

35th New England Conference on Industrial Archeology

Saturday, March 16th 2024

The Planetarium at McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center

2 Institute Drive, Concord, N.H.

PROGRAM

- 9:00am Registration, Admission (\$15), coffee and donuts, does not include lunch. If you plan to attend, please email David Dunning at dunmark@tds.net by 3/15 so he'll purchase enough donuts and coffee.
- 9:15am Greetings from Northern New England SIA President David Dunning
Introduction of Speakers by Dave Coughlin, Conference Chair
- 9:30am David Dunning - **Implosion and Recycling of the old Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital.** This six-story building's demolition had to be done cost effectively and without damaging the surrounding Dartmouth College buildings or beautiful houses.
- 10:10am David Moore - **Bridgewater, Mass. "Iron Town USA".** Contention: Bridgewater is the oldest continually iron manufacturing town in the country, if not the western hemisphere. Read Part 1 in the fall 2023 newsletter for background information on this topic.
- 10:50am Ron Romano - **Billboard Monuments of Northern New England.** Gravestone making and carving is one of American's oldest industries. Until 2019 this horizontal gravestone design was largely undetected. Cemetery historian Ron Romano first documented this design and has written two books on the subject.
- 11:30am lunch - There is an onsite cafe and many restaurants nearby.
- 1pm Eric Peterson - **Industrial History New England: A Collaborative Effort to Re-Engage.** This presentation will outline the growth of Industrial History New England touching on the challenge of working collectively. Also, the drawbacks and benefits of a digital platform. It will discuss the organizations short term plans and long-range goals.
- 1:40pm John Mayer - **National SIA. An Update and Discussion.** What are the issues facing our national organization? Our speaker with extensive experience working in museums and industrial archeology has recently joined the Board of Directors of the national SIA. He will provide a brief report about upcoming events and plans to lead the audience in an open discussion.
- 2:20pm Pat Malone and Chuck Parrott - **Material Evidence for the Recreation of a Waterpower System.** Plans for the adaptive re-use of the 1810 Wilkinson Mill at Slater Historic Site prompted an intensive archeology investigation in 1970. Much of this illustrated talk will focus on the excavation process and examination of an historic building.
- Directions: From Rt. 93 North and South, take Exit 15 onto Rt. 393/202. Watch for signs for McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center and take Exit 1. At end of ramp, turn left onto Ft. Eddy road and pass under Rt. 393/202. Follow road and turn right before large parking lot. Road swings around in back of community college until you see a large rocket and park in the parking area. Coming west from Rt. 393/202, take Exit 1 and at end of ramp, turn left. Follow directions above after turning right at large parking lot.