



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 Moth-inspired 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 Aspery

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



Chris Branuelas

will teach the forging of historic Fire Steels as well as fire starting methods, materials, and kits.

Guy Carpino

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



Miguel 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.



Bob Menard

will teach classes on forging classic blacksmith puzzles.

Evan Pintzuk

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



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Eve L. Oswald

will teach a youth class in forging a lizard from a horseshoe.

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.

GUEST DEMONSTRATORS



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**.



Flavio Parra Ortiz

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 training opportunities in knife grinding and their product line of belt grinders in **Demo Area G**.



2023 CBA SPRING CONFERENCE SITE MAP



● Registration	● Food	<p>2040 N Santa Fe Ave. Vista, California 92083</p>
● Demonstrations	● RV Camping	
● Education	● Tent Camping	
● Gallery	● Showers	
● Vendors	● Banquet Hall & Lectures	
● Tailgating Area	● Open Forge Areas	

		Jake James	Jay Burnham-Kidwell	Ellen Durkan	Leah Aripotch	Flavio Ortiz	David Roeder	Michael Johnson	Zeevik Gottlieb	Education Demos & Workshops	Special Events Lectures & Presentations	
THURSDAY	Morning	7am Breakfast & Morning Announcements - Food Court										
		A	C	D	F	H	8am Mark Aspery - Chain Links 9am Chris Branuelas - Fire Steels 10am Mark Aspery - L1 Gate Latch 11am Chris Branuelas Fire Steel in Use					
	Afternoon	12pm Lunch - Food Court										
		A	C	D	E	F	G	H	1pm Victoria Ritter - Basket Handle 2pm David Gottfredson - Candle Holder 3pm Victoria Ritter - Basket Handle (cont.) 4pm David Gottfredson - Candle Holder (cont.) 5pm 35-Blow Challenge		2pm Leah talks Monsters	
Evening	6-8pm Dinner - Food Court									Mark Aspery - Forge Welding Contests Beg: Chain Int: Gate Latch Adv: Basket Handle Fire Poker		Open Forge Blacksmith Games
FRIDAY	Morning	7am Breakfast & Morning Announcements - Food Court										
		A	C	D	E	F	G	H	8am Mark Aspery - Wizard Face 9am Guy Carpino - Bottle Openers 10am Mark Aspery - Wizard Opener 11am Evan Pintzuk - Mokume Gane		10am Business of Blacksmithing P1 -12pm Jerry Coe	
	Afternoon	12pm Lunch - Food Court										
		A	B	C	D	F	H	1pm Bob Menard - Blacksmith Puzzle 2pm Evan Pintzuk - Mokume Gane (cont.) 3pm Bob Menard - Blacksmith Puzzle (cont.) 4pm Victoria Ritter - CBA Level 2 Q&A 5pm 35-Blow Challenge		2pm Business of Blacksmithing P1 -4pm Jerry Coe		
Evening	6-8pm BBQ & Potluck Dinner - Lawn									Mark Aspery - Forge Welding Contests Beg: Chain Int: Gate Latch Adv: Basket Handle Fire Poker		Open Forge Blacksmith Games
SATURDAY	Morning	7am Breakfast & Morning Announcements - Food Court										
		A	B	C	D	F	G	H	8am Mark Aspery - Rush Light 9am Eve L. Oswald - Youth - Horseshoe Lizard 10am Mark Aspery - Rush Light (cont.) 11am David Morice - Sticking Tommy Candleholder		8am Zoom Ukrainian Blacksmiths 10am Business of Blacksmithing P2 -12pm Jerry Coe	
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		A	C	D	F	H	1pm Bob Menard - Blacksmith Puzzle (cont.) 2pm Miguel delosRios - Youth - Blacksmith Knife 3pm Bob Menard - Blacksmith Puzzle (cont.) 4pm 35-Blow Challenge 5pm Group Photo		1pm Hardening/Tempering Genevieve Gural 2pm Business of Blacksmithing P2 -4pm Jerry Coe			
6-7pm Banquet Dinner - Assembly Building												
6pm-10pm			AUCTION PRESENTATIONS IRON-IN-THE-HAT						Assembly Building			