

NEW MEXICO GUN COLLECTOR'S ASSOCIATION

Newsletter September/October 2020

NMGCA 66th ANNIVERSARY FALL

GUN, SWORD & KNIFE SHOW

October 3 & 4

New Mexico State Fairgrounds
Manuel Lujan Building
(EXPO New Mexico)

NOTICE

DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC THE OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NEW MEXICO GUN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION HAD TO MAKE THE DIFFICULT DECISION TO CANCEL THE OCTOBER 3 & 4, 2020 GUN, SWORD & KNIFE SHOW.

VENDORS WHO HAVE SUBMITTED DEPOSITS OR WHO HAVE PAID FOR THEIR TABLES FOR THE OCTOBER 3 & 4, 2020 GUN, SWORD & KNIFE SHOW WILL HAVE THOSE DEPOSITS/PAYMENTS ROLLED OVER TO THE MARCH 6 & 7, 2021 GUN, SWORD & KNIFE SHOW.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF NMGCA SPONSORED SHOWS.

ALBUQUERQUE OLD WEST & MILITARY COLLECTIBLE SHOW

*****CANCELLED DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC*****

August 1 & 2

New Mexico State Fairgrounds
Creative Arts Building
(EXPO New Mexico)

For Table Reservations, Contact Our Show Host:

NMGCA Show Host, P.O. Box 13687, Albuquerque, NM 87192.

Ph. 505-262-1350. Email: contact@nmgca.net.

For additional information visit our website at: NMGCA.NET.

Set-Up (Table Holders Only) Fri 12:00 Noon - 8:00 pm, Sat. 8:00 - 9:00 am.
(Unless you notify the Show Host before Saturday that you need to check in after 8:30 am Saturday, your tables may be sold to those on the waiting list.)

Open to Public: Sat 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Sun. 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.
Admission-Two Day Entry (No Debit/Credit Cards): General Admission* - \$10.00.
NRA Members with Card - \$9.00. Uniformed Law Enforcement Officers - Free.
NMGCA members Free with Current Membership Card
*Children under 12 - Free. Anyone under 18 must be accompanied
by a guardian - I.D. required.

No Alcohol, No Smoking, and No Dogs.

AN EARLY AMERICAN WORKINGMAN'S "SWORD"

In early times, including rural United States, citizens frequently had to make use of very primitive weapons. Pitchforks, corn knives, clubs, hand sickles, scythes, etc. This short heavy scythe blade from the mid to late 1800's may have seen such use.

This scythe blade is marked "ISAIAH BLOOD BALLSTON NY" (Photo 1). It is much shorter and heavier than the usual harvesting tool. The sharpened edge is a bit less than 15 inches, the edge has a strong bevel and the back brace is very heavy, especially for such a short blade (Photo 2). This scythe was most likely intended for cutting down heavy underbrush or corn-stalks.

Isaiah was born in 1810 the son of Sylvester Blood, a farmer and scythe maker. In 1831, Isaiah married Jane E. Gates of Balston Spa and was given the choice of taking over the scythe shop or a retail store of which Sylvester was part owner. Isaiah chose the scythe shop and moved to The Hollow with his wife. Six years later he took over the business and began increasing production. The Scythe Works burned down in the 1850s and was rebuilt on a larger scale.

In the American Civil War, Blood manufactured an order of two foot-long battle-axes for a Massachusetts artillery company in the Union Army. Isaiah died of typhoid fever on November 29, 1870. The hamlet of Bloodville, New York still bears his name today.



Photo 1



Photo 2

NMGCA EMAIL SYSTEM

Please note: email for membership information is membership@NMGCA.net. The email address for all other information is contact@NMGCA.net. Your cognizance of the difference between these will facilitate our email process. Thanks!

NMGCA 2021 MEMBERSHIP CARDS

We had planned to have the NMGCA 2021 membership cards available at the October Show, however (unfortunately) we had to cancel the Show. For several years many of you have renewed your membership at the October Show. Since that is not possible this year we ask that you mail in your renewal application with your dues to:

NMGCA
P.O. Box 13687
Albuquerque, NM 87192

A Membership Renewal form is attached to this Newsletter for your convenience.

Membership in NMGCA is based on a calendar year. If you are a member in good standing but haven't renewed your membership by January 31st, your name will (regrettably) be dropped from our membership rolls. Persons wishing to continue as members of the NMGCA after their membership has lapsed may fill out an application as a "new member" and enclose the additional fees requested of new applicants.

NMGCA WEBSITE

THE NEW NMGCA WEBSITE IS NOW ONLINE

View our website, NMGCA.net for new information as well as for table applications and table prices. Membership applications are also available online.



NEW MEXICO'S LAW REQUIRING BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR THE PRIVATE SALE/TRANSFER OF FIREARMS IS NOW IN EFFECT. INDIVIDUALS INTENDING TO BRING FIREARMS TO GUN SHOWS FOR SALE OR TRADE SHOULD TAKE THIS INTO CONSIDERATION.

THE NMGCA WILL HAVE DESIGNATED FFL TRANSFER DEALERS AVAILABLE AT EACH NMGCA SPONSORED SHOW TO CONDUCT THE BACKGROUND CHECKS.



NEW MEXICO GUN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION, INC.
P.O. Box 13687, Albuquerque, NM 87192
Membership Application, effective as of January 2021

Regular member under age 62: Payment enclosed
 New Annual Member \$45.00 Spouse \$20.00 \$ _____
 Annual Renewal \$35.00 Spouse \$15.00 \$ _____

Senior member over age 61:
 New Annual Member \$35.00 Spouse \$15.00 \$ _____
 Annual Renewal \$30.00 Spouse \$10.00 \$ _____

Junior member, under age 21, with current member parent or guardian:
 No fee. Parent/guardian: _____

New and Renewal Members:

Please print legibly:

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email address: _____

New Members only:

Please print legibly:

Birth date(s): _____ (Must show proof of age)

Profession: _____

Arms Collecting interests: _____

I certify that I am not a member of any organization which has ever, or is currently in any way, attempting to overthrow the government of the United States by force or violence; and that I have never been convicted of a felony and am not now under indictment for any crime. If admitted to membership, I agree to abide by the by-laws, rules, and regulations of the New Mexico Gun Collectors Association. The NMGCA Board of Directors approves all new members, who are on probation for the year following the date of that approval. Annual memberships are on a calendar year basis.

Applicant Signature Date

\$ _____ amount received	<input type="checkbox"/> cash	<input type="checkbox"/> check: _____ check #	<input type="checkbox"/> data base	<input type="checkbox"/> card/letter	_____ Board approval
-----------------------------	-------------------------------	--	------------------------------------	--------------------------------------	----------------------

Due to the increased costs of postage and printing, the NMGCA has discontinued sending newsletters via USPS. Therefore, please enter an email address where you prefer to receive your newsletter. We appreciate your understanding and support.

Enter current email (please print legibly): _____