



SOCIETY FOR  
INDUSTRIAL  
ARCHEOLOGY

## 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference, Portland, Maine May 15-18, 2014

This year's conference will be headquartered in Portland, Maine's largest city, or perhaps its biggest small town, located on a peninsula between the Fore River and Back Cove at the southern end of Casco Bay. Portland retains a lively working waterfront with shipyards, break-bulk and container piers, marine suppliers, fish docks, lobster pounds, and an international ferry pier, all within sight of the conference hotel.

Maine industry has always focused on the sea and the woods – shipbuilding, cordage, seafood processing, logging, paper, and woodenware. Massive water-powered textile mills and boot and shoe factories are also signature elements of Maine's industrial landscape. Foundries and machine shops equipped those industries. The Portland Company, housed in a big brick complex at the north end of the Old Port waterfront, produced a dizzying array of locomotives, steam engines, log haulers, paper mill equipment, and other machinery for Maine's maritime and forest trades. We can't haul you way Down East or up into the North Woods, but this year's SIA tour sites, all within an hour of Portland, represent a cross-section of Maine manufacturing and will give a good sense that there's a lot more to the state than the "Vacationland" license plate motto implies.

Downtown Portland is a compact grouping of brick and granite commercial buildings, most built immediately after a disastrous fire cleared the center of town in 1866. Our conference hotel is right in the middle, halfway between Congress Street, the 19<sup>th</sup> century shopping thoroughfare that runs along the spine of the peninsula, and Commercial Street running along the waterfront, with 19<sup>th</sup> century ship chandleries on one side and docks on the other. There's a noticeable slope between the two, but the distances are short and the blocks in between are great places to wander. Up on the ridge, Portland Museum of Art is a block from the hotel. One Longfellow Square, site of Friday night's Film Festival, is two blocks beyond that. Maine Historical Society and the Longfellow house are four blocks in the other direction.

When you're not in sessions or on tour, Portland is a terrific place to eat, drink, and explore on your own. *Bon Appétit* called it "America's Foodiest Small Town" and *Huffington Post* ranked it the 9<sup>th</sup> most "restaurant-crazy city in the country". Maine is 5<sup>th</sup> in the nation for micro-breweries per-capita – three of them are in Portland, one's just outside.



Fishing Docks, Portland c.1910  
Library of Congress, Prints & Photographs Division  
Detroit Publishing Company Collection

## **SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE**

### **Thursday, May 15**

- Pre-conference tours\* trolley tour of Portland downtown and lighthouses; cruise to three historic fortresses on private coastal islands; bus trip to Maine Maritime Museum, Bath
- Welcome Reception for New Members
- Evening Reception and orientation to Maine industry at conference hotel

### **Friday, May 16**

- Choose one of four all-day bus tours
- Film Festival at One Longfellow Square\*
- Breakfast and dinner on your own

### **Saturday, May 17**

- Full day of research presentations
- Annual Business Meeting & Luncheon
- Lobster Dinner Cruise\* or evening trolley tour of Portland\*

### **Sunday, May 18**

- Post-conference tours\* walking tour of Portland, including Longfellow House & Maine Historical Society Museum; Longfellow House & Maine Historical Society Museum only; tour of an incredible private collection of machine tools & horological artifacts

## **Conference Hotel**

Holiday Inn by the Bay, 88 Spring Street, Portland, ME 04101

A modern hotel, conveniently located between the working waterfront, Arts District and Maine Historical Society. SIA's special conference rate is \$135 per night for a standard room, \$145 for a standard king, and \$150 for an executive king or executive double (all plus tax). High-speed wireless internet, indoor pool and fitness center are included. Garage parking is \$10 per day. The hotel offers a courtesy van to and from Portland airport and the Amtrak/bus station. To reserve your room at the special SIA rate, please PHONE 207-775-2311 or 800-345-5050 as soon as possible (but no later than April 21) and tell the folks at reservations that you're with SIA.

