



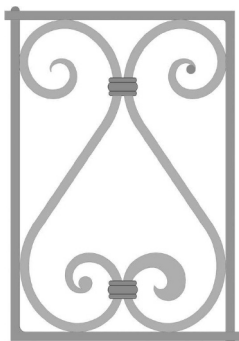
## Education At Spring Conference 2022

The education team has beefed up the offerings for education: everyone will find something to enjoy!

We will have three main areas each doing something a little different:

### CBA Level Curriculum

Area 5a will focus on the Curriculum, specifically, we will be putting together a level II grille through a series of demonstrations. We will also staff this area so if you have a specific (or non-specific) question about any of the bits and bobs pertaining to the curriculum someone will be there to answer. You can also bring in any or all of what you are working on for accolades, tips and tricks or general advice. If you've finished up any of the levels, bring in your finished gate latch or Grille and we will check you off or give you an exercise to complete at the conference so you can graduate that level. At minimum, check out our tables that will have curriculum projects on display.



### Hands-On/Open Forge/

Area 5b will be a hands-on area welcoming all skill levels from beginner to advanced. Check the schedule for the specific offerings. If you intend to get in some hammer time, this is the place to be as you will have the opportunity to hammer into the evening and take part in fun-for-everyone contests.



*Photos Above: Spring Conference 2018  
Photos by John Graham, Victoria Ritter, Grant Grundler*

### Workshops (Thursday & Friday)

Area 5c will be offering specific workshops with limited hands-on availability. As such, there will be a small fee associated with anyone needing the specific materials. This will be first come first serve but have plenty of room for anyone wanting to watch and learn.



### Young Smiths (Saturday)

On Saturday this area will switch out to be a Young Smith Only area with no extra fee. Young Smiths are considered responsible young people from ages 8-15 who want to get in the mix and try out forging with our instructors.



### Education Instructors

Mark Aspery	Eve Oswald
Angelo Brusatory	Dan Perkins
Carol de Maintenon	Victoria Ritter
Francis Leidinger	Becky Schimpff
Miguel de Los Rios	John Williams





### Forge Welded Chain Basic Tongs

**Angelo Brusatory**

#### Get Ready for the Competitions!



Angelo will be teaching a traditional chain making class in which students will learn to forge weld chain. These students will have an opportunity to utilize their new skills in the chain making competition later that day.

Angelo will also be demonstrating basic tongs as a

preparation for the tong making competition later in the conference.

Angelo joined the CBA in 2005 and has been a CBA instructor at Pioneer Village in Folsom since 2015. He instructs Level 1 and 2 curricula with an emphasis on tools and technique.



### Acanthus Leaf Carol de Maintenon



Carol will be leading a workshop forming the Acanthus Leaf over vise-mounted stakes, using specialized leafing and forming hammers. We will continue to finish the formed leaf by gilding the metal using thin foil sheets, similar to work found at historical sites.

Carol began Blacksmithing 6 years ago at the former Mendocino Art's adjacent smithy. After turning a railroad spike into a cheese knife, she has stayed on the slippery slope of the smitten smith! Carol was part of a team that was invited to Argentina in 2018. There, she taught forging and raising the Acanthus leaf form to interested metalsmiths from various areas of South America.



### Young Smiths: Shop Knife, Letter Opener

**Miguel de los Rios**



Miguel is planning to forge two basic projects that will include forging tapers, bending, using half-on half-off hammer blows, and twisting. The first project is a shop knife that will be made from 1/4" X 1" steel. This will include forging a simple blade and then drawing out a handle and bending to correct hand dimensions. There will be simpler alternative handles demonstrated as well. The second project is a letter opener made from 3/8" steel. We will forge a double-edged blade and twist the material to make a decorative handle. These projects are great introductory projects so that everyone can finish a working tool.

Miguel is the current CBA President.







### Wrought Iron Strap Hinge Francis Leidinger



The workshop will cover the nuances involved in forging wrought iron by leading a small group of 10 folks in making a traditional colonial strap hinge. This will involve basic forging

techniques, punching/drifted and forge welding in a coal forge. Francis will provide any additional tooling needed.

Francis Leidinger is a professional blacksmith who specializes in making one of a kind commissioned architectural pieces and is well known for his artisan Kitchen utensils.



### Young Smiths: Snail Eve Oswald



Eve will be assisting in the Youth Tent where she will be teaching how to make a snail and helping with beginner projects.

Eve Oswald became a member of CBA in 2013 and currently serves on the board of

directors for ABANA. Eve is a volunteer blacksmith at Marshall Gold Discovery State Park in Coloma, CA where she has been demonstrating historic blacksmithing for school groups and the public since 2011.



### Leafing Hammer Level II Grille John Williams



John will be demonstrating a leafing hammer as well as elements and assembly of the level 2 grille with the rest of the crew.

John has been forging professionally since 2001, then learning farrier work in 2003. Early on he realized the value of toolmaking and always admired quality hand forged tools. Around 2004 he began toolmaking professionally and he also started to realize he had a passion for teaching. His teaching interests have shifted to forging fundamentals, theory, and toolmaking. John loves working with beginners and enjoys witnessing and facilitating people's personal growth.

John currently sits on the ABANA board of directors as the Education Committee co-chair.







### **Basket Handle Fire Rake/Forge Welding Level II Grille Victoria Ritter**



Victoria will be teaching a hands-on session in forge welding by creating a basket handled fire rake which has 3 different kinds of welding. This a great project with which one can practice forge welding and have several handles on hand to turn into great gifts for friends

and family. She will also help folks by going over what is needed to get started with the Level II Grille during a demo covering transferring the image, calculations to get started and making of test pieces.

Victoria Ritter has been teaching at the Folsom Pioneer Village since 2017 and during the pandemic turned to teaching online. She is also the CBA Treasurer.

### **Hand Tools: Punches & Drifts Level II Grille Becky Schimpff**



Becky will be demonstrating pieces of the Level II Grille as well as leading a hands-on instruction for punches and drifts.

Becky is a blacksmithing instructor and demonstrator located in Los Angeles. During the pandemic, she started teaching Level 2 and 3 Zoom classes through CBA. In addition to basic tooling, Becky likes teaching “choose your own adventure” style classes where she teaches technique and students have the choice to develop their own designs.



### **Forge-Welded Tomahawk Dan Perkins**



Dan will be leading a fun filled hands on session in making tomahawks. The tomahawk will be made from mild steel with a piece of high carbon steel forge welded in to form the cutting edge. This type of build makes for an appropriate build for most skill levels.

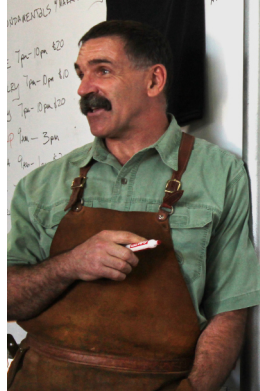
Dan is the lead smith for the Empire Mine blacksmith shop. He has been blacksmithing for 10 years and is currently the CBA Education Chair.







## **Curriculum Workshops Punching & Drifting Mark Aspery**



Mark will join the curriculum team, adding his expertise to the CBA Level I/II/III workshops. Bring your curriculum projects and grilles, or your questions/works-in-progress.

Among his many accomplishments, Mark has been instrumental in the creation and updating of the CBA Curricula, as well as the ABANA National Curriculum. Mark is also the author of the “Skills of a Blacksmith” series of books. Mark routinely teaches at blacksmithing venues around the country.

