



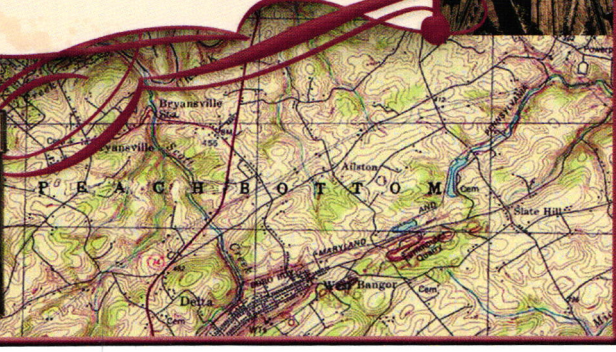
THE NATIONAL SLATE ASSOCIATION PEACH BOTTOM CONVENTION

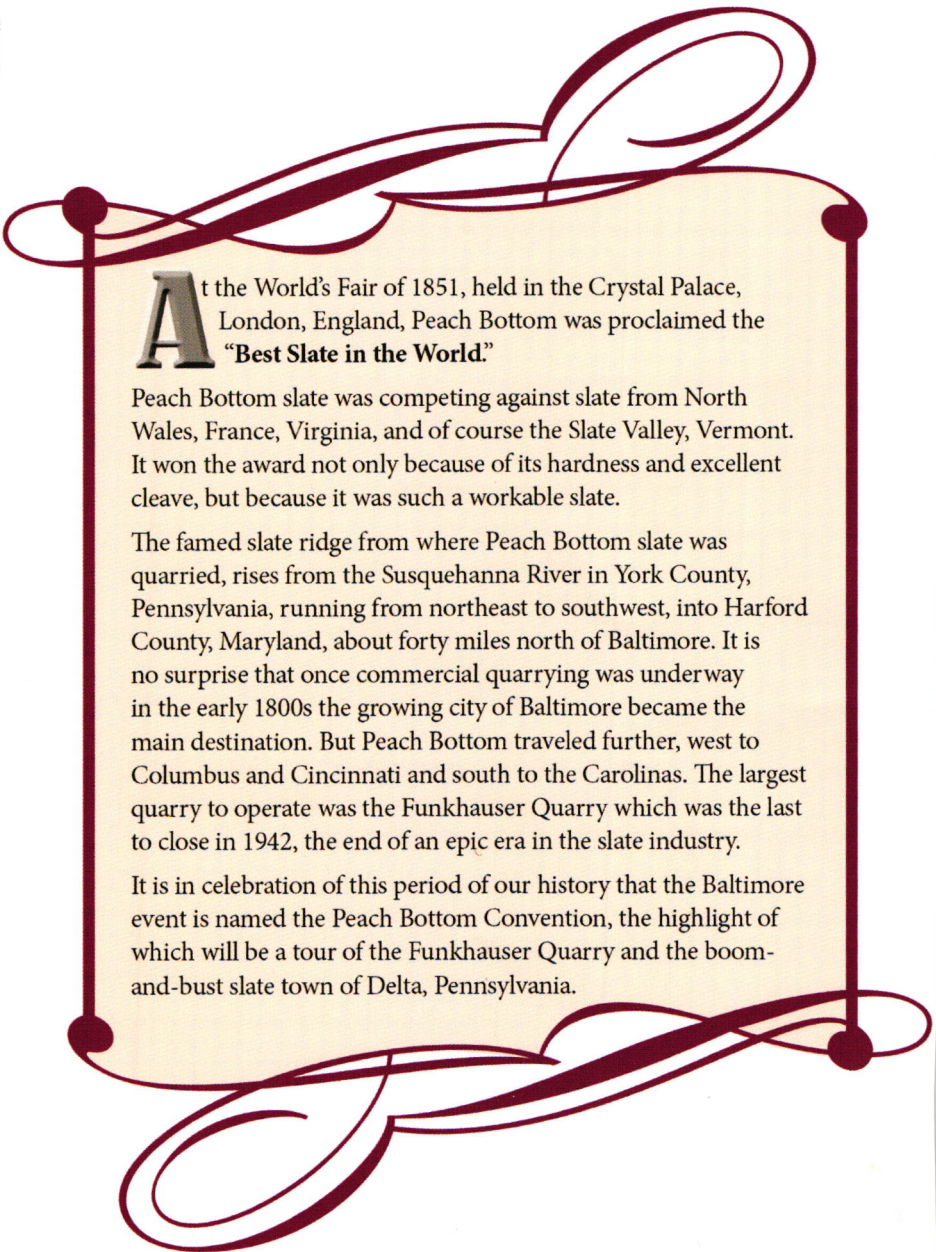


Baltimore, Maryland | April 17-19, 2015



PEACH BOTTOM SLATE REGION
A RIDGE OF HIGH QUALITY SLATE RUNNING FROM SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA INTO HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND, WAS BOARDED ON A LIMITED SCALE AS EARLY AS 1734. PRODUCTION INCREASED IN THE 1840s WHEN THE OPENING OF THE CHESAPEAKE AND TIDEWATER CANAL OFFERED A LINK TO MARKETS, AND MILLLED SLATE WORKERS WERE DECRUITED FROM WALES. RAIL TRANSPORT REPLACED THE CANAL IN 1878. QUARRIES CONTINUED TO OPERATE INTO THE EARLY 20TH CENTURY. PEACH BOTTOM SLATE WAS WIDELY REPUTED FOR ROOFING.
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At the World's Fair of 1851, held in the Crystal Palace, London, England, Peach Bottom was proclaimed the **"Best Slate in the World."**

Peach Bottom slate was competing against slate from North Wales, France, Virginia, and of course the Slate Valley, Vermont. It won the award not only because of its hardness and excellent cleave, but because it was such a workable slate.

The famed slate ridge from where Peach Bottom slate was quarried, rises from the Susquehanna River in York County, Pennsylvania, running from northeast to southwest, into Harford County, Maryland, about forty miles north of Baltimore. It is no surprise that once commercial quarrying was underway in the early 1800s the growing city of Baltimore became the main destination. But Peach Bottom traveled further, west to Columbus and Cincinnati and south to the Carolinas. The largest quarry to operate was the Funkhauser Quarry which was the last to close in 1942, the end of an epic era in the slate industry.

It is in celebration of this period of our history that the Baltimore event is named the Peach Bottom Convention, the highlight of which will be a tour of the Funkhauser Quarry and the boom-and-bust slate town of Delta, Pennsylvania.

SCHEDULE

Friday, April 17th

All activities and presentations take place in the Admiral Fell Inn, Admiral Room, fifth floor, unless specified otherwise.

- 8 a.m. _____ **Continental Breakfast**
(Bridge, outside of the Admiral Room)
- 8:30 a.m. _____ **Welcome Address, John Chan**
- 8:45 a.m. _____ **Introduction to Peach Bottom Slate**
Tim Underhill
- 9–10:30 a.m. _____ **Presentation: The Business of Association**
Arte Maren
- 10 a.m. _____ **Break**
- 10:45–11:45 a.m. _____ **Presentation: Quarrier's Roundtable**
Craig Markcrow, Steve Taran and Bob Williams
- Lunch in Fell's Point
- 1:15–2:15 p.m. _____ **Presentation: The World of Slate**
Julian Calvo
- 2:30 p.m. _____ **Board vans at the Admiral Fell Inn entrance**
- 3–4:30 p.m. _____ **Walking Tour of Homeland Neighborhood,**
led by local architects
- 5 p.m. _____ **Cocktails and Hors d'Oeuvres**
- 6 p.m. _____ **Board Meeting (Boardroom)**
Pub-Crawl (for non-board members)

Saturday, April 18th

- 8 a.m. _____ **Continental Breakfast**
(Bridge, outside of the Admiral Room)
- 8:30 a.m. _____ **NSA Membership Meeting**
- 10:30 a.m. _____ **Presentation: The Reclaim Game**
Doug Cochran
- 11:30 a.m.–Noon _____ **Board vans at the Admiral Fell Inn entrance**
(pick up boxed lunch at the Bridge, outside of the Admiral Room, prior to boarding)
- 1–5 p.m. _____ **Peach Bottom Quarry Tour**
Delta, Pennsylvania
- 7 p.m. _____ **Cocktail Party**
live entertainment with a jazz duo

Sunday, April 19th

Breakfast in Fell's Point

- 9 a.m. _____ **Presentation: Two Lightweight Slate Installation Systems, Javier Quindos and Bob Williams**
- 10 a.m. _____ **Break**
- 10:15 a.m. _____ **Presentation: A Tale of Two Towers (The Big Job)**
Gary Howes
- 11:30 a.m. _____ **Closing Remarks**

PRESENTATIONS

Tim Underhill: Story of Slate in Baltimore

Tim will talk about supply and demand. Who did what, when?

Craig Markcrow, Steve Taran and Bob Williams:

Quarrier's Roundtable

A revealing and lively discussion of the quarrying end of the industry.

Craig, Steve and Bob will also give their projections for the future.

Julian Calvo: The World of Slate

Julian has extensive knowledge and experience as a slate procurer in Ireland, China, Brazil, France and Spain. He will give an overview of the slate industry around the world.

Doug Cochran: The Reclaim Game

Doug will discuss the merits of slate salvage.

Javier Quindos and Bob Williams:

Two Lightweight Slate Installation Systems

Javier and Bob will introduce two lightweight slate installation systems, *Ready Slate* and *Slate Shield*.

Gary Howes: A Tale of Two Towers (The Big Job)

Gary directed a project that removed two cathedral steeples, rebuilt both, and included extensive copper and slate work.

The National Slate Association is dedicated to promoting excellence in slate roofing practices through the development and dissemination of technical information, standards, and educational resources on the materials and methods used in the manufacture, design and construction of slate roofs and associated flashing systems. Our members include roofing contractors, slate quarriers and distributors, architects, architectural conservators, roofing consultants, craftspeople, building owners, facilities managers, manufacturers, educators and others concerned with the manufacture, design, construction and care of natural slate roofs.

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