

ADVANCING THE NATURAL STONE INDUSTRY TOGETHER



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Explore the benefits of Natural Stone Institute membership.



With over 2,000 members in 50+ countries, we are a global trade association representing multiple aspects of the dimension stone industry. As the authoritative source for safety and technical standards, we have provided education, awards, promotion, representation, and community for generations of natural stone industry professionals.

Join today, volunteer, and share our numerous resources with your staff. We look forward to welcoming you to our worldwide network of natural stone companies.

EDUCATION

Vital educational programming focused on natural stone



ONLINE

Instructional Webinars



Natural Stone Resource Library
(including *Dimension Stone Design Manual*)



Natural Stone University



Safety Resources

Training Syllabus for Employees

IN PERSON



Continuing Education
(CEU Program)



Stone Industry Education Series

Study Tours

TRADE SHOWS

ASLA

Coverings

Greenbuild

Hardscape NA

KBIS

Marmomac

Marble Izmir Fair

Middle East Stone Show

StonExpo at TISE

Vitoria Stone Fair

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AWARDS

Celebrating our people and projects.



INDIVIDUAL

Bybee Prize

Presented to an individual architect or landscape architect for an extensive body of work distinguished by outstanding design and use of natural stone.

Craftsman of the Year Award

Recognizes one craftsman who has performed outstanding stone fabrication and/or installation for many years.

David Fell Spirit of Service Award

Presented to a company and/or individual who participated in the Gary Sinise Foundation R.I.S.E. program, recognizing leadership within their company, the community, and beyond.

Migliore Award for Lifetime Achievement

Recognizes an individual who has made extraordinary contributions to our industry and the association.

Natural Stone Scholarship

Awarded to aspiring stone professionals interested in furthering their careers within the industry.

Women in Stone Pioneer Award

Recognizes an advocate within the stone industry for their role in recruiting, retaining, and advancing women.

Women in Stone Empowerment Scholarship

Awarded to one woman showing a strong passion to grow her career within the industry.

INDUSTRY



Pinnacle

These highly coveted awards are given to projects whose beauty, creativity, ingenuity, and craftsmanship exemplify professional mastery in the use of natural stone in commercial and residential applications.



Grande Pinnacle

This award is presented to the best project across all categories.

The award also entitles one member company winner and the project architect or designer to round-trip economy airfare, lodging, and registration to Marmomac.

ARCHITECTURAL



Tucker Design Awards

Since 1977, these awards have been recognized as one of the most prestigious architectural design awards. Tucker Design Awards honor those who have achieved excellence in design through the incorporation and use of natural stone in building or landscape projects.

INFORMATION AND PROMOTION

Accurate and timely information keeping our industry and its products in the spotlight



PRINT PUBLICATIONS



The Cutting Edge Newsletter

Distributed to every member and published six times a year, our newsletter reaches over 2,000 members (print) and 8,000 member employees (digital) who purchase machinery, services, supplies, and other aspects of the trade.



Building Stone Magazine

Exclusive to the promotion of natural stone, this one of a kind bi-annual publication is both editorially and visually rich in its value to the design community. It has expanded its reach to more than 100,000 readers.

[/buildingstonemagazine](https://buildingstonemagazine.com)

ONLINE



Natural Stone Institute Website

Over 360,000 unique visitors per year and growing, our website offers access to hundreds of online resources.

naturalstoneinstitute.org



Use Natural Stone

This strategic program advances the use of natural stone with targeted promotion to designers and consumers.

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Weekly Member Email

Keeps members in the know about upcoming events and the latest happenings impacting the stone industry.

COMMUNITY

Grow your professional network by connecting with industry leaders



ANNUAL STUDY TOUR

A unique three day exploration of natural stone, stone facilities, and the surrounding region. Also included is a live auction where members can showcase their products.



RECEPTIONS

Receptions are offered at industry trade shows to provide networking opportunities for attendees.

Coverings

Hardscape NA

Marmomac

TISE



ADVOCACY GROUPS

Membership groups with similar interests are given opportunities to meet, network, and discuss common goals at industry events and through virtual meetings throughout the year. Get involved to get connected.