## **Getting to Portland**

Planes: Portland International Jetport (PWM) is served by Delta, JetBlue, Southwest, United, and USAirways with daily non-stop flights from Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, Atlanta, Orlando, Washington, BWI, Philadelphia, Newark, and New York. Boston Logan (BOS) is about 100 miles south. Concord Coach Lines offers frequent bus service directly from Logan to Portland.

Trains: Amtrak's Downeaster offers five daily round-trips from Boston's North Station to Portland along the coast of New Hampshire and southern Maine. NOTE: Train travelers coming into Boston from the south or west will need to transfer from South Station to North Station – a little over a mile. Allow time for a 25-minute walk or subway connections on the Red and Orange lines.

Trains and buses arrive at the Portland Transportation Center (PTC) on the outskirts of town. The conference hotel offers a courtesy van or you can take METRO bus 1 to the corner of Congress and High streets, one block from the hotel.

\* Extra fee – see registration form

## CONFERENCE EVENTS – Included in Registration

**Thursday, May 15** (evening events at By The Bay Conference Center in conference hotel)

**5:00-6:00 PM – New Members' Welcome**

**6:00-9:00 PM – Opening Reception**

The Reception will include snacks, a cash bar, and an orientation to the history of Maine manufacturing and the days ahead.

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**Friday, May 16**

**Choose one of the following all-day tours** (lunch and transportation included)

**F1 – Bath.** Head “downeast” along the coast to Bath, City of Ships, with stops at Lowell Brothers in Yarmouth, a family operation that has built lobster boats, yachts, and even a few rum runners over the past century; Custom Composite Technologies; a tide mill; Maine Maritime Museum, Sagadahoc High Bridge, and the 1927 double-deck Carleton Lift Bridge in Bath (with views of the Bath Iron Works shipyard).

**F2 – Biddeford.** Pepperell Manufacturing grew on either side of the falls of the Saco River, starting in 1840, to become one of the largest cotton textile firms in New England. West Point Pepperell ceased operations here in 2009 and the 1.1-million-square-foot mill complex is now home to a machine tool museum, a wool dyeing plant, precision metal fabricators, and a brewery. Additional process tours include Precision Manufacturing Solutions in Biddeford and Yale Cordage in Saco.

**F3 – Portland.** Manufacturers in metropolitan Portland include Barber Foods, a robotic chicken processing plant; an integrated circuit fabricator; the Portland Company, a massive complex on the waterfront that built machinery used in Maine manufacturing and transportation and is now home to boat builders, rigging lofts, and a number of other independent maritime service industries. The tour will include ride along the waterfront on one of the “two-footers” operated by Maine Narrow Gauge Railroad and a visit to the iconic Portland Head lighthouse.

**F4 – Kittery.** A visit to the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard (normally closed to the public), will include a bus trip around the perimeter of the shipyard, and admission to the Museum and the Treaty Room where the Treaty of Portsmouth was signed. (Access to secure areas is not allowed. We may see submarines but will not be able to get on board.) The Navy requires visitors to state their citizenship in advance. SIA will contact F4 registrants for that information.

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**Saturday May 17** Daytime events at By the Bay Conference Center in conference hotel

8:00–11:30 **Morning Presentation Sessions**

Coffee and soft drinks will be available.

11:45–1:15 **Annual Business Meeting & Luncheon**

1:30–5:00 **Afternoon Presentation Sessions**

All Day **Exhibits, Posters & Book Sales**

**NOTE:** Schedules in this brochure are *approximate*. Please watch for emails and check [www.sia-web.org](http://www.sia-web.org) and your registration packet for updated times, details, and web links.

