORS

Hourly Classes

The Blacksmith Barn will host Hourly education classes with hands-on opportunities to try your hand at forging the projects afterward. See the schedule for individual class times.

Mark Asperv

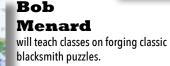
will teach several classes throughout the conference: Chain Making, the Level 1 Gate Latch, a Wizard Figure and Bottle Opener, and a Rush Light Holder. He will also host evening contests on Thursday and Friday evenings



Guy Carpino

Miquel de los Rios will teach a youth class in forging a Blacksmith's Knife.

David Gottfredson will teach a class on forging the St. Clement's Candelabra.



Evan Pintzuk

will teach how to forge U.S. Quarters into patterned non-ferrous objects in the Mokume Gane style.

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from a horseshoe.

Eve L. Oswald

will teach a youth class in forging a lizard



Victoria Ritter will teach a class on forging the Level 2 Basket Handled Poker.



LECTURERS

Leah Aripotch will lecture on her unique fabrication techniques Thursday at 2pm.

Jerry Coe

will give 2-part lectures on the Business of Blacksmithing - how to make your passion profitable, on Friday and Saturday. He will also host a zoom conference with blacksmiths in Ukraine on Saturday morning.

Genevieve Gural

Although her profession is engineering, Genevieve considers herself a craftsman first and has worked with wood, metal, and other media. Genevieve received her B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Virginia Tech, spending much of her free time at the school's metal casting foundry. She joined SpaceX full-time in 2020 and has worked on Falcon hydraulic actuators, Starship and Raptor valves, and is currently on the Raptor additive manufacturing team.

Friday Night Family-style Barbecue and Potluck Dennis Dusek will lead a team of Blacksmiths to cook up some (FREE!) Burgers, Beans and sides. Bring your own ready-to-serve offerings

to share for a great family-style evening of fun and food! Sponsored by Dennis Dusek, Jake Trogdon, Miguel de los Rios, Chris Branuelas, Dave

Catchpole, Josh Buhlert, Victoria Patti, Bill Kasper, & Leah Aripotch.

Registration, Merchandise, and First Aid The registration, First Aide station, and merchandise area will be in the registration area in the Museum Farmhouse.

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Zeevik Gottlieb from Israel will demonstrate his technique for forging human figures from hollow tubing in Demo Area H.



Jake James from Victoria, British Columbia, will work with a team of talented CBA blacksmiths to complete a life-sized sculpture of a gargoyle holding a lantern to guide unwary blacksmiths. This will be the main



art project for the conference and will be permanently mounted to light the entrance to the Vista Forge Blacksmith Barn! Come watch the piece come to life in Demo Area A.



from Santiago, Chile, will demonstrate forging a large human face, teaching his techniques for bringing lifelike expression and movement into his work. Attendees are welcome to assist him forging this piece in Demo Area E.

David Roeder

from Kennewick Washington, will demonstrate forging a San Mai Ka Bar-style knife from steel sourced from a 50 caliber Marine Corps machine gun barrel. You may remember him from Seasons 1 and 3 of Forged in Fire where



he was champion in the "Fan Favorite" episode. Watch him create this knife in Demo Area F.

Michael Johnston

will demonstrate forging Damascus patterned steel into a knife in **Demo Area G**.



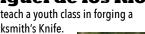
Ameribrade™ **Representatives will**

provide hands-on AmeriBrade training opportunities in knife grinding and their product line of belt grinders in Demo Area G.









will teach a class on forging a stylish, twisted bottle opener.

