



*MFDA ... 86 Years Of Service To
The Dead, Dying And Bereaved*

*86th Annual MFDA
Convention*

October 13-14, 2011

*Hilton Garden Inn Auburn Riverwatch
Auburn, Maine*

Hotel Facts / Reservations

You spoke and we listened! We're going some place new for the 86th Annual MFDA Convention. This year, the Hilton Garden Inn Auburn Riverwatch, Auburn, Maine will serve as convention headquarters.



**The Hilton Garden Inn Auburn Riverwatch
14 Great Falls Plaza / Auburn, Maine
207-784-4433**

The Hilton Garden Inn Auburn Riverwatch in Auburn, Maine overlooks the Androscoggin River with a breathtaking view of the Great Falls and downtown Lewiston. Just minutes from local area festivals and attractions, and featuring 4,500 square feet of conference space, the Hilton Garden Inn Auburn Riverwatch is sure to please those traveling on business or leisure to the Auburn-Lewiston area by providing deluxe accommodations, friendly service and a relaxed atmosphere.

Guest accommodations are exceptional with one king or two-queen sized beds, a large work desk, complimentary high speed Internet access, two phones, one with a speaker, dataport and voice mail, refrigerator, microwave, hair dryer, coffeemaker and iron/board for starters. And should you have a little free time, there is a great fitness room, whirlpool and indoor pool. The Great American Grill serves breakfast, as well as an a la carte lunch and dinner. Finally, if the midnight munchies are sometimes a problem for you, the Pavillion Pantry, which is open twenty-four hours, offers an assortment of refrigerator-frozen and microwaveable packaged items that you can prepare with your in-room hospitality center.

If you would like a little more information regarding the facilities and all that it has to offer, please go to:

<http://hiltongardeninn.hilton.com/en/gi/hotels/index.jhtml?ctyhocn=LEWAHGI>

Again this year, all reservations for the association's discounted room block must be made through the association office as we will be utilizing a rooming list. Based on the faces we see and conversations we have had, it appears as though not all of our convention participants mention that they are with the convention and either fails to take advantage of our discounted rate and/or upgrades and hampers our negotiating power for future years. Accordingly, you will need to complete the enclosed Hotel Reservation Form and forward it to the association office so that it is received on or before **September 9, 2011** in order to be included in the MFDA block of rooms.

We are happy to announce that we have been able to negotiate a significantly discounted room rate again this year. In 2007, our room rate was \$169.00 plus tax. Since then, we've been able to negotiate lower rates. We're happy to report that we've been able to negotiate a rate of \$119.00 plus 7% tax per night or \$127.33 inclusive, single or double. And while the rates are a tad higher than last year, we can assure you the facilities are clean, inviting and should meet the needs of all.

A deposit equal to one night's stay is required with your room reservation. A 7% tax will automatically be added to your room rate. The hotel has informed us that any rooms reserved over and above what has been calculated as the MFDA room block will be charged regular room rates. Thus, members, suppliers, and guests are encouraged to make their reservations early in order to qualify for our reduced rate. In keeping with contractual agreements, all room reservations must be received on or before **September 9, 2011**. Thereafter, any unsold rooms will be released to the hotel for sale to the general public at the hotel's regular rack rates. Reservations made after the cut-off date will be accepted upon availability. Room cancellations may be made up until 6:00 P.M. on the scheduled date of arrival. Thereafter, charges will be imposed for the first night's lodging. Guest check-in time is guaranteed at 3:00 P.M. Guest checkout time is 12:00 noon. For your convenience, at checkout, the hotel can arrange for a baggage storeroom to keep your luggage until departure.

Directions to the Hilton Garden Inn Auburn Riverwatch

From Portland International Jetport: Exit the terminal and turn left onto Route 22. Continue on Route 22 until you reach the intersection with Maine Turnpike/Interstate 95. Take Interstate 95 north to Exit 75. Turn left onto Route 202 and go approximately 4.5 miles into downtown Auburn. Turn right onto Hampshire Street and continue to the hotel.

From The South/Portland/Boston: Take Interstate 95 north to Exit 75. Turn left onto Route 202 and go approximately 4.5 miles into downtown Auburn. Turn right onto Hampshire Street and continue to the hotel.

From The North/Augusta/Bangor: Take Interstate 95 south to Exit 80/Lewiston. Take a right off the exit and go over the overpass. Take the second ramp on your right onto Route 196 west. Follow Route 196 west a few miles to the end. Route 196 is also called Lisbon Street. At the end of Lisbon Street, take a left onto Main Street and go over the bridge over the Androscoggin River. Take a right at the first light onto the Great Falls Plaza and continue to the hotel.





