

SLATE ROOFING CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION



OF NORTH AMERICA

CALL FOR WORKSHOP PRESENTERS AND CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS

March 5, 2007

Dear SRCA Member,

We are now planning our first annual member conference and workshops. Although we had considered holding the first conference in Vermont in the slate valley as mentioned in Traditional Roofing Magazine, we will instead be holding the conference in western Pennsylvania. In the future, we expect to organize SRCA quarry tours in VT and PA and perhaps in Europe and elsewhere. Before we get to that point, however, we need to meet and further develop the SRCA.

We have elected to host the first conference at our business location, Joseph Jenkins, Inc., in northwestern PA. We have 143 acres, 5,000 square feet of indoor space, lots of parking, and wooded, private camping space with a swimming lake, two hotels and several restaurants three minutes away and additional hotels and restaurants 20 minutes away. The conference will be educational and workshop oriented. We will not be in a hotel. We will be getting our hands dirty learning from each other in an environment that allows cutting, punching and nailing slates, soldering and working with flashing, in a relaxed atmosphere with food, friends and entertainment. In the future, perhaps other members will host the conference at their business location. By hosting our own conferences, we can minimize the cost of the conference, provide our own work space, engage in hands-on learning, and get to know each other better.

Our current member roster includes 59 members, both individuals and companies, spread out over the United States, Canada and elsewhere. Finding a central location for this member distribution is difficult. Our location in western PA is debatably central, as shown on the attached member map.

The tentative dates for the conference are June 8, 9 and 10, 2007, Friday through Sunday. The conference would be conducted over a 48 hour period, *approximately* noon Friday through noon Sunday. This would allow time for travel Thursday evening or Friday morning and time to return home Sunday evening or Monday, minimizing lost work days. The conference would be open to all members, their employees and guests. The conference fee is yet to be determined, but is expected to be relatively low and is intended to cover food and materials for roof mock-ups, workshops, demonstrations, etc.

Airports: The nearest airports are Pittsburgh, PA (1 hour, 15 min.), Cleveland, OH (1 hour, 45 min.), Akron, OH (1 hour, 30 min.), Erie, PA (1 hour, 30 min.), Youngstown, OH, (1 hour), and Franklin Regional Airport (20 min.). Pittsburgh is recommended, although Cleveland sometimes has lower prices.

PROPOSED AGENDA: The proposed agenda includes a combination of meetings, powerpoint presentations, demonstrations and hands-on workshops. Due to the need to efficiently organize the conference, all presenters must be on the schedule in advance.

Meetings: The agenda for meetings is still being developed, but could include discussions of how to structure the organization of the SRCA — whether, for example to establish bylaws, a Board of Directors, etc. Also to be discussed could be future conferences and other activities such as the aforementioned quarry tours, Traditional Roofing Magazine input, a peer review committee for Standards publications, etc.

Powerpoint Presentations: What does anyone have that they would like to show on Powerpoint? We have a projector, screen and a room that will hold about 20 or more people at a time and can have larger showings if needed. What we

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intend to focus on is information that will enhance our members' slate roofing trade skills rather than presentations that promote individual businesses. What can you offer? Don't be shy!

Demonstrations: This would include demonstrations of, for example, roofing products such as snow guards, and snow rails, slate tools, soldering devices, etc. These demonstrations can be conducted by product salesmen, or by members.

Workshops: This is a very important part of the conference and should involve hands-on participation by conference attendees. What would you like to learn about? How about staggered butt slating, roof designs, built-in gutters, soldering, slating hips and ridges, slated valleys, flashing techniques, ceramic tile roofing, etc.? We need to know what you would like to see happening at this conference, and we need volunteers to conduct workshops.

PLEASE TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO COMPLETE THE ATTACHED QUESTIONNAIRE AND RETURN IT TO US ASAP. YOUR INPUT WILL HELP DETERMINE THE SCALE, NATURE AND DIRECTION OF OUR FIRST CONFERENCE.



