



NEW ENGLAND KILN DRYING ASSOCIATION

26-27 October 2022 | Town & Country Inn, Shelburne, New Hampshire

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2022 Fall Meeting

Where: Town & Country Motor Inn, 2 Main Street, Gorham, New Hampshire

Phone: 603-466-3315 or 800-325-4386

When: 26 – 27 October 2022

Your NEKDA (New England Kiln Drying Association) Officers and Board of Director's have put together an excellent meeting program with important and informative topics and opportunities for kiln operators and managers, including an interesting tour of [Milan Lumber Company](#).

Accommodation:

Directions: The [Town & Country Motor Inn](#) in Shelburne is located at 2 Main Street in Gorham, NH. It is about $\frac{3}{4}$ miles east of Gorham on the south side of Route 2.

This hotel has great facilities for our meeting, and after our technical sessions you might want to enjoy their indoor heated pool and fitness facility. We have obtained an excellent rate of only \$88/night single/double occupancy, for rooms and suggest that you call and make your reservations promptly at 603-466-3315 or 800-325-4386. Please mention that you are with the NEKDA to receive the group rate.

For further information please visit [The Town & Country Motor Inn website](#).

Registration

Please mail your pre-registration form and check directly to Bill Smith, wbsmith@esf.edu (by October 19). *There is \$15 per person surcharge for late registration.*

Please visit [NEKDA website](#) for more information.

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

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



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Optimize your Kiln Drying and Operational Efficiency

Wednesday | October 26

Plant Tour

9:00 AM ET | Wednesday Plant Tour (*Preregistration required*)

Milan Lumber

[Milan Lumber Company](#) saws and kiln dries high quality spruce-fir dimension lumber, manufacturing over 70 MMBF per year. Our tour will include their sawmill, sorting, new kiln, new high-speed production planning and grading operations, and wood-fired boiler system.

Address: 318 Milan Road, Route 16, Milan, NH

Directions: The mill is on the east side of Route 16 about 15 miles, 30 minutes north of Berlin, ~1 ½ miles south of Milan. Look for the mill on the east side of the road.

Tour participants should bring their own hardhats and safety glasses and wear appropriate footwear.

At the Town & Country

Welcome and Introductions **Chuck Sackett**, NEKDA President
(Kennebec Lumber, Wentworth, NH)

12:30 – 1:15 PM ET **Registration and Lunch**
Meeting Room

1:15 – 2:00 PM ET **Custom Kiln Drying – Managing Variables**
Expert Panel Discussion

2:00 – 5:00 PM ET **Kiln Operator's Clinic** *Led by Bill Smith, others.*
Informal and practical instructions and discussion on the basics of kiln operations, 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, and more. Bring your individual problems, questions, and solutions!
Please note any interests for discussion at the clinic on your registration form.

3:15 – 3:30 PM ET **REFRESHMENT BREAK**

3:00 – 6:30 PM ET **STRESS RELIEF with Vendor Displays**
Relieve your stress with hors d'oeuvres and beverages while visiting with vendors displaying the best in various kiln drying equipment, supplies and services.

3:15 – 3:30 PM ET **BANQUET**

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Thursday | October 27

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7:00 – 7:45 AM ET	Board of Directors Meeting
7:45 – 8:10 AM ET	Registration and Coffee
8:10 – 8:15 AM ET	Welcome and Introductions Chuck Sackett , NEKDA President (Kennebec Lumber, Wentworth, NH)
8:15 – 9:00 AM ET	Wood Moisture Meter Advancements <i>Tom Laurenzi, Delmhorst Moisture Meters</i>
9:00 – 9:30 AM ET	Milan Lumber <i>Steve Halle, Milan Lumber, Milan, NH</i>
9:30 – 10:30 AM ET	Steam Production, Utilization and Management <i>Sam Fox, FW Webb</i>
10:30 – 10:45 AM ET	COFFEE BREAK and questions.
10:45 – 11:15 AM ET	Heat Treatment and Certification <i>Matt Pomeroy, NELMA, Cumberland Ctr., ME</i>
11:15 – 12:00 AM ET	Dry Storage of Lumber – Basic Knowledge for Best Quality <i>Bob Pope, SII Dry Kilns, Montpelier, VT</i>
12:00 – 12:15 AM ET	NEKDA Annual Business Meeting, Elections
12:30 – 1:15 PM ET	LUNCHEON BUFFET

NEKDA Elections

Elections for several open position son the NEKDA Board of Directors are held at our fall membership meeting. We encourage any who are interested in this most stimulating and rewarding activity, and in becoming more active in the NEKDA, to consider serving as an Officer. For nominations and questions, please email Bill Smith at wbsmith@esf.edu or call 315-470-6832.

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