



Fall Tour and Business Meeting

Tour of Former Lime Kiln & Limestone Quarries

Bolton, Massachusetts

Saturday, December 2, 2017, 10:30 - 1:00

Please join leader Bob Roemer and fellow members for a tour of a unique archeological site: the former lime quarries and lime kiln in Bolton, Massachusetts. First opened in the early 18th century, the limestone quarries are very early examples of such quarries, the stone from which was processed for building purposes. The historic kiln for burning the limestone was restored in 1976.

After the tour, we will visit the **Moses Wilder Blacksmith Shop**, in the same location. This is a reconstruction of the original, early 19th century shop, which was moved to Sturbridge Village.

Bob Roemer, who has researched the lime quarries and kiln, and owns (and reconstructed) the blacksmith shop, will lead the tour. The program will end with a brief business meeting and SNEC officer election.

10:00–10:30 AM Park and meet at the Bolton Lime Kiln and Quarries trail head just west of 185 Main St (Route 117). See locus map.

10:30 AM–12:00 PM Tour the initial portion of the Bob Horton Trail with stops for discussion at:

- Foundation of Philo Clapp pump log mill and shop
- Hildreth Lime Quarry
- Whitcomb Lime Kiln
- Whitcomb Lime Quarry
- Lime house foundation
- Agricultural lime crusher site

The total distance is about ½ mile and very easy walking

12:00–12:30 PM Convene at the reconstructed Moses Wilder Blacksmith Shop for a discussion of the shop and the work done there.

12:30-1:00 PM Brief SNEC business meeting with refreshments (either at the Blacksmith Shop or in the Roemer's woodworking shop depending on the weather).

Please sign up for the tour with SNEC secretary Leonard Henkin: lah2004@gmail.com.

Location: Bolton Lime Kiln & Quarries: at Lime Kiln Conservation Area, west of 185 Main St., Bolton, Ma

Take Exit 27 on Rt. 495 toward Stow. Trail head is approximately 1.4 miles from the exit, on the north side of Rt. 117. Access and parking at the trail head, just west of and beside 185 Main St.



Call for candidates for 2018 SNEC-SIA Chapter Officers

An election will be held at the annual meeting on December 2, 2017 in Bolton, Massachusetts.

Dear Fellow Chapter Members,

Over the past several years I have truly enjoyed my time as President of the SNEC-SIA. I have enjoyed the amazing variety of places we have visited and all the wonderful folks I have been able to get to know well. When my wife and I decided to relocate to Reno, Nevada earlier this year, we knew there would be some sacrifices to make. For me, the SNEC-SIA is something that I will really miss. I still plan to maintain my membership in the chapter, and I have offered to continue to maintain the joint New England Chapters' website and take care of the periodic e-mail blasts. However, since I can no longer attend events in person, it doesn't make sense for me to remain as chapter president. I will instead offer to become Vice-President, with the hope that someone will be willing to become President. While this may sound daunting, it shouldn't, since I am perfectly willing to assist with the transition in leadership any way I can. I have learned a quite few things about running this chapter over the past several years that I'd be happy to pass on.

In case you are unfamiliar with the chapter by-laws, the SNEC-SIA has four chapter officers: president, vice-president/program coordinator, secretary, and treasurer. Sara Wermiel is currently serving as treasurer and Leonard Henkin is serving as secretary. All members are urged to do their part in helping to keep the chapter active. Also, all Chapter officers receive a FREE membership with the Society for Industrial Archeology (SIA). \$50 value.

The SNEC-SIA is a great organization that has been around for over 41 years, and I really hope that it can continue for years to come. However, for this to happen, we need folks who feel the same way as I do. Please help if you can! Send me an e-mail if you are interested.

Sincerely,

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