

# 2011 PINNACLE AWARDS



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# Letter from the President



One of the most exciting events of the year for the Marble Institute of America is the annual Awards Luncheon held during StonExpo/Marmomacc Americas in Las Vegas. It's at the Awards Luncheon that we honor the winners of the MIA Pinnacle Awards, a worldwide competition to select the year's best stone projects in commercial, residential, restoration/renovation and sustainability. One of those category winners is then chosen to receive the Grande Pinnacle Award for the best overall project. Also recognized are the winners of the Migliore Award for Lifetime Achievement, the Natural Stone Craftsman of the Year, and the winner of the MIA Natural Stone Scholarship Award.

Introduced three years ago, the Grande Pinnacle Award honors the winning MIA company representative with a trophy and a trip to the Veronafiere in Verona, Italy. New this year, a Grande Pinnacle Award and a trip to the Veronafiere will be presented to a representative from the architectural firm that designed the award-winning project.

Another addition to the 2011 awards program allows all winners of Pinnacle Awards of Excellence and Awards of Merit to invite an architect from the award-winning firm to StonExpo/Marmomacc Americas 2012 in Las Vegas. Through the generous support of Hanley Wood Exhibitions, these award-winning architects will attend StonExpo/Marmomacc Americas to take part in the Designing with Natural Stone Day.

In this brochure, you'll find all of the winners of the various competitions. It may also serve as a stimulus for you to enter the awards competition next year.

I know you will join me in congratulating all of the winners and thanking our sponsors, Marmomacc for the Grande Pinnacle Award and Campolonghi Italia for its sponsorship of the MIA Natural Stone Craftsman of the Year Award.

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## Pinnacle Awards

The Marble Institute of America's prestigious Pinnacle Awards honor stone companies around the world for projects that stand out above the rest.



For the first time in 2011, the award's sponsor Marmomacc, will present a Grande Pinnacle Award to an architect from the firm involved with the winning project. In addition, that architect will win a trip to Marmomacc to attend Veronafiere's week-long continuing education program on designing with natural stone.

Also new this year, all Pinnacle Award of Excellence and Award of Merit winners now have the opportunity to invite an architect from the firm involved in their winning project to StonExpo 2012. With the generous support of Hanley Wood Exhibitions, these award-winning architects will receive 3 nights lodging in Las Vegas and will be invited to a VIP reception. Marmomacc will invite the winning architects

to take part in a full-day educational program held during StonExpo/Marmomacc Americas.

Judging the numerous entries was a challenging task. The final selection was for the coveted Grande Pinnacle Award, which honors the top overall project. This award is sponsored by Marmomacc, the world's most important stone show, held in Verona, Italy.

Again this year the MIA sought to identify and award a project, in one of the categories, that demonstrates environmental responsiveness and successful resolution of sustainability goals.

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Grande Pinnacle Award

## Migliore Award for Lifetime Achievement



The Migliore Award for Lifetime Achievement was established in 2003 to recognize an individual who has made extraordinary contributions to the natural stone industry and the Marble Institute of America. The award is named for MIA's long-time Technical Director, the late Vincent R. Migliore, who was the first recipient. The 2011 award winner was chosen by the MIA Board of Directors from nominations submitted by the MIA membership.

## Natural Stone Craftsman of the Year



The Marble Institute of America established the MIA Natural Stone Craftsman of the Year Award in 2009, adding a new dimension to its recognition programs. While it has long presented awards to top stone projects in its highly publicized Pinnacle Awards competition, the new award is designed to recognize the skilled individuals who actually craft and install stone and train the young people who are the future of the natural stone industry. There is nothing more important than excellence in craftsmanship to get the most out of nature's finest and most beautiful building material.

The 2011 award winner was chosen by a panel of six MIA past presidents.

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## Natural Stone Scholarship Award



The MIA Natural Stone Scholarship Award was established by the Marble Institute of America to provide educational opportunities for aspiring fabricators, installers, or administrative apprentices interested in furthering their careers within the natural stone industry.

The scholarship covers travel and registration costs to StonExpo/Marmomacc Americas and the MIA Annual Meeting. Scholarship winners have the opportunity to gain valuable technical and practical knowledge, meet and network with leading stone professionals, and explore potential for future leadership.

Funds are made possible through the generous donations of MIA members worldwide.







## GRANDE PINNACLE AWARD



### MIA Member Company:

#### Britishstoneworks

Lakewood, Ohio

Stone Installer/Stone Carver

### Other Project Team Members:

**Santa Barbara Courthouse  
Legacy Foundation**

Client

#### Robert Ooley, AIA

Architect

#### Satellite Models

Styrofoam Model

#### Stoneyard Building Materials

Stone Supplier

#### Scansite

3D On-site Scanning

#### Hunt Studios

Stone Carver

#### Stone:

Santa Barbara Sandstone



## Restoration/Renovation



### The Spirit of the Ocean Fountain Santa Barbara, California

The newly replaced Spirit of the Ocean Fountain stands outside of the Santa Barbara County Courthouse, a National Historic Landmark.

Sadly, the original Spirit of the Ocean Fountain, first created in 1927 decayed and fell apart over decades, due to natural deterioration and human neglect.

Five blocks of Santa Barbara Sandstone were cut from boulders in a nearby location. The challenge of replicating the original fountain was met by using old photos and a Styrofoam replica of the original fountain.

A 3-D scan was taken of the original fountain and a CNC machine created the Styrofoam model. The artists had to mold clay and plaster to the Styrofoam sculpture, using early photos of the original fountain as their model, to correct the decayed parts of the original fountain. Using chisels with tips custom shaped to match the original chisels used, the artist's goal was to get as close to the original fountain as possible, without losing a single detail.

The stone was craned onto the lawn of the courthouse, and a 40 x 40 foot carving studio was set up, opening the project to public viewing for the project's seven month duration. This encouraged and inspired questions and comments from the public. Britishstoneworks's goal in replacing the Spirit of the Ocean Fountain was to preserve as much history as possible. It was also incredibly important not to leave their artistic handprints on the fountain, but to preserve the original artist's work.

