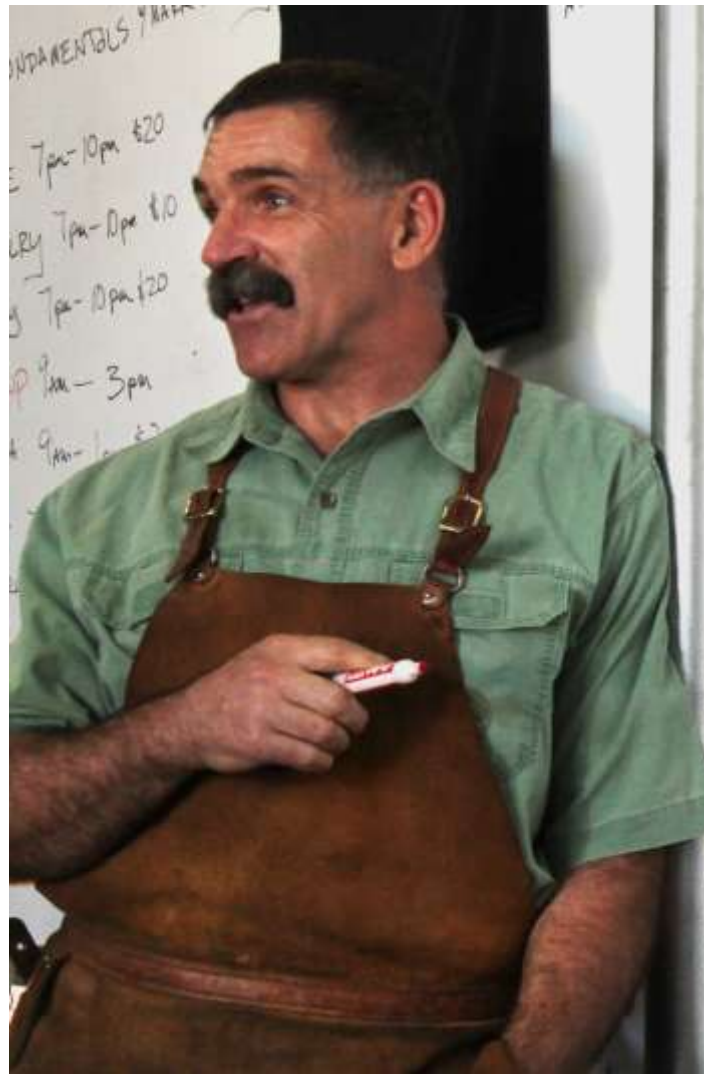




The New England Blacksmiths Invite you to the 2018 NEB Fall Meeting

To discover, to help

**September 7-9, 2018 at
Morrell Metalsmiths
Featuring
Mark Aspery**



About Mark Aspery

Mark currently owns and operates his own school for blacksmiths. His training as a smith began in the United Kingdom in 1976 after leaving high-school, and working for a small fabrication/engineering firm that boasted a blacksmith shop. He has worked for a number of smiths as well as teaching in trade schools over the years.

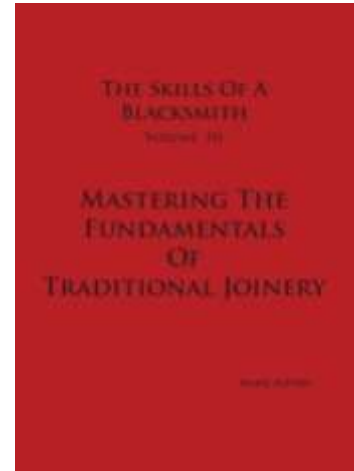
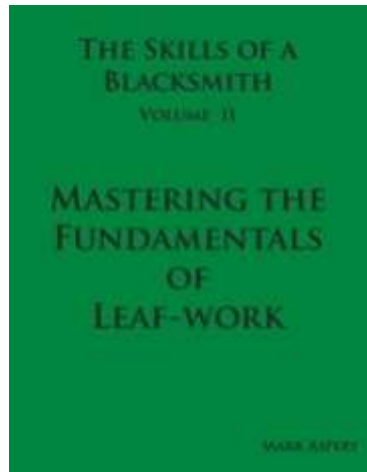
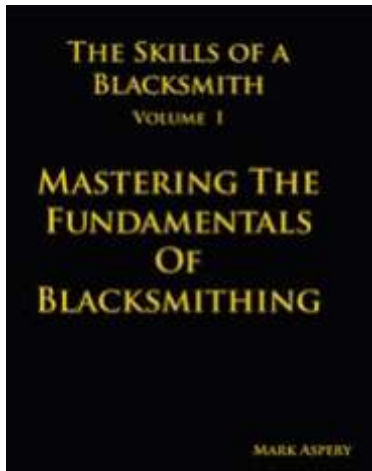
Mark is a certified journeyman smith with the Worshipful Company of Blacksmiths, (a UK guild started in London in 1324) and currently an Associate of the company (AWCB) Mark is also a certified farrier with the American Farriers Association (AFA). He does maintain that these qualifications and a dollar will only get you a cup of pretty poor tasting coffee, but that the endeavors were priceless.

