



## NEW ENGLAND KILN DRYING ASSOCIATION

14-15 May 2025 | Holiday Inn, Allentown/Bethlehem, PA

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### 2025 Spring Meeting New England Kiln Drying Association & Keystone Kiln Drying Association

**Where:** Holiday Inn, 4325 Hamilton Boulevard, Allentown, PA, 18103 | 610-366-1600

**When:** 14 – 15 May 2025

Your Board of Director's have put together an outstanding meeting program featuring significant and informative topics and opportunities for kiln operators and managers. The program will begin with a special tour of nearby [Martin Guitar](#).

#### Accommodation:

**Directions:** The [Holiday Inn](#), 4325 Hamilton Blvd, Allentown, PA 18103 is conveniently located about 25 minutes from [Martin Guitar](#). Please call the hotel directly on 610-366-1600 by **April 15** for our special NEKDA rate for overnight rooms of **\$109/night**. Be sure to note specifically that you are with the **NEKDA group**. Also, note that there are several hotels close by. We are looking forward to seeing everyone in May!

#### Registration

Please mail your pre-registration form and check directly to Bill Smith, [wbsmith@esf.edu](mailto:wbsmith@esf.edu) (by May 15). *There is \$20 per person surcharge for late registration.*

If you have any questions or concerns, email [wbsmith@esf.edu](mailto:wbsmith@esf.edu) or call 315-470-6832. You can also Fax to 315-470-6879.

#### Plant Tour

Wednesday | May 14

##### Martin Guitar

10:00 am – [Martin Guitar](#)

**Address:** 510 Sycamore St, Nazareth, PA 18064

From I-80 and points North take Route 33 South, or from I-78, US 22 and points South take Route 33 North, to PA Route 191 (Stockertown exit). Follow Route 191 South (westerly direction) into Nazareth.

Visit the website: <https://www.esf.edu/nekda/>

Turn right onto Rose Inn Ave. Proceed to Beil Ave and turn left. The Martin Factory is on the corner of Beil Ave. and Sycamore St.

*Tour participants should bring their own safety glasses and wear close-toe shoes. No hardhats required.*

**Lunch** – Holiday Inn

***The NEKDA Kiln Operator's Clinic – Basic and Advanced Drying***

Informal and practical instruction and discussion on such things as the basic 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. Present your unique challenges, inquiries, and resolutions. Kindly indicate any specific topics of interest for discussion at the clinic on your registration form.

**Stress Relief and Dinner**

## **Technical Session Topics**

**Thursday | May 15**

Our final Technical Presentation Topics and Speakers are currently being confirmed.

***The Real American Hardwood Coalition***

- Amy Shields, AHUG

***Managing Your Facility for Quality***

- Brian Hughes, Wagner Lumber

***Meeting the Challenge***

- 5 Elements to Success, Tom Graber

***Fundamentals of Quality Lumber Drying***

- Bill Smith, SUNY ESF

***Moisture Determination***

Final program details and meeting registration will be available on [our website](#), email [wbsmith@esf.edu](mailto:wbsmith@esf.edu) or call 315-470-6832 with questions.

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