



Affiliate Letter March 2008

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Greetings Friends of Blacksmithing,

Spring has come with cherry blossoms and get out of the house weather. Conference season is starting for blacksmiths in many ABANA affiliates. And as usual there's news about ABANA happenings, news for Members, and news for Affiliate groups.

#### ABANA Happenings:

Long time ABANA board member Dorothy Stiegler stepped down from the board on February 17. Her statement is posted on the web site business main page. ([www.ABANA.org/business/index.shtml](http://www.ABANA.org/business/index.shtml)) Three candidates were identified as potential replacements and in due course, Doug Kluender was appointed to the board. Doug's brief bio is also available on the web site business main page.

In other business news, the By-Laws committee with approval of the ABANA board has completed a thorough revision of the ABANA by-laws. This is posted on the ABANA web site and questions, suggestions and comments from members are sought so that your opinions can be taken into consideration. Comments from members and answers from the board are posted on the By-Laws Blog page. ([www.abana.org/business/Bylaws\\_blog.shtml](http://www.abana.org/business/Bylaws_blog.shtml)) The by-laws revision will be put to a members vote in August.

Please consider running for the ABANA Board. Contact Jim Masterson, Nominations chair. ([Jim@ABANA.org](mailto:Jim@ABANA.org))

#### News for Members:

Last time the members discount program was announced -- now it is fully operational. (See [www.abana.org/resources/discount\\_program.shtml](http://www.abana.org/resources/discount_program.shtml))

Now a brand new program is ready for ABANA members! ABANA has partnered with Grainger to offer members access to the all of the offerings in the mammoth Grainger catalog for at least 10% off catalog each prices and discounts of up to 45 - 55% off list on hand tools from Proto, Blackhawk and Stanley, 46 - 48% off DeWalt and Milwaukee Power tools, 28% off motors and power transmission items, etc. Plus Grainger will pick up the freight cost to deliver these items to your door or you can do business with your local Grainger branch. John Cosenza is Grainger's contact person for ABANA members (800-237-3174 ext. 384 or [john.cosenza@grainger.com](mailto:john.cosenza@grainger.com).) To order you'll need ABANA's Grainger account number: 873522098 and your ABANA member id number - your ABANA membership must be up to date.

Please get your ABANA dues payments in on time. Dues are payable during the entire quarter ending with your membership expiration date; if your dues are over 15 days late you will miss out on the next quarters Anvil's Ring. A year's membership will still get you 4 Anvil's Rings and 4 Hammer's Blows but late payment will result in a gap in your library.

#### News for Affiliate groups:

Affiliate libraries may subscribe to ABANA publications at library rates - but subscriptions are not memberships and thus cannot participate in ABANA member discount programs.

The Affiliate List on the web site (see [www.abana.org/affiliates/affiliate\\_list.shtml](http://www.abana.org/affiliates/affiliate_list.shtml)) is being enhanced to have major events of affiliate groups. This is a cross reference to the Events calendar. Email me with requests.

The demonstrator list is seriously out of date. Please encourage all those talented demonstrators out there to check it out and submit updates. (see [www.abana.org/downloads/demo\\_web.pdf](http://www.abana.org/downloads/demo_web.pdf))

Best Regards and please be in touch ([pboulay@abana.org](mailto:pboulay@abana.org)).

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