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MIA INTRODUCES STONE SAFETY SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE

The Marble Institute of America has announced the latest in its growing list of safety services; the MIA Safety Toolbox Talk Subscription Service. This program is a subscription service whereby subscribing companies are delivered a new safety "e-packet" each month. Each "e-packet" is designed to help companies facilitate a face-to-face safety meeting, as well as provide additional information necessary to create an ongoing culture of safety training.

The first month of this service is **free!** Go to www.marble-institute.com/safety for details.

This program has been made possible by the hard work of MIA's Toolbox Talk Committee, a sub-committee of the MIA Safety Committee. Chad Vadnais, safety manager at Daltile and chairman of the safety committee, said, "These Toolbox Talks should be a major training component for every company that moves stone slabs by crane, forklift or other means. Each and every Toolbox Talk has been reviewed and utilized by the individual members of MIA's Safety Committee. I urge all stone companies to participate in this program and create an ongoing culture of safety in their organizations."

Designed for companies of all sizes, the monthly e-packets include the following:

- One Toolbox Talk outline that addresses a recent accident that occurred in the stone industry. Because these accidents were investigated by OSHA, everyone can learn from the recommendations that have been made on how to avoid a similar occurrence.
- A second Toolbox Talk outline that addresses stone industry safety "best practices."
- A safety checklist that includes recommended tasks that should be incorporated into every stone company's safety program. The list corresponds directly to the topics addressed in the two toolbox talks offered for that month.
- A sign-in sheet to document those that attended each safety meeting for OSHA purposes and record retention.
- A safety-product feature highlighting a product or service available to assist companies with their ongoing safety efforts.



The MIA Safety Toolbox Talk Subscription Service is available to MIA members and non-members. For more information, contact Mike Loflin at mloflin@marble-institute.com or follow the link at www.marble-institute.com/safety.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

GK Naquin of Stone Interiors is MIA President for 2011



Win - Win

Thirty eight years ago, when I started in the commercial side of the stone industry, the culture of contracting was understood to be one of mutual success for owner, architect, builder, and sub-contractor. In those days, there was a common belief that if your sub-contractor or vendor was treated fairly; all parties would benefit and the end user would get the best quality possible, for a fair price.

Arbitration and litigation was rare, and we didn't need an attorney for many years. This philosophy does not seem to exist in today's construction business.

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May 10-14, 2011 — American Institute of Architects Convention and Expo 2011

New Orleans, LA
E: aia@laser-registration.com
W: www.aia.org

June 22-25, 2011 — Stone+tec 2011

Nuremberg Exhibition Centre, Nuremberg, GERMANY
E: stone-tec@nuernbergmesse.de
W: www.stone-tec.com/en/

August 24-27, 2011 — Cachoeiro Stone Fair 2011

Espirito Santo, Brazil
E: info@cachoeirostonefair.com.br
W: www.cachoeirostonefair.com.br

September 13 - 16, 2011 — CONSTRUCT 2011***

McCormack Place, Chicago, IL
E: sales@CONSTRUCTshow.com
W: www.constructshow.com

September 21 - 24, 2011 — Marmomacc/VeronaFiere***

Verona, Italy
E: info@veronafiare.it
W: www.veronafiare.it

October 11 - 14, 2011 — Remodeling Show 2011***

Lakeside Center at McCormack Place, Chicago, IL USA
E: rmcconnell@hanleywood.com
W: www.theremodelingshow.com

January 23 - 26, 2012 — StonExpo/Marmomacc Americas 2012***

Mandalay Bay Hotel, Las Vegas, NV
P: 972.536.6440
W: www.stonexpo.com

Here and There

Cold Spring Granite, as the leading quarrier and fabricator of natural stone in North America, and bronze manufacturer, announces the launch of an e-commerce site for DiamondWright Tools; a line of professional-grade diamond tools ideal for stone fabrication, metal and concrete cutting, core drilling and more.

International Stoneworks, one of Houston's premier natural stone restoration and maintenance businesses, has teamed up with the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) as a local industry partner in the Texas Gulf Coast Chapter. As a local partner, International Stoneworks will be able to provide helpful information to Texas designers, such as how home and business owners can care for their natural stone surfaces. International Stoneworks can also guide designers about the characteristics of various natural stones such as marble, granite, limestone, travertine, terrazzo, slate, and flagstone as well as the best application of these stones.

Past MIA President, Bill McHarg passed away peacefully on May 3rd, 2011. Born in 1922, he was the 5th of 6 children. After serving honorably in the Navy, he attended the University of Texas at Austin, graduating with a bachelor's degree in architectural engineering. Following college, he returned to his hometown of Fort Worth and started his stone company, McHarg Marble & Tile. His signature project was the world renowned Kimbell Art Museum. He served as president of the MIA in 1972.

McHarg was a dedicated member of his local Rotary club, completing over 50 years of perfect attendance. In his personal time, he enjoyed boating, fishing, traveling and taking cruises. His favorite destination was Italy, where he traveled for business and pleasure on many occasions. McHarg was also an avid golfer, shooting several hole-in ones in his life. He is survived by his "angel" Margaret, his wife of 24 years.

Answer to quiz question from page 7:

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health certifies respirators.

Source: NIOSH Regulation 42CFR part 84