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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Alluvium Construction of NJ, Inc. Marlton, NJ. 2. Scottie Ballantyne Roofing, Inc. Garland, Texas. 3. Bill Davis Roofing, L.C. Lenexa, Kansas. 4. Heritage Roofing, Inc., Shady Grove, PA. 5. GS Restoration Services, Port Byron, New York. 6. J. B. + Co. Roofing, Tiffin, Ohio. 7. Barry Smith Slate Roof Restoration, Union City, PA. 8. C.D. Kaller Inc., Willow Grove, PA. 9. Leelands Slate Roof Repair, Ephrata, PA. 10. Miller-Thomas-Gyekis, Inc., Pittsburgh, PA. 11. Milligan Construction, Peacham, Vermont. 12. Mountain State Slate Roofing, New Milton, West Virginia. 13. Joseph Jenkins Inc., Grove City, PA. 14. Stevens Roofing Corp., Norfolk, VA. 15. The R.W. Stokes Company, Atlanta, Georgia. 16. Ruff Roofers, Inc., Baltimore, MD 17. The Twelfth Century Slate Roofing Co., Burlington, MA. 18. Vermont Recycled Slate & Roofing Inc., Fair Haven, Vermont. 19. Durable Slate, Columbus, Ohio 20. Perlino Slate Roof Repair, Grove City, PA 21. Slate International, Wilmington, DE 22. The Fania Specialty Roofing Group, Dover, NJ 23. Premier Roofing Specialists, Lake City, FL 24. Old World Craftsmen, Lake City, FL 25. The Virginia Slate Company, Richmond, VA 26. Paulin Slate and Copper, Akron, Ohio 27. Balanced Builders, Beacon, NY and Warner, NH | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 28. Coffey Contracting Company, Inc., Pittsburgh, PA 29. MJC Roofing, Los Angeles, CA 30. Tile Roof Specialists, Little Chute, WI 31. CUPA Natural Slate, Sobradelo de Valdeorras (Orense), Spain 32. The Roofing Company, Inc., Hampton, VA 33. Franvisa Slate, Ponferrada, Leon, Spain 34. Wagner Roofing Company, Hyattsville, MD 35. Midland Engineering, South Bend, Indiana 36. Triple M Contracting, Inc., North Billerica, MA (Boston area) 37. Lowe Restoration Group, West Orange, NJ 38. Slateworks Roofing, Evans City, PA 39. Camara Slate Products, Inc., Fair Haven, VT 40. Mahan Slate Roofing Co., Springfield, MA 41. Northeast Slate, Albany, NY 42. Tatko Stone Products, Inc., Granville, NY 43. Beach Sheet Metal Company, Inc., Sunnyvale, Texas 44. Scott Ferrari-Adler, Pittsburgh, PA (supporting member) 45. Renaissance Roofing, Inc., Belvidere, IL 46. Blackmore and Buckner Roofing, Indianapolis, IN 47. Dax M. Billcheck, Detroit, Michigan 48. Preferred Roofing, Inc., Winston-Salem, NC 49. North Country Slate, Toronto, Ontario, Canada 50. Greenstone Slate Company, Poughkeepsie, NY 51. Shaanxi Weststone Industry and Trade Co., Ltd., China 52. China Materials International, China 53. Ross A. Gibson, North East, MD 54. Gheen Brothers Construction, Inc., VA 55. Salvo and Sons, Wheaton, IL |
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PRELIMINARY SRCA CONFERENCE QUESTIONNAIRE

At your earliest convenience, please fill out and return this form by mail or fax to:
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ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF YOU HAVE DETAILED INFORMATION THAT WILL NOT FIT ON THIS PAGE.

If you are willing to be a presenter, we will contact you with follow-up questions.

Name, address and phone number:

I will will not be able to attend this conference (circle one).

Assuming a \$100.00 registration fee, How many are likely to attend (including employees, guests, etc.)_____

I will will not may be able to volunteer to help with the conference.

I will will not may be able to conduct a workshop. If yes, please describe:

I will will not may be able to conduct a product demonstration. If yes, please describe:

I will will not may be able to conduct a Powerpoint demonstration. If yes, please describe:

I cannot be a demonstrator, but I would be interested in learning about the following topics (list anything related to slate roofing that you would really like to know more about. We will condense the topics later):

I would be interested in volunteering to be on a Board of Directors of the SRCA (circle if interested).

I would be interested in volunteering for a peer review committee for Standards publications (circle if interested).

I would like to contribute an article for the Traditional Roofing Magazine (circle if interested, and describe):

I have questions, suggestions or concerns: