

## Keeping it Cool: Ice Harvesting in New England presentation February 25 at Samuel Slater Experience

### *Press Release*

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**Webster, Mass.** - On Saturday, February 25, ice cutting expert Ken Ethier will present his popular program describing the methods and tools used to harvest ice from lakes and ponds two centuries ago, when ice was the only way to keep things cool. His one-hour talk will be held 11 a.m. at the Samuel Slater Experience museum in Webster.

Ethier will demonstrate ice harvesting techniques with his own collection of antique tools, the often-dangerous scoring and cutting on the ice field, and describe the transport of harvested ice to ice houses for storage and delivery to peoples' homes.

Ice harvesting became one of New England's major industries, with local ice companies shipping ice all over the world.

Ethier is the Auburn town historian, board member of the Auburn Historical Museum, member of the Auburn Historical Commission, board member and past president of the Auburn Historical Society, board member of Waters Farm in Sutton, the Straw Hollow Engine & Tractor Club, and member of the Central Mass Gas & Steam Engine Club.

The ice harvesting program is free and open to the public. To register, email [admin@samuel Slater Experience.org](mailto:admin@samuel Slater Experience.org) or call 508-461-2955. Visitors wishing to tour the Samuel Slater Experience afterwards will be offered a reduced admission fee.

### ***About Samuel Slater Experience***

*Samuel Slater Experience opened last year to tell the story of Samuel Slater, the beginnings of the American Industrial Revolution, and Slater's impact on mill towns such as Webster, Massachusetts. Described as "Disney-like," Samuel Slater Experience employs state-of-the-art 4-D digital technology with immersive video and interactive exhibits to recreate two time periods: the early 1800s and the early 1900s.*

*Samuel Slater Experience is located in the former National Guard Armory at 31 Ray Street, Webster, Massachusetts, and open to the public year-round. For more information and tickets, visit [www.samuel Slater Experience.org](http://www.samuel Slater Experience.org).*

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