To request vegetarian or other special meals, contact SIA event coordinator Ron Petrie: [siaevents@siahq.org](mailto:siaevents@siahq.org) or 216-221-4693

## **OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES** (extra fees apply)

### **Thursday Afternoon, May 15**

- T1 – Downtown & Lighthouse Tour** (3:45-5:30 PM) – A narrated trolley tour of Portland’s historic sites.
- T2 – Cruise to Historic Island Fortresses** (12:45-4:00 PM) – This is a rare opportunity to visit three islands (two of which are normally off-limits) on a boat and walking tour led by Professor Joel Eastman. Fort Gorges (1858-1865), on Hog Island, retains its parade ground, powder magazines, and a 10-inch Parrot gun. Fort Scammell (1808-1898), on House Island, is the only Casco Bay fort ever fired upon (1813). Fort Levett, on Cushing Island, defended Portland from the 1890s to the end of WWII. A bus will take participants from the hotel to Long Wharf at 12:45. The cruise ends at 4:00. Return transportation to the hotel is not provided (The walk is 0.6 mile and takes about 20 minutes – please contact Ron Petrie if you anticipate needing assistance.)
- T3 – Maine Maritime Museum** (12:45-5:30 PM– bus transportation included) – Maine Maritime Museum in Bath has extensive collections of shipbuilding and seafaring artifacts in historic and modern buildings on the grounds of Percy & Small Shipyard.
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### **Friday Evening, May 16**

- Fourth Annual SIA Film Festival** (7:00-10:00PM) – In the theater at One Longfellow Square. Come see historic and modern short films with an emphasis on Maine industry – logging, river drives, shipbuilding, fishing, boot making, and some surprises too. Snacks and cash bar available. The theatre is a three-block walk from the hotel.
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### **Saturday Evening, May 17**

- SB – Saturday Banquet Lobster Cruise** (6:30-9:00 PM) – A chance to cruise the islands and lighthouses of Casco Bay with SIA friends and colleagues while dining on some of Maine’s signature dishes. The meal includes clam chowder, a 1¼ lb. lobster, clams or mussels (depending on availability), corn on the cob, baked potato, rolls and blueberry cake. (Please contact Ron Petrie if you wish an alternative meal of barbecue chicken, vegetarian pasta primavera or a vegetarian burger.) Our ship sails at 6:30 sharp. There is a well-stocked cash bar on board. Shuttle service will be provided from the hotel to Custom House Wharf from 5:30 to 6:30 and return 9:30 to 10:30, but you may prefer a ¾-mile evening stroll along the aptly named Pleasant Street. Space is limited, so please register early.
- ST – Downtown & Lighthouse Tour** (6:45-8:30 PM) – A narrated trolley tour of Portland’s historic sites with some great views over the harbor at twilight and an opportunity to scope out some of the city’s best places to eat and drink.
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### **Sunday Morning, May 18**

- S1 – Longfellow House & Museum** – Meet at 10:00 AM at Henry Wadsworth Longfellow’s childhood home, 489 Congress Street (4 blocks from the hotel), for a tour of the house, built in 1786, the first wholly brick dwelling in Portland and the oldest standing structure on the peninsula. Admission to the Maine Historical Society Museum is included.
- S2 – Walking Tour** – Meet at 10:00 AM at 489 Congress St. (4 blocks from the hotel) for a guided tour of historic sites from Congress Street to the waterfront. Admission to the Maine Historical Society Museum and Longfellow House are included after the tour.
- S3 – George’s Basement** – Visit the private home of George Collord, famous collector of machine tools and horological artifacts, to see things too special for his museum. Carpool from the hotel at 10:00 AM.

Off-site activities include transportation to and from the conference hotel, except Tour T2, the Friday Film Festival, and Sunday tours S1, S2 and S3.

