



## NEW ENGLAND KILN DRYING ASSOCIATION

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Our 2009 **Spring Meeting** of the *NEKDA* is being held at the

***Lake Placid Crowne Plaza***, in Lake Placid, New York

on **Tuesday and Wednesday *April 7 and 8***

Your Board of Director's has put together an excellent meeting program with important and informative topics and opportunities for kiln operators and managers, along with an interesting tour of ***Ward Lumber Company*** [www.wardlumber.com](http://www.wardlumber.com). The ***Lake Placid Crowne Plaza Resort*** is conveniently located in the heart of the world-famous Olympic village of Lake Placid, New York, up the hill to the south of State Rte. 86 just west of the Olympic Center Arena and Skating Oval. If traveling by air, look to the Saranac Lake, Albany or Burlington airports. The hotel has great facilities for our meeting, and after our technical sessions you might want to enjoy their fitness center, heated indoor pool, sauna and whirlpool, or if the weather cooperates, late season skiing or early season golf. Further detail can be found on their website, [www.lakeplacidcp.com](http://www.lakeplacidcp.com). This is a very nice hotel and we have obtained an excellent rate of only \$85s/d for overnight rooms, including 50% discounted hot breakfast. We suggest that you call and make your reservations promptly (518/523-2556 or 800/874-1980); our room block is held till March 31, after which reservations will be on a space-available basis. Be sure to tell them that you are with the NEKDA to receive our group rate. Look to the NEKDA website, [www.esf.edu/nekda](http://www.esf.edu/nekda) for further information on our excellent technical program, plant tour, meeting registration and Jim Catterick Industrial Award and Bill Rice Achievement Award nomination forms.

Please mail your preregistration form (enclosed) and check directly to Bill Smith promptly (to be received by March 30). Note the \$15 per person surcharge for late registration. Call 315/470-6832 or 6880 with questions; fax to 315/470-6879. Also, please note that tour participants are required to preregister.

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**Tuesday April 7**

***Tuesday Plant Tour*** (on your own as you travel to the meeting, preregistration required)

Ward Lumber Company,

702 Glen Road

Jay, NY Tour at 9:30 am

Ward Lumber saws and kiln dries high quality NELMA grade white pine boards and timbers. Our tour of their manufacturing operation will include their sawmill, lumber handling, dry kilns, wood-fired boiler, bagger and planer facilities. Check them out at [www.wardlumber.com](http://www.wardlumber.com). Tour participants are to bring their own hardhats and safety glasses and wear appropriate footwear. To get to the mill <http://wardlumber.com/images/Directions.pdf> take either State Rte. 86 17 miles northeast from Lake Placid, Rte. 9N 10 miles north from Keene, or 9N 16 miles southwest from I-87 exit 34 to Jay. At the intersection of Routes 86 and 9N in the Village of Jay, head north on 9N for ~1/10 mile, then turn southeast onto County Route 82 (aka Glen Road). Travel ~1 mile down hill, over bridge, and then continue past the top of the hill and cemetery to Ward Lumber.

***at the Crowne Plaza***

12:30 - 1:15 **REGISTRATION and Lunch** (in the meeting room)

WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS, Jeremy Jacquet, NEKDA President (*Caledonia Kiln Corp.*, St. Johnsbury, VT)

1:15 - 2:00 ***Moisture Meters - Best Practices and Effective Use***

**Bill Smith, SUNY ESF Wood Products, Syracuse, NY**

2:00 - 5:00 ***"KILN OPERATOR'S CLINIC"*** - led by Bill Smith and Pete Garrahan. Informal and practical instruction and discussion on such things as the basics of kiln operation, maintenance, stacking, DH, conventional, and high-temperature drying, stain and discoloration, scheduling, changing species, wood-moisture fundamentals, kiln loading and baffling, moisture meters, restarting kilns, drying degrade, etc. Bring your individual problems, questions, and solutions! Please note any particular interests for discussion at the clinic on your registration form.

