



2011 SIA FALL TOUR
THE LAST GREEN
VALLEY
THE QUINEBAUG-
SHETUCKET VALLEY
OCTOBER 13-16, 2011

Image: Former headquarters of the American Optical Co. This historic office-factory complex has been remodeled into an attractive conference center and will serve as the headquarters hotel and banquet venue.

SIA 2011 Fall Tour Registration

Name: _____

Affiliation (for name badge): _____

Spouse/Guest: _____

Affiliation (for name badge): _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Province: _____ ZIP/Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Phone: Day: _____ Evening: _____

Email Address: _____

If you wish **NOT** to share information with other attendees, check here: _____

SIA MEMBERSHIP DUES (if not paid previously): Please check the membership level at which you would like to join or renew. (Mailing addresses outside of the U.S. and Canada require an additional \$10.00 for mailing charge).

_____ @Individual @ \$50 = _____
_____ @Household (Joint) @ \$55 = _____
_____ @Full-Time Student @ \$20 = _____
_____ @Non-U.S./Canada @ \$10 = _____
(Mailing fee)

Note: **All fees are on a per-person basis**, including any late fees. Full Member, Non-member, and Student Registration fee includes Thursday Evening Reception; Friday & Saturday tours and breakfast at the tour hotel on Friday and Saturday Morning, but **DOES NOT** include the optional Thursday Tour or optional Saturday Evening Banquet. All tours are space-available, first come, first served, with preference given to those persons paying for a full registration.

REGISTRATION (add lines and total)

All fees are on a per-person basis.

MAKE FRIDAY TOUR SELECTIONS TOP RIGHT

SIA Member Registration _____ @ \$200 = \$ _____
(If 2011 or 2012 dues are paid)

Non-member Registration _____ @ \$240 = \$ _____
(Join now above and register at the member rate and save \$)

Student Registration _____ @ 145 = \$ _____
(Include copy of ID)
Age of students under 18 _____

Late Fee (*after SEPT. 30, 2011*) _____ @ \$40 = \$ _____

OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Thursday pre-Tour _____ @ \$30 each = \$ _____
Includes full access to Sturbridge Village

Saturday Evening Banquet _____ @ \$55 each = \$ _____
Number of Vegetarian Meals _____

Tours are filled on a first come basis using your registration form postmark date or your online registration date.

Please indicate order of preference (1-first choice-2-3)

TOUR PREFERENCES _____ you _____ guest

Friday Tour (included with registration)

F1. _____

F2. _____

F3. _____

We expect that tours will follow the published schedule, however, individual sites and some details may change. Please consult your confirmation letters and the SIA website for updates.

Final details will be provided at registration. Most events will take place within 25 miles of the tour hotel. Days can be warm but evenings tend to be cool - dress for cool fall weather and bring sturdy shoes.

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REGISTRATION SUMMARY

Dues, Registration/Events Total \$ _____

Contributions:

Preservation Grant Fund \$ _____

TOTAL PAID: \$ _____

For more information, please call the SIA Headquarters at (906) 487-1889. Detailed tour, travel & other useful information is available on the tour web page at **www.siahq.org**

Method of Payment: Personal check or money order (in U.S. dollars drawn on U.S. bank). Make check payable to **SIA 2011 Fall Tour** OR register and pay by credit card online at **www.siahq.org**.

Mail payment and form to:

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Michigan Technological University
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The Last Green Valley is an unexpected rural island in the middle of one of the most densely populated areas of the United States. It remains about 78% forest and open farmland - yet its towns and cities are among the oldest in the country.

Officially it is designated the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor. It was so designated by Congress in 1994 as an area of national significance. Yet within the forests and fields, streams and wetlands are the remains of once thriving factories and an active modern industrial base.

The area's original factories relied on water for their power. Much of this technology is preserved at Old Sturbridge Village, site of Thursday's pre-tour. There are sites of abandoned mills and waterworks in the area. Additionally, two major casinos, Mystic Seaport, The Nautilus Submarine Museum, Mystic Aquarium and other attractions for attendees traveling home to the west and south. Fall foliage in Connecticut should be at its peak during the tour. Consequently we are not offering a formal Sunday Tour. Included in your registration package will be a list of sites in the area and directions to them. Sunday will be a do-it-yourself tour day.

THE SCHEDULE OF TOUR AND EVENTS

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Thursday, October 13, 2011: The pre-tour: This year's pre-tour will be a detailed view of the sawmill, gristmill and carding mill at Sturbridge Village. The tour will be led by Tom Kellerman who is directly involved with construction and maintenance of the mills. The mills will be operating and offer an unusual and intensive view of 19th century operations. The mill tour will begin at 1 :00 PM. After the mill tour, attendees will be free to see the village until closing time at 5:00 PM. Items of interest to SIA members might include a horse powered cider mill, tinsmith shop, shoemaker shop, pottery, covered bridge and clock collection. There is also a printing shop, an arms collection and glassware exhibit that may interest attendees.

Opening Reception & Program: The reception will be held at the Publick House in Sturbridge, an inn that has been in business since 1771. The inn is located at 277 Main Street (Route 131) in Sturbridge about one mile southeast of Old Sturbridge Village. The event will start around 5:30 PM and will feature a cash bar and simple appetizers. After the reception, Bruce Clouette, local historian will present a talk on the development of the Quinebaug-Shetucket Valley. We highly recommend dining at the Publick House after the reception. They feature "Yankee Cooking" - sort of a Durgin-Park menu without the snappy wait staff! Other restaurants in the area will be listed in the registration package.

