



NEW ENGLAND KILN DRYING ASSOCIATION

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Our 2019 **Fall Meeting** of the **NEKDA** is being held at the
A Fireside Inn & Suites in
West Lebanon, New Hampshire on
Tuesday and Wednesday, October 29-30.

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 Tuesday morning of ***Durgin and Crowell Lumber*** <http://www.durginandcrowell.com> and ***Kennebec Lumber*** <http://www.kennebeclumber.com> in nearby Springfield, NH. The Fireside Inn & Suites is conveniently located in West Lebanon, NH, near the intersection of I-89 and I-91. Traveling on I-89, get off at exit 20 and follow the Fireside Inn signs. The hotel is just off of Airport Road. If traveling north on I-91, take the I-89 West Lebanon exit and proceed across the Connecticut River to exit 20. Traveling south on I-91 take the I-89 Concord exit and proceed to exit 20. The hotel has great facilities for our meeting, and after our technical sessions you might want to enjoy their fitness center and heated indoor pool. Further detail can be found on their website at <http://firesideinnwestlebanon.com>. We have obtained excellent room rates of \$99.95, including hot breakfast, and suggest that you make your reservations promptly (**603/298-5900**); be sure to tell them that you are with the NEKDA to receive our group rate.

Please mail your preregistration form (enclosed) and check directly to Bill Smith promptly (**received by October 22**). Note the \$15 per person surcharge for late registration. Call 315/470-6832, or email to wbsmith@esf.edu with questions. Also, please note that **tour participants are required to preregister**.

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Tuesday October 29

Tuesday Mill Tours (on your own as you travel to the meeting, preregistration required, please bring hardhats, safety glasses and appropriate footwear),

Durgin & Crowell Lumber 8:30 tour

Durgin and Crowell Lumber Co www.durginandcrowell.com saws and kiln dries high quality NELMA grade white pine boards. Our tour will include their sawmill, dry kilns, planer facilities, and cut-up shop. To get to the mill take exit 12A off of I-89, ~ 25 miles east from West Lebanon and the Fireside Inn. Take a left turn and drive ½ mile, then turn right onto to 231 Fisher Corner Road, Springfield, NH 03284. Go straight up hill into lumber yard.

Kennebec Lumber 11:00 tour

The Kennebec Lumber Co <http://allardlumber.com/> Springfield, NH operation is a high quality hardwood concentration yard, where we will see Dry Kilns, Lumber Handling and their Wood-Fired Boiler. They are about 10 min north of Durgin & Crowell, on NH routes 114 and 4A. Please use 2377 Route 4A, Springfield, NH 03284 address for directions.

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12:30 - 1:15 **REGISTRATION and Lunch** (in the meeting room)

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

1:15 – 1:45 ***Lumber Handling and Management Best Practices to Control Stain – a panel discussion, led by Dan Avery, Gutchess Lumber***

1:45 - 5:00 ***"KILN OPERATOR'S CLINIC"*** - led by Bill Smith, and others. 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 - 6:00 ***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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- 7:00 - 7:45 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
- 7:45 - 8:00 REGISTRATION AND COFFEE
- 8:00 - 8:05 Welcome and Introductions
Dan Avery, NEKDA President (*Gutchess Lumber*, Cortland, NY)
- Moderator: **Chuck Sackett**, NEKDA 1st Vice President (*King Forest Industries*, Wentworth, NH)
- 8:05 - 8:50 ***Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) Certification***
Gordy Mouw, *Sustainable Forestry Initiative Program Director*
- 8:50 - 9:45 ***Managing Variable Speed Drives***
Jay Bradford, *Motion Industries*
- 9:45 – 10:15 ***Steam Technology and Utilization- Fundamentals***
Daryl Schoellkopf, *F.W. Webb Co.*
- 10:15 - 10:30 COFFEE BREAK
Moderator: **Jim Parker**, NEKDA 2nd Vice President (*Vacutherm*, Warren, VT)
- 10:30 – 11:30 ***Steam Technology and Utilization- Applications***
Daryl Schoellkopf, *F.W. Webb Co.*
- 11:30 – 12:15 ***Mass Timber – An Introduction and Opportunities***
Marc Rivard, *WoodWorks Wood Products Council*
- 12:15- 12:30 NEKDA Business Meeting,
Elections
- 12:30 – 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.