Women in Stone:

To recruit, retain, and advance women in the natural stone industry by providing networking connections and educational resources

North American Quarry Advocacy:

Provide a platform for North American quarry members to engage and network with other quarriers and provide feedback on key initiatives and programming of the Natural Stone Institute

Global Advocacy:

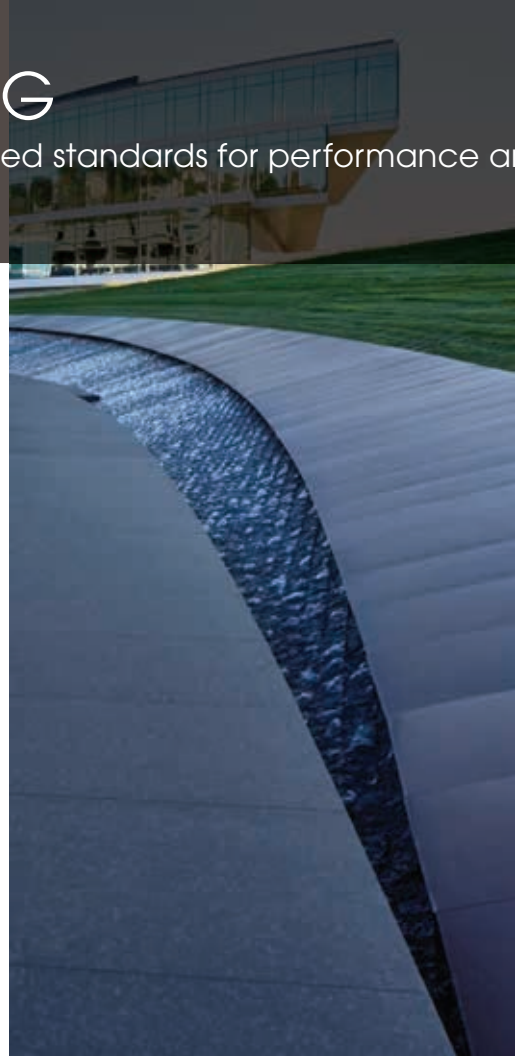
Provide a platform for members outside North America to engage and network with other companies and provide feedback on key Natural Stone Institute initiatives and programming

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CREDENTIALLING

Multi-attribute, third party verified standards for performance and quality



QUALIFIED LABOR CREDENTIAL

Natural Stone Fabricators

Primarily residential interiors

Commercial A Contractors

Heavy commercial

Commercial B Contractors

General commercial



METRICS VERIFIED

Accredited companies have demonstrated best practices in the following categories:

- Customer service
- Business and trade practices
- Quality control
- Ethics
- Technical knowledge and expertise
- Safety
- Physical facilities and equipment
- Finance
- Employment practices and training
- Advertising and promotion

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NATURAL STONE SUSTAINABILITY STANDARD

Designations

Quarrier
Fabricator

Levels

Platinum
Gold
Silver
Bronze



METRICS VERIFIED

The ultimate validation of responsible and sustainable production practices in the natural stone industry.

- Water
- Custody & Transportation
- Site Management
- Land Reclamation & Adaptive Reuse
- Social Governance
- Energy
- Excess Process Materials
- Solid Waste
- Chemicals
- Human Health & Safety
- Innovation

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ASTM STANDARDS TESTING LAB

Know your stone. Know your numbers



TESTING SERVICES INCLUDE:

ANSI A326.3 Dynamic Coefficient of Friction Using the BOT 3000

ASTM C97 Absorption and Bulk Specific Gravity of Dimension Stone

ASTM C99 Modulus of Rupture of Dimension Stone

ASTM C170 Compressive Strength of Dimension Stone

ASTM C880 Flexural Strength of Dimension Stone

ASTM C1353 Abrasion Resistance of Dimension Stone Subjected to Foot Traffic Using a Rotary Platform, Double-Head Abraser

ASTM C1354 Strength of Individual Stone Anchorages in Dimension Stone

Freeze/Thaw Testing

Contact us for a full list.

CONSIDER NSI'S LAB SERVICES IF YOU:

Are introducing new stone

Have outdated technical data
ASTM C1799 states that test results should NOT be more than 3 years old.

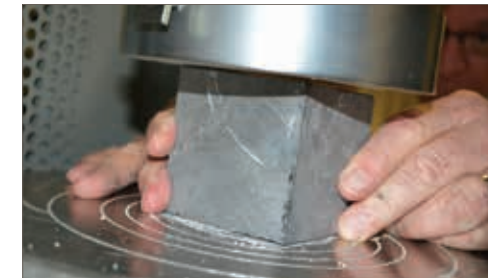
Need project specific testing

SPECIAL PRICING AVAILABLE FOR:

Natural Stone Institute members

Large volume orders

Bundled packages



HOW TO JOIN

VISIT: naturalstoneinstitute.org/membership | **CALL:** 440-250-9222 | **EMAIL:** membership@naturalstoneinstitute.org

CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP

Active Member

Must be actively engaged in quarrying, manufacturing, producing, finishing, fabricating, exporting, importing, sourcing, installing, or restoring natural stone.

Associate

Must be actively engaged in the supply of auxiliary materials, products, equipment, and services to the natural stone industry.

Branch Member

Offices of active or associate members that wish to gain membership benefits.

Individual

Exclusively for individuals who specialize in designing, specifying, and building projects featuring natural stone who are not eligible for Active Membership.



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