



NEW ENGLAND KILN DRYING ASSOCIATION

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Our 2019 Spring Meeting of the *NEKDA* is being held at the

Best Western Plus Hotel in Keene, New Hampshire

on Wednesday and Thursday *May 1 and 2*

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 interesting tours in Brattleboro of *Cersosimo Lumber Company* www.cersosimolumber.com and Allard Lumber Company www.allardlumber.com. The *Best Western Plus* in Keene is conveniently located, about 30 minutes heading east of Brattleboro on Route 9, 401 Winchester Street, at the junction of Routes 12, 101 and 10 South. The hotel has great facilities for our meeting, and after our technical sessions you might want to enjoy their exercise facility and indoor heated pool. This is a nice hotel and we have obtained an excellent rate of only \$99.99/night, which includes a full hot breakfast in the morning. We suggest that you call and make your reservations promptly (603/357-3038). Be sure to tell them that you are with the NEKDA to receive our group rate (being held to April 19). Further detail and online booking can be found by linking to the Keene Best Western Plus through the https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.30017.html?groupId=9W8UR9K4 website. Look also to the NEKDA website, <https://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 April 23). Note the \$15 per person surcharge for late registration. Call 315/470-6832 with questions; fax to 315/470-6879. Also, please note that tour participants are required to preregister.

NEKDA, always the Best Kiln Drying **Wednesday May 1**

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

Plant Tours (as you travel to the meeting, pre-registration required, please bring hardhats, safety glasses and appropriate footwear)

Cersosimo Lumber 9:00 tour

Cersosimo Lumber Co <http://www.cersosimolumber.com/> saws and kiln dries high quality eastern white pine and hardwood lumber. Our tour will include their sawmill, cross-flow predryer, kilns, planer mill, grading line and wood-fired boiler system. Please use 1103 Vernon St, Brattleboro, VT 05301 address for directions.

Allard Lumber 11:00 tour

Allard Lumber Co <http://allardlumber.com/> saws and kiln dries high quality hardwood lumber. Our tour will include their sawmill, wood-fired boiler, kilns and grading line.

Please use 74 Glen Orne Drive, Brattleboro, VT 05301 address for directions.

At the Best Western Plus 1:00 **REGISTRATION and Lunch** (in the meeting room), and introductions.

WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS, **Dan Avery**, NEKDA President (*Gutchess Lumber*, Cortland, NY)

2:00 - 5:00 **"KILN OPERATOR'S CLINIC"** - led by Bill Smith. 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.

3:15 - 3:30 REFRESHMENT BREAK

5:00 - 6:00 STRESS RELIEF

6:00 - 7:30 BANQUET

Jim Catterick and Bill Rice Industrial Award presentations

Thursday May 2

at the Best Western Plus

7:00 - 7:45 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
7:45 - 7:55 REGISTRATION AND COFFEE
7:55 - 8:05 WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS

Technical Program topics:

- ***Treatments to Control Stain***
Steve Anderson, Contechem
- ***Boiler Water Quality***
Mike Weiland and Tom Hageman, Clarity Water Technologies
- ***The Science of Burning Wood Chips – pine, mixed hardwood***
Dave Nichols, Technical Services
- ***Energy Efficiency and Energy Saving Technology***
Chuck Clerici, Efficiency Vermont
- ***Heat Treatment of Lumber***
Matt Pomery, NELMA
- ***Managing Wet Bulb Depression***
Jason Ayer, Cersosimo Hardwick Kilns

12:00 Luncheon Buffet



→ In these 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 Keene, NH! <https://www.esf.edu/nekda/>