



## NEW ENGLAND KILN DRYING ASSOCIATION

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Our 2018 **Spring Meeting** of the **NEKDA** is being held at the

### ***Best Western Grand Victorian Inn*** in Sayre, PA on ***Wednesday and Thursday, May 2-3.***

Your NEKDA Officers and Board of Directors has put together an excellent meeting program with important and informative topics and opportunities for kiln operators and managers, along with interesting tours of **Wagner Millwork Lumber** and **Masco Cabinetry**. The **Best Western Grand Victorian Inn** is conveniently located at 255 Spring Street, Sayre, PA 18840. From NY-17/I-86 / Southern Tier Expressway take exit #61 (towards Waverly/Sayre), then turn right onto Cayuta Ave. which changes to Spring St after crossing into Pennsylvania; the hotel is about 3/8 mile on the right (west side). The hotel has great facilities for our meeting, and after our technical sessions you might want to enjoy their indoor pool and health club facility. Please call the Best Western Grand Victorian Inn at 570/888-7711 as soon as you can to make overnight room reservations as space may be limited. Be sure to note that you are with the NEKDA; our special rate, held to April 25, is \$79/night, including hot breakfast buffet. Look also to the NEKDA website, [www.esf.edu/nekda](http://www.esf.edu/nekda) for further information on our excellent technical program, plant tours, meeting registration, and the hotel.

Please mail your preregistration form and check directly to Bill Smith promptly (to be **received by April 23**). Note the \$15 per person surcharge for late registration. Please check our website [www.esf.edu/nekda](http://www.esf.edu/nekda), email [wbsmith@esf.edu](mailto:wbsmith@esf.edu) or call 315/470-6832 with questions; fax to 315/470-6879. Also, please note that tour participants are required to preregister.

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***"Quality Kiln Drying and Efficient Processing"***  
**Wednesday May 2**

**Plant Tours** (please bring your hardhats and safety glasses, and appropriate footwear; preregistration required)

**Wagner Millwork (Lumber) 8:30 am tour**

4060 Gaskill Road, Owego, NY 13827

Wagner Millwork (Lumber) saws and kiln dries high quality northeastern hardwoods. The sawmill is brand new, having recently been completely rebuild after a devastating fire in 2014.

From Rte. 17/I-86, exit #65, at the end of the ramp go right over the bridge and then bear right onto Rte. 17C east. Take 2<sup>nd</sup> left onto Day Hollow Road for about 1½ mi. Go to stop and turn right, staying on Day Hollow Road for about ½ mi, then take first left onto Gaskill Road. The mill is about 1½ miles on left. [www.wagnerlumber.com](http://www.wagnerlumber.com)

**Masco Cabinetry Tour at 11:00 am**

217 Lamoka Rd, Sayre, PA 18840

Masco Cabinetry in Sayre kiln dries high quality hardwood lumber, which is used in their modern manufacturing, rough mill and glue up operations to make kitchen and related cabinet door and panels for several well-known and highly regarded brands.

The plant is just to the west side of Sayre. Driving from the Wagner Lumber visit take Rte. 17/I-86 to exit #60, turning left onto W. Bradford St, and then quickly left again onto US 220 south and after about ½ mi take Sayre/S Waverly exit, and head west for about 1½ mi on Wilawana and then Mile Lane Rd. Turn right onto Lamoka Rd about ¼ mi to Masco.  
<http://www.mascocabinetry.com/>

**at the Best Western Grand Victorian Inn**

12:45 - 1:15 **REGISTRATION and Lunch** (in the meeting room).

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Larry Lashway, NEKDA President (*Lashway Lumber*, Williamsburg, MA)

1:15 - 2:00 ***Kiln Maintenance and Repair - Expert Panel Discussion***

Bob Pope, *SII Dry Kilns*, Montpelier, VT

Jason Ayer, *Hardwick Kilns/Cersosimo Lumber*, Hardwick, MA

Brian Hughes, *Wagner Lumber*, Cayuta, NY

2:00 - 5:00 ***Kiln Operator's Clinic*** - led by Bill Smith, Peter Garrahan. Informal and practical instruction and discussion on such things as the basics of kiln operation, maintenance, advanced techniques, stacking, stain and discoloration, scheduling, changing species, schedule modification, 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.

3:15 - 3:30 REFRESHMENT BREAK

5:00 - 6:00 **STRESS RELIEF**

6:00 - 7:00 **BANQUET**

**Jim Catterick Industrial and Bill Rice Achievement Awards**

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**Thursday May 3**

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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

**Larry Lashway, NEKDA President (*Lashway Lumber*, Williamsburg, MA)**

Moderator: **Dan Avery, NEKDA 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (*Gutchess Lumber*, Cortland, NY)**

8:15 - 9:00 ***Water Quality, Treatment and Boiler Performance for Dry Kiln Operations***

**Mike Weiland, *Clarity Water Technologies*, Altoona, PA**

9:00 - 9:40 ***The Importance of Drying Quality to Cabinet Manufacturing***

**Don Fetzer, *Masco Cabinetry*, Sayre, PA**

9:40 - 10:20 ***Mill and Kiln Safety***

**Peter Sformo, *W.J. Cox*, Clarence, NY**

10:20 - 10:30 Questions and COFFEE BREAK

Moderator: **Chuck Sackett, NEKDA 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (*King Forest Industries*, Wentworth, NH)**

10:30 - 11:15 ***Impact of Climate Change on Kiln Drying Quality Lumber***

**Chuck Ray, *Penn State*, State College, PA**

11:15 - 11:45 ***Using Radiant Heaters to Maintain Desired Dry Storage EMC***

**Mike Lieb, *PennRadiant*, Pittsburgh, PA**

**Jason Lyon, *Bingaman Lumber*, Clarendon, PA**

11:45 - 12:15 ***Modern Methods of Dimensional Stability***

**Neil Kohan, *SUNY ESF*, Syracuse, NY**

12:15- 1:00 ***LUNCHEON BUFFET***