3:00 - 3:15 **REFRESHMENT BREAK**

5:00 - 6:00 STRESS RELIEF  
6:00 - 7:30 BANQUET  
Jim Catterick and Bill Rice Industrial Award presentations

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**Wednesday April 8**

**at the Crowne Plaza**

7:00 - 7:45 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

7:45 - 7:55 REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

7:55 - 8:05 WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS

Jeremy Jacquet, NEKDA President (*Caledonia Kiln Corp.*, St. Johnsbury, VT)

Moderator: Peter Garrahan, NEKDA 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President (FPInnovations-Forintek, Ottawa, ON)

8:05 - 8:50 ***Kiln Samples - Selection and Use for Standard and Mixed Loads***

**Bob Stevens**, *Stevens Dry Kilns*, Wolcott, VT

**Jeremy Jacquet**, *Caledonia Kiln Corp.*, St. Johnsbury, VT

8:50 - 9:30 ***Choosing and Using Kiln Controllers***

**Dave Johnson** and **Ann Johnson**, *The A. Johnson Co.*, Bristol, VT

9:30 - 10:15 ***Safety - Around Kilns, Lumber Drying and Manufacturing Operations***

**Peter Sformo**, *W.J. Cox Associates*, Clarence, NY

10:15 - 10:30 COFFEE BREAK

Moderator: Jason Ayer, NEKDA 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (*Hardwick Kilns*, Hardwick, MA)

10:30 - 11:10 ***Effective Kiln Maintenance - Buildings and Floors***

**Jason Ayer**, *Hardwick Kilns*, Hardwick, MA

**Adam Collins**, *Cersosimo Lumber*, Brattleboro, VT

11:10 - 11:50 ***Air Drying - Yard Set-Up and Effective Operation***

**Brian Hughes**, *Wagner Lumber*, Cayuta, NY

11:50 - 12:30 ***Ten Easy Steps Toward Successful Drying***

**Peter Garrahan**, *FPInnovations-Forintek Division*, Ottawa, ON

12:30 - 1:15 **Luncheon Buffet**

☺ → In these tough economic times it is important to remember that -

Wood is the premier material for manufacturing, building and construction. It is renewable, and produced from a sustainable natural resource. It is strong, lightweight, economical, long lasting and attractive, and is made into countless products desired by society. It is also best used when it has been properly and effectively kiln dried. Because sustained profitability and competitive advantage in the marketplace is most assured by quality kiln drying, we encourage you to participate in NEKDA meetings. The NEKDA Officers and Board of Directors look forward to seeing you in Lake Placid! [www.esf.edu/nekda](http://www.esf.edu/nekda)



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**PREREGISTRATION**

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>BOTH DAYS</b> (includes registration fee, banquet, coffee breaks, 2 lunches)	<b>\$95.00</b>	_____	_____
<b>TUESDAY ONLY</b> (includes registration fee, lunch, banquet, coffee break)	<b>\$60.00</b>	_____	_____
<b>TUESDAY</b> without banquet	<b>\$45.00</b>	_____	_____
<b>WEDNESDAY ONLY</b> (includes registration fee, coffee break, luncheon)	<b>\$50.00</b>	_____	_____
<b>EXTRA BANQUET TICKETS</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>	_____	_____
<b>EXTRA LUNCHEON TICKETS</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>	_____	_____

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANY \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

city \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ zip \_\_\_\_\_  
telephone \_\_\_\_\_ fax \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

My spouse will attend \_\_\_\_\_ Her/his name is: \_\_\_\_\_

I (we) plan to attend the following tour\*:

**Ward Lumber Tuesday 9:30 am** \_\_\_\_\_

**\* please note that plant tour participants are required to preregister**

To assist in planning please complete and return this **ENTIRE** form with your check to be received by **March 30**.

Late registrations must include a **\$15 surcharge** per person. Send check, payable in U.S. funds, to **NEKDA**:

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Suggested topic/s for the Kiln Operator's Clinic: \_\_\_\_\_