



NEW ENGLAND KILN DRYING ASSOCIATION

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NEKDA - 2015 Spring Meeting – May 13-14

Our NEKDA Spring Meeting this year is being held May 13-14 in Presque Isle, Maine. This location provides opportunity to include several very interesting plant visit tours in one meeting, and combine the trip with the Northeastern Loggers' Association <http://northernlogger.com/> Bangor Expo on May 15. Information on the Expo can be found at <http://nefpexpo.net/> and registration at <https://www.expotracsshows.com/ne-forest/2015/bangor/>. We will be meeting at the Northeastland Hotel <http://www.northeastlandhotel.com> on 436 Main Street in Presque Isle. Call them right away, directly at 207-768-5321 or 800-244-5321, and let them know you are with the NEKDA for the reduced \$107/night rate. Further specifics on our meeting and registration and the NEKDA are also posted to our website www.esf.edu/nekda.

On Wednesday, May 13 we will tour:

- 8:15 - Maine Woods Company, hardwood sawmill and kilns in Portage Lake, ME.
 - The mill is at 92 Fish Lake Road, Portage Lake (use yahoo or bing maps, not google or mapquest). From rte 11 turn west at Deans Motor Lodge across from Coffins General Store and go about 1 mile on West Road, turning left (west) onto Fish Lake Road about ½ mile to the mill on the right.
 - <http://www.mainewoodscompany.com/newsarticle.php>
- 10:00 - J.D. Irving, brand new SPF dimension lumber mill and kilns, in Nashville Plantation/Ashland, ME.
 - From rte 11, about 5 miles south of Portage Lake and 6 miles north of Ashland, turn west onto South Mill Road, then about 2 miles to the mill.
 - <https://www.jdirving.com/BlogPage.aspx?id=1598&blogid=74>
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IJdv7iz5RbA&list=UUFhWCDCfcZQ4sJGeWCrMWog>
- 11:45 - Moosewood Flooring and Millwork, kilns and flooring manufacture, Ashland, ME.
 - From the intersection where rte 11 turns north on the west side of the Aroostook River, head west on Garfield Rd about 1 mile, then continue straight on Realty Rd another ½ mile to the plant on the left.
 - <http://moosewoodflooring.com/page/938/moosewood-millworks>
- 2:00 - Columbia Forest Products, hardwood veneer manufacture, in Presque Isle, ME.
 - The plant is on the north side of the Presque Isle airport at 375 Missile St. From rte 227 State Road head west on either Central Drive or Skyway Street, the Edgemont to Missile St.
 - <http://www.columbiaforestproducts.com/product/hardwood-veneer/>

followed at the Northeastland Hotel by stress relief, camaraderie, banquet dinner and Industrial Awards.

On Thursday, May 14 – Technical Program and Workshop

- 8:00 - Calibration Checks of Dry- and Wet-Bulbs, Marc Savard, FPIInnovations.
- 8:45 - Dry Kiln Operator's Workshop, led by Bill Smith and Peter Garrahan.
- 11:00 - Ten Steps Towards Successful Drying, Peter Garrahan, Garrahan Consulting.