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Thursday, October 13, 2011

10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.	Registration	Prefunction Room
12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.	Board Luncheon	Canal Room
1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.	MFDA Board Of Directors Meeting MFDA Members Only	Canal Room
4:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.	<i>“Keeping Up With The Maine State House: Recent Changes In Laws In Our Profession”</i> Cate Sonnier Pineau, Esquire Edward Pineau Pineau Policy Associates 1.0 Continuing Education Credit MFDA Members Only	Canal Room
5:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.	Welcoming Reception	Great Falls View Room

Friday, October 14, 2011

7:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.	Registration <i>Closed During Service Of Remembrance</i>	Prefunction Area
7:00 A.M. - 8:15 A.M.	Continental Breakfast	Great Falls View Room
7:00 A.M. - 8:15 A.M.	Past Presidents Breakfast	Hospitality Room / Room 620

8:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.	OPEN SESSION <i>All Registered Members & Registered Guests Are Both Invited And Encouraged To Participate</i>	Canal/Mill Pond Rooms
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8:30 A.M. - 9:30 A.M.	<i>The Preparation Room - A Potpourri Of 21st Century Changes</i> Robert G. Mayer, CFSP Former Embalming Instructor Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science 1.0 Continuing Education Credit	Canal/Mill Pond Rooms
9:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.	<i>Arlington National Cemetery Today: A Period of Healing, Recovery And Renewed Trust: What Funeral Service Practitioners Should Know</i> Patrick K. Hallinan, Superintendent Arlington National Cemetery And Col. Jack E. Lechner, CFSP Executive Officer Arlington National Cemetery 1.5 Continuing Education Credits	Canal/Mill Pond Rooms

Friday, October 14, 2011 - Continued



11:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.	<i>Momma Said There'll Be Days Like This ... And So Did Poppa</i> Robert L. "Robby" Bates, CFSP, Secretary National Funeral Directors Association .50 Continuing Education Credit	Canal/Mill Pond Rooms
11:30 A.M. - 12:45 P.M.	Convention Luncheon Come, Join Us ... Break Bread And Enjoy The Networking Opportunity <i>Tickets Required</i>	Great American Grill And Hotel Lounge Area
12:45 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.	Break	
1:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.	<i>MFDA Service Of Remembrance</i> Dedicated To The Glory Of God And In Celebration Of The Lives Of Our Deceased MFDA Members, Friends And Their Loved Ones	Great Falls View Room
2:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.	<i>Can Prosthetics Be Used By Funeral Service Practitioners In Facial Restoration Post- Donation: A Review Of Prosthetics Provided For Donor Facial Features Following Facial Donation For Transplantation</i> Ginnie Teed, Program Manager / Tissue Development Program Manager ~ Tissue Development New England Organ Bank 1.0 Continuing Education Credit	Canal/Mill Pond Rooms
3:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.	<i>OSHA And You: Bloodborne Pathogens And Hazards Communications</i> David E. Wacker, Director Workplace Safety & Health Department of Labor State of Maine 1.0 Continuing Education Credit	Canal/Mill Pond Rooms
4:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.	<i>The Medical Examiner/Funeral Director Team Approach To Forensics</i> Margaret Greenwald, M. D., Chief Medical Examiner Office of the Chief Medical Examiner State of Maine 1.0 Continuing Education Credit	Canal/Mill Pond Rooms

5:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

MFDA ANNUAL MEETING

Canal/Mill Pond Rooms

Members Only

1. Approval Of The Budget
2. Voting On Proposed Constitution &
By-Laws Amendments
3. Election Of Officers
4. New Business

Friday, October 14, 2011 - Conclusion

6:00 P.M. - 6:05 P.M.	Presidential Address <i>MFDA: Mapping The Way To Success</i> President Richard M. Duncan, CFSP	Canal/Mill Pond Rooms
6:05 P.M. - 6:45 P.M.	Free Time	
6:45 P.M. - 8:45 P.M.	Gala Cocktail Reception Installation of Officers Ceremony Silent Auction Winners Announced Special Drawings	Great Falls View Room



***The Only Thing Allowed During The
Final Session Of Convention is FUN!***

*Come see for yourself what all the excitement is about!
We guarantee you will be in for an unforgettable experience ...
something to keep you wondering ...*



Continuing Education Information



Maine licensees should know that our continuing education programs have been deemed approved by the Maine State Board of Funeral Service for a total of 7.0 continuing education credits based on accreditation of our programming by the Academy of Professional Funeral Service Practice. Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont have also approved several of our programs for continuing education credit. For specific information regarding accreditation by Massachusetts, New Hampshire and/or Vermont, please refer to the following information.