Friday, October 14, 2011

Tour F-1:

- Obsolete 20th century charcoal kilns
- Mole Hollow Candle Factory
- Automatic Rolls (MacDonald's Bakery)
- Cat Hollow State Park - Lunch Break
- Chamberlin Sawmill
- Roseland Cottage - Gothic Revival Architecture

Tour F- 2:

- Roseland Cottage - Gothic Revival Architecture
- Obsolete 20th century charcoal kilns
- Chamberlin sawmill
- Lunch Break at the sawmill
- Colt Plastics - Injection molded specialties
- Numa Tools - Large Rock Drills

Tour F- 3:

- Linemaster Electrical Switches
- Obsolete 20th century charcoal kilns
- Chamberlin Sawmill
- Cat Hollow State Park - Lunch Break
- Roseland Cottage - Gothic Revival Architecture
- Symbol Mattress Factory

Saturday, October 15, 2011

All buses will see the same sites- not in the same order.

- Connecticut Eastern Railroad Museum
- The American Thread Museum
- The famous "Frog Bridge" of Willimantic
- Mansfield Hollow Dam - an inside tour
- Gurleyville Gristmill

The Fall Tour Saturday Banquet

The Banquet will be held at the Southbridge Conference Center (Tour Hotel) at 7:30 PM a cash bar will be available. After the banquet Rick Spencer will entertain us with a program of 19th century work songs. Songs about canals, railroads, factory work, their Origins and history, Rick is an accomplished musician and historian who has sung at Mystic Seaport - his music and entertaining talk will be of interest to SIA members.

Sunday, October 16, 2011

There are many sites within about 60 miles of Southbridge that will interest Fall Tour attendees. We suggest that you check out their websites for full information.

For SIA "High Rollers" check out Foxwoods or the Mohegan Sun Casinos. These are major complexes with fine dining, games of chance, slot machines and entertainment. Foxwoods also has a fine museum and research center dedicated to Native Americans.

- <http://www.foxwoods.com>
- <http://www.pequotmuseum.org>
- <http://mohegansun.com>

Other attractions south and west of Southbridge are:

- Mystic Seaport-The Museum of America and the Sea <http://www.mysticseaport.org>
- The Submarine Force and USS Nautilus Museum <http://www.ussnautilus.org> (free admission)
- For the theatergoers - a real Broadway Show-Visit the 1876 Goodspeed Opera House in East Haddam. The show that will be playing is "City of Angels" and there will be two performances on the 16th-a matinee at 2:00 PM and an evening show at 6:30. Tickets may be purchased at <http://www.goodspeed.org>. If you plan to attend, purchase tickets ASAP.

West of Southbridge is Springfield, Massachusetts.

Springfield has The "Armory Museum" on what is currently the Springfield Technical Community College. <http://www.nps.gov/spar/index.htm>

There are several museums in the "Springfield Quadrangle. They include Art, Science, Local History and a rare collection of oriental art. All may be visited for one fee. <http://www.springfieldmuseums.org>

If you are traveling East to the Boston area a site of particular interest to SIA members is the Waterworks Museum. Check <http://waterworksmuseum.org>.

Hotel

The tour hotel is the Southbridge Conference Center and Hotel located in Southbridge, Mass, The Center is the former Headquarters and main factory for the American Optical Company. It has been extensively renovated and has all the facilities necessary for our housing and banquet needs during the tour. The facility also houses a Department of Defense Conference Center; **only 43 rooms will be available for Thursday night**. We have arranged for alternative accommodations at the Host Motel in Sturbridge on Thursday night. **Cut-off date for hotel reservations is Sept. 14.**

To reserve a room at the Sturbridge Conference Center call 1-(508) 765-8000 and ask for the SIA rate of \$105 per night. To Book online at <http://www.acc-southbridgehotelandconferencecenter.com/> select "Book Online" option and the "Group Reservation" tab and enter code SIA102011 when prompted. If there are no rooms available for Thursday, book rooms for Friday and Saturday. Then call the Host Hotel at 1-(508) 347-7393 and book a room for Thursday night. The Host Hotel rate is \$112 for Thursday night.

Breakfast on Friday and Saturday is included in the registration fee. It will be served at the Southbridge Conference Center prior to bus departures, which is scheduled for 8:00 AM.

There is ample free parking at the Southbridge Conference Center for those who plan to commute from the Boston, Worcester or Springfield suburbs.

GETTING THERE

The Quinebaug-Shetucket Valley is located near the intersection of the Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island State Lines.

The closest airports are Bradley, near Hartford, T.F.Green at Providence or Logan at Boston. Southbridge, site of the tour hotel, is about 67 miles from each of the airports.

The best plan is to drive your personal car or rent a car at the suggested airports.

Sturbridge-Southbridge are located off exit No.9 on the Massachusetts Turnpike, If you plan to attend the pre-tour at Old Sturbridge Village, follow the signs from the toll gate along route 20 west to the village about one mile from the highway exit. If you plan to go directly to the tour hotel take exit 9 on to RT 84 south and exit on to route 131 South immediately. Travel south on RT 131 (Main St.) for 5.2 miles to its intersection at Mechanic Street. Turn left on Mechanic Street and proceed past the facade of the Southbridge Conference Center-turn right into the parking lot.

