



NEW ENGLAND KILN DRYING ASSOCIATION

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

Holiday Inn, in Tewksbury, Massachusetts

on **Wednesday and Thursday *November 4 and 5***

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 **Holt and Bugbee Company** www.holtandbugbee.com. The **Holiday Inn Tewksbury** is conveniently located near the junction of Routes I-495 and I-93 www.tewksburyhotelandevents.com/directions.htm. From I-495 take Exit 39/Route 133; if coming from the west or south bear left at the end of the ramp, if from the north bear right. The Holiday Inn entrance is 1/8 mile on the right in the Highwood Office and Research Park. If traveling by air, look to the nearby Boston or Manchester, NH airports – flights might be less expensive than you thought. The hotel has great facilities for our meeting, and after our technical sessions you might want to enjoy their on-site fitness center, indoor pool and Jacuzzi www.tewksburyhotelandevents.com/amenities.htm. This is a nice hotel and we have obtained an excellent rate of only \$89/night s/d for overnight rooms. Further detail can be found on their website www.tewksburyhotelandevents.com. We suggest that you call and make your reservations promptly (978/640-9000). 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 for further information on our excellent technical program, plant tour, and meeting registration.

Please mail your preregistration form and check directly to Bill Smith promptly (to be received by October 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.

NEKDA, always the Best Kiln Drying **Wednesday November 4**

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

Holt and Bugbee Company,

1600 Shawsheen Street

Tewksbury, MA Tour at 10:00 am

Holt and Bugbee kiln dries, manufactures and distributes high quality domestic and imported hardwood, pine and cedar lumber, and is especially well known for their moulding, trim and flooring products. Our tour of their manufacturing operation will include their predryer, dry kilns, dual-line automated grading and sorting, rough and finish planing lines, rip saws, moulders and six-head profile sander, priming line and wood waste boiler. Check them out at www.holtandbugbee.com. Tour participants should bring their own safety glasses and wear appropriate footwear. To get to the plant take I-93 to exit 42; then turn left (south) onto Frontage Road for ~0.1 mile, right onto Dascomb Road ~0.3 miles, and then left onto Shawsheen Street ~0.4 mile.

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12:45 - 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 ***Operations Management of a Kiln Drying and Manufacturing Facility***

Dan Wightman, *Wightman Specialty Woods*, Portlandville, 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 - 6:30 ***Stress Relief*** with ***Vendor Displays***: while relieving stress with hors d'oeuvres and beverages, visit with vendors displaying the best in various kiln drying equipment, supplies and services (interested sponsors and vendors should contact Bill Smith at wbsmith@esf.edu or 315/470-6832 by Oct.28).
6:30 - 8:00 **BANQUET, and Student Scholarship Awards**

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- 7:00 – 8:00 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
7:45 - 8:10 REGISTRATION AND COFFEE
8:10 - 8:15 WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS
Jeremy Jacquet, NEKDA President (*Caledonia Kiln Corp.*, St. Johnsbury, VT)
Moderator: Peter Garrahan, NEKDA 1st Vice President (FPInnovations-Forintek, Ottawa, ON)
8:15 – 8:45 ***Kiln Samples – Selection and Use for Standard and Mixed Loads***
Jeremy Jacquet, *Caledonia Kiln Corp.*, St. Johnsbury, VT

8:45 - 9:30 ***Managing Energy to Save Money during Lumber Drying and Processing***
Matt Tuttleman, *EnerNOC*, Boston, MA

9:30 - 10:00 ***Managing Hardwood Lumber and Drying Quality – Starting in the Air Yard***
Ed Dorrick, *Rex Lumber*, Englishtown, NJ

10:00 - 10:30 COFFEE BREAK
Moderator: Jason Ayer, NEKDA 2nd Vice President (Hardwick Kilns, Hardwick, MA)
10:30 - 11:15 ***Operating Wood-Fired Boilers at Varying Loads – Issues and Solutions***
Dave Nichols, *Technical Services*, Claremont, NH

11:15 - 12:00 ***Heat Treatment and Kiln Drying of Firewood***
Ann Johnson, *A. Johnson Co.*, Bristol, VT
Bob MacGregor, *MacGregor Mill Systems*, Belfast, ME

12:00 - 12:15 ***NEKDA Annual Business Meeting, Elections***
12:15 - 1:00 LUNCHEON BUFFET

☺ → **NEKDA Elections.** Elections will be held at our fall membership meeting for several open positions on the NEKDA Board of Directors. We encourage any who are interested in this most stimulating and rewarding activity, and in becoming more active in the NEKDA, to consider serving as an Officer. Please contact Jeremy Jacquet at 802/748-3528, or Bill Smith (wbsmith@esf.edu or 315/470-6832) with nominations or questions.

☺ → **Always remember**, particularly in these tough economic times, 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 Tewksbury! www.esf.edu/nekda