



NEW ENGLAND KILN DRYING ASSOCIATION

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Our 2018 **Fall Meeting** of the **NEKDA** is being held at the

Southbridge Hotel & Conference Center in Southbridge, MA on ***Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov 13-14.***

Your NEKDA Officers and Board of Directors 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 ***Hull Forest Products***.

The ***Southbridge Hotel & Conference Center*** is conveniently located at 14 Mechanic Street, Southbridge, MA 01550. From the Massachusetts Turnpike I-90 take exit 9 (Sturbridge) and merge onto I-84 West. Take first right Exit 3B, onto Route 20 West then take a left at first stoplight onto Route 131. Follow Route 131 about 4 miles into downtown Southbridge to rotary, then halfway around exit onto Mechanic Street. The hotel is less than 100 yards on right. The hotel has great facilities for our meeting, and after our technical sessions you might want to enjoy their Focus Fitness Center and indoor pool facility. Further and more detailed information on the hotel can be found on their website <https://www.southbridgehotel.com>.

Please call the Southbridge Hotel at **508/765-8000** as soon as you can to make overnight room reservations as space may be limited. Be sure to note that you are with the NEKDA; our special rate, held to Oct 20, is \$109/night. Look also to the NEKDA website, www.esf.edu/nekda for further information on our excellent technical program, plant tour, meeting registration, and the hotel.

Please mail your preregistration form and check directly to Bill Smith promptly (to be **received by April 23**). Note the \$15 per person surcharge for late registration. Please check our website www.esf.edu/nekda, email wbsmith@esf.edu or call 315/470-6832 with questions; fax to 315/470-6879. Also, please note that tour participants are required to preregister.

"Quality Kiln Drying and World Best Lumber"

Tuesday November 13

Plant Tour (please bring your hardhats and safety glasses, and appropriate footwear; preregistration required)

Hull Forest Products 9:30 am tour

101 Hampton Road, Pomfret Center, CT 06259

Hull Forest Products saws and kiln dries high quality northeastern hardwood lumber for domestic and international markets. Their mill also produces industrial lumber, pallet lumber and cants, planking, timbers and siding. HFP also makes wood flooring and millwork, including specifically wide plank. In addition to their sawmill and manufacturing operations, we will have opportunity to see their new dry kilns. Look to their website for further and more detailed information <https://www.hullforest.com>.

Hull Forest Products is at 101 Hampton Road, about 2 miles southwest of Pomfret, Connecticut. From the Southbridge Hotel head south on MA and then CT Route 169 about 15 miles to Pomfret Center. Then go southwest on CT-97 South about 2.6 miles, turning north (right) onto Hampton Road. If otherwise coming to Pomfret from the east take CT Route 44 from I-395, or from the west CT Route 44 from Hartford.

at the Southbridge Hotel and Conference Center

12:00 - 1:00 **REGISTRATION and Lunch** (in the meeting room).

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Larry Lashway, NEKDA President (*Lashway Lumber*, Williamsburg, MA)

1:00 - 2:00 ***Kiln Controllers, Selection and Use*** –

Expert Panel Presentation and Discussion

Tom Graber, *Baillie Lumber*, Smyrna, NY

Jason Ayer, *Hardwick Kilns/Cersosimo Lumber*, Hardwick, MA

An Update on The Mayflower II Restoration

Terry Connors, *University of Kentucky*, Lexington, KY

2:00 - 5:00 ***Kiln Operator's Clinic*** - led by Bill Smith, with the world's best kiln operators. Informal and practical instruction and discussion on such things as the basics of kiln operation, maintenance, advanced techniques, stacking, stain and discoloration, scheduling, changing species, schedule modification, 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.

3:15 - 3:30 REFRESHMENT BREAK

5:00 - 6:00 ***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 315/470-6832).

6:00 - 7:00 **BANQUET**

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Wednesday November 14

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7:00 - 7:45 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

7:45 - 8:10 REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

8:10 - 8:15 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Larry Lashway, NEKDA President (*Lashway Lumber*, Williamsburg, MA)

Moderator: **Dan Avery**, NEKDA 2nd Vice President (*Gutchess Lumber*, Cortland, NY)

8:15 - 9:00 ***Lumber Handling – Modern, Efficient Equipment and Techniques***
Geoff Gannon, *TS Manufacturing*, Lindsay, ON

9:00 - 9:45 ***Drying White Oak Barrel Staves – practical experiences and applications***
Terry Connors, *University of Kentucky*, Lexington, KY

9:45 - 10:15 ***The Science of Burning Wood Chips – pine, mixed hardwood***
Dave Nichols, *Technical Services*, Claremont, NH

10:15 - 10:30 Questions and COFFEE BREAK

Moderator: **Chuck Sackett**, NEKDA 2nd Vice President (*King Forest Industries*, Wentworth, NH)

10:30 - 11:15 ***USDA Inspectors – What do they look for?***
Eric Chamberlin, *USDA, APHIS*, Wallingford, CT

11:15 - 12:00 ***Moisture Meters, Best Selection and Use***
Zane Yuhás, *Delmhorst Instrument*, Towaco, NJ

12:00 - 12:30 ***Air Flow for Different Species – Quality, Productive Drying with Energy Savings***
Bill Smith, *SUNY ESF*, Syracuse, NY

12:30- 1:15 NEKDA Business Meeting,
Elections
LUNCHEON BUFFET