

# E. A. I. A. ANNUAL CONFERENCE May 28-31, 2025 Rochester, NY



The 2025 Early American Industries Association Annual Conference will take place in Rochester, New York. We'll enjoy three full days of tours, lectures, demonstrations, hands-on experiences, tool trading, our silent auction, good food, companionship, and fun. We're meeting a little later than usual in 2025 so we can enjoy the warmer weather, blooming flowers, and to accommodate museums that normally open in early June. We'll be staying at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel at 1111 Jefferson Rd, Rochester. Room rates are \$159/night plus state and local taxes and fees. This rate is good for one night before and one night after our meeting. +1 585-475-1510

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## MEETING SCHEDULE

*NOTE: Times & events subject to change*

### Wednesday May 28th, 2025

- Noon-5:00 PM Tailgating in the hotel parking lot  
1:00-7:00 PM Registration in the Lobby  
4:00-6:30 PM EAIA Board meeting in the Board Room  
Dinner on your own

### Thursday May 29th, 2025

- 9:00-Noon *Optional Workshop*  
7:00-8:00 AM Complimentary breakfast in the Atrium Garden  
8:00 AM Morning announcements in the Atrium Garden  
8:30-10:00 AM Drive or carpool to Genesee Country Village  
10:00-12:00 Unguided tours of the village  
10:30-11:00 AM Group 1A & 1B  
Costume Collections tour

### Noon-1:00 PM Box Lunch at the baseball field with 1880's pick-up game!

- 1:30-4:00 PM Free time to explore the village  
1:00-4:00 PM *Optional Workshops*  
**Dinner on your own**  
7:00-8:00 PM Ice Cream Social in the Atrium Garden  
8:00-10:00 PM Whatsits Session in the Henrietta & Monroe Theater

### Friday May 30th, 2025

- 7:00-8:00AM Complimentary breakfast in the Atrium Garden  
8:00 AM Morning announcements  
10:00-11:45 AM Museum tour at the Eastman House and Museum  
11:45-12:15 PM Travel to the Valentown Museum, Victor Historical Society in Victor, NY (12 miles)

### 12:15-1:30 PM Box Lunch

- 1:30-4:00 PM Explore the exhibits of the museum—American-made tools and artifacts of 19<sup>th</sup> century rural life.

### **Dinner on your own**

- 6:00-10:00 PM Live Auction- 250 lots presented by Great Planes Trading Company. Henrietta C/D and Monroe Room

### Saturday May 31st, 2025

### **Breakfast on your own**

- 7:00-8:00 AM Tool Exchange & Display set-up in the Back Hall  
8:00-12:00 PM Tool Exchange & Displays in the Back Hall  
**Lunch on your own**  
1:00-2:00 PM Dana Shoaf, "19<sup>th</sup> century tradespersons collodion photographs"  
2:15-3:15 PM Frank Kosmerl, "Surveyors and their Tools"  
3:45-4:45 PM Eric Borneman "Spring Pole Lathe Demonstration"  
5:00-6:50 PM Silent Auction and reception  
7:00 PM Banquet held in the Cascades Room  
7:00-9:00 PM Annual Business Meeting  
Keynote speaker Craig Williams on the history of the Erie Canal

## **SOME NOTES**

**DISPLAYS** are a popular part of our Annual Conferences. All members are encouraged to bring a display. It can be large or small. You may take a full table (6 feet) or a half table (3 feet). There is no charge for a display table. This year's **THEME** is "**Tools & Trades along the Erie Canal.**" Prizes are awarded for the best 3 displays **IN THEME** and the best

3 displays **OUT OF THEME**. Please share a display with all of us!

The **TOOL EXCHANGE** is always fun and a great event at our Annual Conferences.

- Any antique tool sellers may participate in the TOOL EXCHANGE. The seller need **NOT** be registered for the meeting. All the seller needs to do is return this registration form with table payment.
- If you are registered for the meeting, you get a **reduced** table rental fee.

**HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS**

**DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel,  
1111 Jefferson Road,  
Rochester, NY**

***Group reservation cutoff date is April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Group rate is \$159.00 per night plus tax and fees, single or double occupancy. This room rate is good from May 27 through June 1, 2025.***

You are responsible for making your own hotel reservations, which can be made by calling (585) 475-1510. Or use the Hotel Reservation Link (preferred) on the EAIA Website at [www.eaia.us](http://www.eaia.us). Please mention EAIA when you call to make your reservation!

*Please return a copy of this page of your registration form with your payment.*

**REGISTRATION**

Please complete and mail this form with your check payable to **EAIA Annual Conference** to:

**Early American Industries**

**Association**

**P.O. Box 524**

**Hebron, MD, 21830-0524**

**You may pay online if you wish at**

**[www.eaia.us](http://www.eaia.us).**

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SPOUSE/GUEST \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Check here if this is your first EAIA meeting

Do you need a table or tables for a display (not for the tool exchange)?

\_\_\_\_\_ Full table (6 ft) \_\_\_\_\_ half table

**TOTAL REGISTRATION FEE CALCULATION**

\_\_\_\_\_ people X **\$319.00** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOOL EXCHANGE:

REGISTERED FOR MEETING

\_\_\_\_ six-foot tables X \$35 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**NOT** REGISTERED FOR MEETING

\_\_\_\_ six-foot tables X \$65 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**LATE REGISTRATION**

**If postmarked after April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**\$25 per family unit** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**DUES**

Please pay if you are joining EAIA now or if you haven't paid your 2025 dues. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*\*One-day registration available.*

*Please contact Lara Miller at:*

*Membership@eaia.us*

*\*\*If you have special dietary needs, contact Lara Miller at the above email address.*

*\*\*\* Emergency Contact Name & phone*

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*If you have special mobility needs, please let us know and we will do our best to help.*

Please consider a donation to help support a meeting registration scholarship for a Genesee Country Village tradesperson \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make checks payable to  
EAIA Annual Conference*

This year we are emphasizing the educational value of this annual event and so we have appropriately renamed it the **Annual Conference**. We hope that staff members at museums and historic sites will be better able to show why their attendance is justified by their continuing education in the tools, trades and crafts that built America.

**Optional Workshops at Genesee Country Village**

**\$30 Materials Charge**

**Thursday, May 29th, 2025**

**from 9:00-12:00 and 1:00-4:00 PM.**

**There are only 10 spots available in each workshop.**

**The workshops offered are the following:**

**-Make a Leather Sheath**

**-Sharpening Workshop**

**-Painted Tinware**

**Each workshop will be offered at both of the times above.**

**You may register using this URL:**

**<https://linktr.ee/earlyamericanindustries>**

**If you cannot register online, you may email us at eaia1933@verizon.net and pay ahead by check or card.**