

Scott McGourley of Kasco Stone wins *Stone World* "Fabricator of the Year" Award

Since 1987, a committee of stone industry veterans has worked together to select the winners of the *Stone World* Magazine "Fabricator of the Year" Award (formerly the Technological Achievement Award). The award, which is given to a North American stone producer, is based on the following criteria:

- cooperativeness in sharing technology with the industry
- willingness to pioneer the use of new technology
- fostering educational programs for the training of stoneworkers in industry methods
- promoting technological progress through association work



This year's award went to Scott McGourley, Owner/Operator of Kasco Stone in Tampa, FL. Kasco Stone is a small shop owned and operated by McGourley and his wife, Kathy. This small shop, while typical in size to the average shop found across the U.S., has over the past four years transformed itself from a dry cutting manual operation to a fully digital Micro

Shop. As part of the Stone Fabricators Alliance (SFA), McGourley not only embraces the group's mission, but he works to raise the bar for quality in his region. In doing so, he has become a tremendous asset to the Natural Stone Industry with his undying passion to do things right. He constantly questions time-tested and accepted fabrication methods in search of finding a better way. He is extremely resourceful with several of his inventions having been highlighted in industry trade magazines and Web sites.

Recently, Scott formulated an aggressive business plan for a Digital Micro Shop. This technology is designed to allow smaller custom shops to fully embrace technology and fabricate stone digitally. In the beginning of this year, Kasco Stone took delivery of Breton USA's FabCenter No. 001, Breton's first such machine in the U.S. McGourley

was not only instrumental in the design of No. 001, but he continues to be very involved in the ongoing advancements and improvements made since that delivery.

The current roster of winners of the *Stone World* Fabricator of the Year Award is as follows:

- 2009 -- Scott McGourley, Kasco Stone
- 2008 -- Paul Menninger, Capitol Granite & Marble
- 2007 -- Ron Hannah, Cadenza Granite & Marble
- 2006 -- Dick Laliberte, Ripano Stoneworks
- 2005 -- G.K. Naquin, Stone Interiors
- 2004 -- Tim and Scott Buechel, Buechel Stone Corp.
- 2003 -- Kip Cameron, Granite-Tops
- 2002 -- George Fox, Luck Stone Corp.
- 2001 -- Fred Becker, Becker & Becker Stone Co.
- 2000 -- Connie and Brenda Edwards, TexaStone Quarries
- 1999 -- Walter Dusenbery, Johnson-Atelier School, Sculpture
- 1998 -- Harold Stobbe, Owen Sound Ledgerock
- 1996 -- Willard Vetter, Vetter Stone Co.
- 1995 -- Chuck Monson, Dakota Granite Co.
- 1994 -- Linus Dingman, Cold Spring Granite Co.
- 1993 -- David Teitelbaum, Cathedral Stoneworks
- 1991 -- Wilbur Bybee, Bybee Stone Co.
- 1989 -- Tony Ramos, New England Stone Industries
- 1988 -- Jim Stengel, Dakota Granite Co.
- 1987 -- David Elliott, Elliott Stone Co.