



NEW ENGLAND KILN DRYING ASSOCIATION

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Our 2013 **Fall Meeting** of the *NEKDA* is being held jointly with the *KKDA* at the
Holiday Inn in
Elmira, New York on
Wednesday and Thursday, November 13 - 14.

Your Board of Director's has put together an excellent meeting program with important and interesting topics and opportunities for kiln operators and managers, along with interesting tours of *Sirianni Hardwoods*, in Painted Post siriannihardwoods.com and Wagner Hardwoods, in Cayuta, NY wagnerlumber.com/locations/cayuta-ny. The Holiday Inn is conveniently located in Elmira, NY at One Holiday Plaza on 760 East Water Street (from Rte 17/I-86 west-exit 56 (Church St) go straight at light at end of ramp onto East Access Rd to Water St; turn right onto Water St, 4 blocks on the left). The hotel has great facilities for our meeting, and after our technical sessions you might want to enjoy their fitness center and indoor pool. We have obtained excellent room rates of \$115 s/d, \$125 king, and suggest that you make your reservations promptly (607/734-4211); be sure to tell them that you are with the NEKDA to receive our group rate (block being held till 10/19). Further detail can be found on their website www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/elmira.

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

"Quality Kiln Dried Lumber Brings Happiness and Prosperity"

Wednesday, November 13

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

Sirianni Hardwoods 8:30 tour

Sirianni Hardwoods siriannihardwoods.com produces high quality kiln dried hardwood lumber. We will see their air sheds, boilers, lumber trimming, grading and packaging, and kiln operations. The yard is located at 912 Addison Rd, Painted Post, NY, on the north side of rte.417, about 1½ miles west of rte.15.

Wagner Hardwoods 10:30 tour

Wagner Hardwoods wagnerlumber.com/locations/cayuta-ny saws and kiln dries high quality hardwood lumber. We will see their log yard, sawmill, drying sheds, lumber handling, boiler and kiln operations. The mill is located at 6307 State Route 224, Cayuta, NY, on the east side of rte.224, about 1 mile south of rte.13.

at the Holiday Inn

1:00 - 1:15 **REGISTRATION and Lunch** (in the meeting room)

WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS, **Brian Hughes**, NEKDA President (*Wagner Hardwoods*, Cayuta, NY)

1:30 – 2:15 ***How Sawing Affects Drying...what can you do about it?***

Gene Wengert, *The WoodDoctor's Rx*, Madison, WI

2:15 - 5:00 ***"KILN OPERATOR'S CLINIC"*** - led by Bill Smith, Peter Garrahan, and Gene Wengert. 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**

5:15 - 6:30 **STRESS RELIEF and Vendor Displays**

6:30 - **Banquet, Student Scholarship Award
Evening Entertainment**

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Thursday 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

Brian Hughes, NEKDA President (*Wagner Hardwoods*, Cayuta, NY)

Moderator: **Dave Nichols**, NEKDA 1st Vice President (*Technical Services*, Claremont, NH)

8:15 – 9:10 ***Water Quality, Treatment and Boiler Performance for Dry Kiln Operations***

Mike Weiland, *Clarity Water Technologies*, Congers, NY

9:10 – 10:05 ***The Perfect Hardwood Kiln Schedule, with Emphasis on Oak***

Gene Wengert, *The WoodDoctor's Rx*, Madison, WI

10:05 – 10:25 COFFEE BREAK

Moderator: **Tom Graber**, NEKDA 2nd Vice President (*Baillie Lumber*, Smyrna, NY)

10:25 - 11:20 ***Why do You Get Hurt?***

Peter Sformo, *WJ Cox Associates*, Clarence, NY

11:20 – 12:00 ***Drying White Woods***

Tom Graber, *Baillie Lumber*, Smyrna, NY, and Bill Smith, *SUNY ESF*, Syracuse, NY

12:00 – 12:15 NEKDA and KKDA Business Meetings

12:15 - 1:00 LUNCHEON BUFFET

NEKDA website. Please check regularly our NEKDA website at www.esf.edu/nekda for information on upcoming meetings and events, award applications, membership forms, current and past program details, technical presentations, contacts, and other worthwhile information on drying and wood products manufacturing and processing. You might also want to show your NEKDA membership, with a link to the NEKDA site, on your own website.