Mark owns and operates the *Mark Aspery School of Blacksmithing*, traveling the USA teaching classes and giving blacksmith demonstrations. Mark is currently writing a fourth volume to his 'How to' blacksmith book series, *The Skills of a Blacksmith Vol IV – Locks , Latches and Hinges*. Mark is careful not to call himself a traditional smith, perhaps classical is a more apt phrase.

Mark likes to use classical joinery techniques where budget and design allow. An underlying ethos of Mark's work is “make the tools before you can begin the job.” At this time Mark does not do any regular commission blacksmithing, just the occasional small job, and states, "I am a little out-of-touch with that side of the profession. I think that the single most important event that has improved my blacksmithing has been to teach it – having to know the root of the skill or information."

Mark maintains that he is as much a student of blacksmithing as the next smith, and is ready to learn more: with a subject this vast, how can he say anything else.

*Mark Aspery
Books:*



Area Accommodations

Onsite Camping is available at Morrell Metalsmiths

Dancing Bear B&B
Shelburne Falls, MA
www.dancingbearguesthouse.com
One room with two twins available, if sharing is desired
413-625-9281
\$139/room/night

Days Inn
Free wifi, breakfast, exercise room
413-774-5578
Call for rates

Hampton Inn & Suites
Free wifi, breakfast, indoor pool, exercise room
413-773-0057
Call for rates

Airbnb
Lots of options in the area

Places of Interest

Poet's Seat Tower

Mt. Sugarloaf—Located a few miles south on I-91. This is an amazing place for a hike and/or a picnic. The view is breathtaking!

Magic Wings--Especially for families with kids, a great way to spend the afternoon. Take a drive and see a beautiful atrium full of butterflies. Truly spectacular!

Northampton, MA--Enjoy shopping? Take a drive down I-91 to Northampton. Enjoy the many boutiques and eateries.

Shelburne Falls, MA—Located a few miles west on Rt. 2. Walk the beautiful Bridge of Flowers, check out the Glacial Potholes, and browse many different artisan shops and eateries downtown.

Mass MoCA--1 hour on Rt 2 W to North Adams is well worth the drive! World-class exhibits await to delight and entertain. Lots of cute eateries as well.

**Directions to
Morrell Metalsmiths
207 Greenfield Rd
Colrain, MA 01340
(413) 624-1200**

From I-91: Take Exit 26 in Greenfield, MA, then Rt. 2 W for 3.5 miles. Turn Right onto Colrain/Shelburne Rd. Morrell Metalsmiths is 3.5 miles on the left.

From Wilmington, VT: Travel South on Rte 100. In Jacksonville, turn left onto Rte 112 to Colrain Center. Bear left on Greenfield Rd. Morrell Metalsmiths is 1.5 miles on the right.

From New York: Take Rte 2 East through Shelburne, MA. Just before Shelburne Falls Coffee Roasters, turn left onto Colrain/Shelburne Rd. Morrell Metalsmiths is 3.5 miles on the left.

