



## Great Lakes Kiln Drying Association

# 2025 Spring Meeting

**May 8 - 9**

**Holiday Inn Express**

**1711 Riverview Way**

**Sault Ste Marie, MI 49783**

## Program

### Thursday, May 8

- 7:30—8:00 AM Meeting Registration at Maple Hardwoods, Inc.**  
5839 N 3 Mile Rd, Pickford
- 8:00— 9:00 AM TOUR: Maple Hardwoods, Inc.**
- 10:15—11:30 AM TOUR: Northland Harvesting**  
7300 Co. Rd. 403, Newberry
- 11:45—12:30 PM Lunch: Timber Charlies**  
110 Newberry Ave. Newberry
- 12:45—2:00 PM TOUR: Michigan DNR Center**  
5666 State Hwy M 123, Newberry
- 5:00—6:00 PM Stress Relief**  
Holiday Inn Express - Hospitality Suite
- 6:00—7:00 PM Board Meeting**  
Holiday Inn Express - Hospitality Suite
- 7:00 PM Dinner**  
Holiday Inn Express - Conference Room

### Friday, May 9

- Location: Holiday Inn Express - Conference Room
- 8:45—9:00 AM Welcome and Announcements**
- 9:00—10:00 AM The Development of Intelligent Desiccant- Assisted Heat Pump Kiln System**  
Speaker: Randi Dodgson, MI Tech
- 10:00—10:30 AM Networking Break**
- 10:30—11:30 AM Wisconsin to Maine - Kiln Operations in the Northeastern United States**  
Speaker: Scott Bowe, Professor at Kemp Natural Resources Station, University of WI
- 11:30—12:00 PM Networking Break**
- 12:00— 1:00 PM Open Forum**

## 2025 Spring Meeting Speakers

**Randi Dodgson** is a PhD student at Michigan Technological University. Her dissertation research involves the development of structural grading practices for hardwood lumber. She is the program director of Wood Science Technology at Kirtland Community College. She is a hardwood lumber inspector and regional trainer through the National Hardwood Lumber Association. Prior to her work in academia, Randi worked as an industrial designer in the contract furniture industry.

**Scott Bowe** is a Professor and Forest Products Extension Specialist in the Department of Forest and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He earned his Ph.D. in Forest Products from Virginia Tech, a M.S. in Forest Products from the University of Minnesota, and a B.S. in Forest Science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Scott works closely with the wood products industry in Wisconsin and neighboring states. His current projects focus on forest products markets, wood manufacturing process improvement, and applications for hardwood lumber drying; all strategies for remaining competitive within a global forest products marketplace. Scott and his family moved to northern Wisconsin in 2015 where he is serving as Director of Kemp Natural Resources Station, a research station in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences dedicated to sustainable natural resources.





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\$30 spouse or guest (attending Thursday lunch and dinner)

**Add \$5 late registration after April 20, 2025.**

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#### Accommodations

**Holiday Inn Express**  
1711 Riverview Way  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783  
Phone: (906) 632-3999

Room cost: \$134 plus taxes and fees  
When making reservations, request **Great Lakes Kiln Drying Association Spring Meeting** room block.  
**Deadline for hotel reservations: April 14, 2025**

#### Registration Form

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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# of GLKDA Members attending: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$125 = \_\_\_\_\_

# of non members attending: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$145 = \_\_\_\_\_

# of spouses/guests attending: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$30 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Plus late fee if after April 8 (\$5/person):** \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Make your check payable to GLKDA.  
Send check payable to GLKDA and this registration form to:

Great Lakes Kiln Drying Association  
337 Superior Avenue  
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

If paying with credit card, fill out the following and email to [office@glkda.org](mailto:office@glkda.org):

Amount charged: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Security Code (on back of card): \_\_\_\_\_

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