Massachusetts Approved Programs ♦ _____ 5.0 CEUs

New Hampshire Approved Programs ● _____ 5.0 CEUs

Vermont Approved Programs ■ _____ 4.5 CEUs

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Keeping Up With The Maine State House: Recent Changes In Laws In Our Profession 1.00 CEU •
Total For Thursday **1.00 CEU**

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The Preparation Room - A Potpourri Of 21st Century Changes 1.00 CEU ♦ ● ■
Arlington National Cemetery Today: A Period of Healing, Recovery And Renewed Trust 1.50 CEUs ♦ ● ■
Momma Said There'll Be Days Like This ... And So Did Poppa 0.50 CEU ♦ ●
Can Prosthetics Be Used By Funeral Service Practitioners In Facial Restoration 1.00 CEU ♦ ● ■
Post-Donation: A Review Of Prosthetics Provided For Donor Facial Features Following Facial Donation For Transplantation
OSHA And You: Bloodborne Pathogens And Hazards Communications 1.00 CEU ♦ ● ■
The Medical Examiner/Funeral Director Team Approach To Forensics 1.00 CEUs
Total For Friday **6.00 CEUs**
Total—Thursday & Friday **7.00 CEUs**

- **Our Legislative Update And Business Meetings Are Open To MFDA Members Only**

Open Sessions — Open To All Registered Convention Participants

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Important Reminder ... Funeral Attendants Are Required To Undergo Continuing Education In Specific Areas In Order To Renew Their Licenses In 2012

According to Chapter 10, General Rules / Scope of Practice, Section 4(3), Supervision, Training and Licensure of Funeral Attendants, “A funeral attendant may only work under the personal supervision and legal responsibility of a licensed practitioner of funeral service or licensed funeral director who is actively associated with a funeral establishment.” “Personal supervision” means that the funeral attendant reports to the funeral practitioner. A practitioner of funeral service who employs a funeral attendant shall apply for licensure of the attendant on a form supplied by the board and shall pay the fee required by Chapter 10, Section 5(18) of the rules of the Office of Licensing and Registration, entitled “Establishment of License Fees.” **Each funeral attendant shall receive annual training of at least one hour in duration in the OSHA rules governing bloodborne pathogens and highly hazardous chemicals found in 29 CFR §§1910, 1030 and 1910, 119, respectively.**

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The MFDA reserves the right to cancel any or all of its convention programs due to circumstances beyond its control. Should circumstances arise that result in the postponement of a program, registrants will have the option to either receive a full refund or transfer their registration fee to the same program at a future date. MFDA’s liability for any cancellation is limited to a refund of the registration fee and shall not extend to any other claims, including, but not limited to, travel expenses, cancellation fees, lost wages, inconvenience, and other related costs.



"I Go To Prepare A Place For You ..."
John 14:2

In Remembrance

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*The Officers and Members of the
Maine Funeral Directors Association*

*Invite You to Participate in a
Service of Remembrance*

Dedicated to the Glory of God

And

In Memory of Our Friends and Colleagues

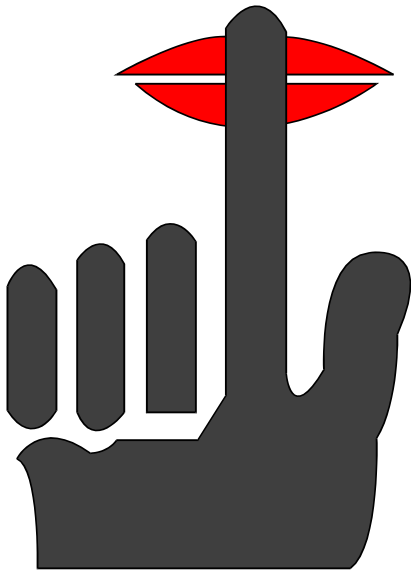
1:00 P.M.

Friday, October 14, 2011

Great Falls View Room

Hilton Garden Inn Auburn Riverwatch

Auburn, Maine



Shhhhhh!

Quiet, Please.

***It's Almost Time
For The Third Annual
MFDA Silent Auction!***

***Please plan to join us for the 3rd Annual MFDA Silent Auction
where you are sure to find that special bargain!***

***Could it be something for you or a gift for another; perhaps a birthday
surprise, Christmas goodies, a special weekend get-away or a little
something to reward a special employee for a job well done?***

***We have lots to offer ... Come, see for yourself and be prepared to place
your bid. You may walk away with a real treasure.***

***All items will be on display Friday, October 14, 2011
7:30 A.M. — 3:00 P.M.***

All bids must be received by 3:00 P.M. Friday afternoon.

Please plan to pick up your purchases by 5:00 P.M.



The Two Most Powerful Words ...

Thank You!



Each year the MFDA Convention Committee strives to adequately express its gratitude for the ongoing support shown by our suppliers. Admittedly, there are only so many ways to say “thank you,” each seeming to fall short in conveying our deep appreciation of what our friends in the allied trades do for us.

“Feeling gratitude and not expressing it adequately has been likened to wrapping a present and not giving it”

It is for this reason that the MFDA Convention Planning Committee wants to share its gratitude to those who have stepped up to the plate in support of the 86th Annual MFDA Convention ...

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to our friends in funeral service who have generously assisted in our planning efforts by sponsoring, hosting, or co-hosting some of the events, speakers or social functions planned for the 86th Annual MFDA Convention.

It has been said that gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more.

It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity.

It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend.

Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow.

Please know that you are appreciated!