Additional Information:

Potluck Dinner Friday: At 5:00 Friday evening, we'll enjoy a meal in the good old-fashioned potluck style. Please bring your own meat, and a side dish to share. We'll provide the grills!

A note about Iron in the Hat: In return for your generous donation to the auction, NEB is happy to provide a tax letter. Please provide the treasurer with the value of the item(s) donated, and we will get that letter to you. Thank you!

****Special Safety note: Safety glasses MUST be worn at all demonstrations and in the Teaching Tent! Thank you!****

Schedule:

Friday:

1:00-5:00 p.m.	Registration in the Morrell Metalsmiths showroom
4:00-5:00 p.m.	Open forge in Teaching Tent, John D. and Jennifer P., monitors
4:00-5:00 p.m.	Board Meeting
5:00-6:00 p.m.	Potluck Dinner
6:30-8:00 p.m.	TBD

Saturday:

7:00-ongoing	Complimentary Coffee and Refreshments
Ongoing	Open Forge in the Teaching Tent
8:00-10:00 a.m.	Registration @ Showroom
9:00-noon	Demonstration—Shop
Noon-1:00 p.m.	Catered Lunch in the Food Tent
1:00-4:30 p.m.	Demonstration continued—Shop
5:00-6:00 p.m.	Catered Dinner in the Food Tent
6:00-7:00 p.m.	Membership Meeting and Auction
7:00-8:00 p.m.	Drawing for Swage Block and Iron-in-the Hat
8:00-9:00 p.m.	Contest! (Project TBA)

Sunday:

7:00-ongoing	Complimentary Coffee and Refreshments
8:00-9:00 a.m.	Open Forge in Teaching Tent
9:00-noon	Demonstration in Shop
Noon-1:00 p.m.	Lunch in Food Tent

N.E.B. 2018 Fall Meet at Morrell Metalsmiths

Fee Schedule for the Fall 2018 Meet

Pre-registration is strongly encouraged!

Late fees apply after September 4, 2018

NEB member (adult or youth): \$60 (\$30 late fee)

Includes lunch and dinner Saturday, & lunch on Sunday

Spouse & children over 10 (not attending demo): \$35 (\$10 late fee)

Includes lunch and dinner Saturday, & lunch on Sunday

Children under 10: FREE

Includes lunch and dinner Saturday, & lunch on Sunday

NEB member/Saturday day visitor: \$45 (\$20 late fee)

Includes Saturday lunch & dinner

NEB member/Sunday day visitor: \$25 (\$10 late fee)

Includes Sunday lunch

Saturday Night

Dinner:

**Pig Roast!
Salad
Skillet Potatoes
Rolls
Roasted Veggies**

Please make meet checks payable to New England Blacksmiths and mail with registration form to:

**Morrell Metalsmiths
207 Greenfield Rd
Colrain, MA 01340**



NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ zip _____
 Phone() - _____
 Email _____

NEB member/youth attending demo _____ x \$60 = _____
 Spouse/child 10+ _____ x \$35 = _____
 Child under 10 _____ x free = _____
 NEB member/day visitor _____ x \$45 = _____
 NEB visitor—Sunday _____ x \$25 = _____
Total attending on this registration _____
Total enclosed \$ _____

**Vegetarian Options Available
WITH preregistration only.**

**Please let us know how many
vegetarian meals are needed for
your group:**
Saturday Lunch: _____
Saturday Dinner: _____
Sunday Lunch: _____

Please remember to bring something for the Iron in the Hat. It is an important part of our Meet and is always a lot of FUN!

Note: Tailgate Sellers are required to contribute an article to I-in-H.

ALL ATTENDING THE MEET MUST SIGN THIS WAIVER

The New England Blacksmiths Fall Meeting is a non-profit project of the N.E.B., 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 other common hazards that exist in any phase of daily activity. All who register, and accompanying guests, release the above organizations, and all demonstrators and assistants from liability should there occur any injury or accident involving anyone attending this meeting. I have read and understand the above conditions. I agree to hold blameless all parties helping to put on this meeting, for any claim arising from injury or property damage.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Please Note: Safety glasses must be worn at all demonstrations and the green coal tent!

Return to:
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Time Value