**SIA 2014 Conference, Portland, Maine, Registration**

Name				
Affiliation (for name badge)				
Joint Name				
Joint Affiliation				
Address				
City		State/Province		
Zip/Postal Code		Country		
Cell Phone		Other primary contact phone		
Email address				
1. Check box <input type="checkbox"/> if you wish <b>NOT</b> to share your information with other attendees				
2. Is this your first SIA Conference? Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>				
3. Check box <input type="checkbox"/> if you (or companion) may require special meals – we will contact you by phone or email to define your requirement.				
Member and Student Registration includes Thursday Evening Reception, a Friday Bus Tour, Saturday Presentation Sessions, Saturday Annual Business Meeting and Luncheon. Thursday Tours, Friday Evening Film Festival, Saturday evening activities and Sunday Tours are optional at extra cost. All tours are space-available, first come, first served, with preference given to persons paying full registration.				
<b>CONFERENCE REGISTRATION</b> (add lines and total) <b>All fees are PER-PERSON. Make tour selections at top right</b>				
	#			TOTALS
<b>SIA Member Registration</b> (if 2014 dues are paid, if not renew or join now – you must be an member to participate in tours)		@	\$270 each =	
<b>Student Registration</b> (Must include copy of current ID indicating full time student status) Age of students under 18 : _____		@	\$100 each =	
<b>Saturday Presentation Sessions only</b> (Includes Saturday Business Meeting & Luncheon but not Saturday Night Banquet)		@	\$100 each =	
<b>Late Fee (after May 2, 2014)</b>		@	\$40 each=	
<b>OPTIONAL ACTIVITES</b>				
<b>Thursday, May 15</b> (choose one)				
T1 Downtown/Lighthouse Trolley		@	\$20 each=	
T2 Historic Island Fortresses Cruise		@	\$55 each=	
T3 Maritime Museum		@	\$40 each=	
<b>Friday, May 16</b>				
FF Friday Evening Film Fest		@	\$5 each=	
<b>Saturday, May 17</b> (choose one)				
SB Saturday Banquet Lobster Cruise		@	\$60 each=	
ST Downtown/Lighthouse Trolley		@	\$20 each=	
<b>Sunday, May 18</b> (choose one)				
S1 Longfellow House & Museum		@	\$10 each=	
S2 Walking Tour Downtown Portland		@	\$15 each=	
S3 George's Basement		@	\$15 each=	
<b>REGISTRATION &amp; OPTIONAL TOTAL</b>				<b>\$</b>

**Tours are filled based on registration form post mark or online registration date.**

**Please indicate order of preference  
(1-first choice, 2-second choice, 3-third choice)**

TOUR PREFERENCES	YOU	JOINT
<b>Thursday Optional Tour (Extra cost)</b>		
T1. Downtown & Lighthouse Trolley		
T2. Historic Island Fortresses Cruise		
T3. Maine Maritime Museum		
<b>Friday Tour (Included with registration)</b>		
F1. Bath		
F2. Biddeford		
F3. Portland		
F4. Kittery		
<b>Sunday Optional Tour (Extra cost)</b>		
S1. Longfellow/Museum		
S2. Walking Downtown Portland		
S3. George's Basement		

**PAYMENT SUMMARY**

<b>Registration &amp; Optional Extras</b>	
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>SIA 2014 MEMBERSHIP DUES</b>	
2014 Renewal or new member <b>if you have not already paid your 2014 dues.</b> Mailing addresses outside of the U.S. and Canada require an additional \$10 for international postage.	
Individual Membership: \$50	\$
Household/Joint Membership: \$55	\$
Upgrade 2014 Individual to Joint: \$5	\$
Full-Time Student Membership: \$20	\$
International Mailing: \$10	\$
<b>DONATIONS TO THE SIA</b>	
Scholarship Travel Fund Donation	\$
Preservation Grant Fund Donation	\$
<b>TOTAL PAID</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Methods of Payment:</b>	
1. Register and pay online by credit or debit card at: <b>www.sia-web.org</b> (SIA cannot accept credit card payments by mail or telephone)	
2. Check or money order, payable to <b>SIA 2014</b> in U.S. dollars drawn on U.S. bank, mailed with this form to:  SIA 2014 Conference Department of Social Sciences Michigan Technological University 1400 Townsend Drive Houghton, MI 49931-1295 USA	