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Colson Childers is McGee Memorial Contest Winner



McGee Top-Ten! Top, left to right, NCMCA President-Elect Cliff McGee, Chance Reynolds, Fifth Place, McGee Brothers Company; Nicholas Sloop, Third Place, Harrington Masonry; Colson Childers, Griffin Masonry, First Place and the "David R. Sigmon Award" winner; Rodriguez Ruven Avina, Second Place, Manning Masonry; Colter McGee, Fourth Place, McGee Brothers; NCMCA President Bo Black; NCMCA Secretary/Treasurer Tim Manning; Bottom left to right, NCMCA Executive Director Ryan Shaver; Alegria Gonzalez, Tenth Place, Manning Masonry; Colby Kirkland, Ninth Place, Griffin Masonry; Joshua Ibarra, Eight Place, Brodie Contractors; Alec Huntley, Seventh Place, Huntley Brothers; Serrano Cristian, Sixth Place, Brodie Contracting.

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Contest](#)

"The Super Bowl of Apprentice Contest"

KINSTON—Colson Childers of Griffin Masonry is the 2023 Champion of the North Carolina Masonry Contractors Associations Annual Samuel A. McGee Memorial Masonry Apprentice Skills Contest and takes home the "David R. Sigmon Award" for "top-score" in the competition. His win also earned a thousand-dollar cash prize and a large selection of masonry tools. The win qualifies him to compete in the Mason Contractors Association of America Skills Challenge in Las Vegas. The event took place at EastWest Products in Kinston, NC. EastWest Products provided everyone with a delicious lunch from Mission BBQ and Sunset Slush Italian Ice. The Eastern Chapter sponsored and provided all the man-power involved in prepping and tearing down for the contest.

The Sam McGee Memorial has been referred to by many across the State as the Super Bowl of masonry contest. This contest is for working apprentices that have less than 3 years or 6000 hours in their apprenticeship cycle. A new project is drawn each year so that it always challenges the contestants. Most contests have 3 hours to build a project, but this contest is very challenging because contestants only have 2 hours. The apprentices are judged on nine different criteria. The field of contestants are always so competitive that the top 5 will always be within points of each other.

This year's contest was a great show of what our apprentices have to offer, and the skill set that they have! We were hosted by EastWest Products in Kinston, NC. It was a beautiful day for a masonry contest! We had 43 apprentices from 14 companies competing. EastWest had t-shirts made for all the contestants and observers. The contestants also received a NCMCA hat to wear during the contest. The Eastern Chapter went out of their way to setup, tend, and clean up after the contest! We had 47 total sponsors that donated just over \$20,000.00 to make this contest happen! Each apprentice received a tool bag full of tools along with a new 4' Stabila level.

After the judging was complete, Griffin Masonry's, Colson Childers was crowned the champ! There were 6 companies represented in the top 10 with only 9 points separating 1st place from 10th place! This was truly one of the best contests that showed talent and skillset that North Carolina has in our young apprentices. This definitely shows that North Carolina is leading the charge for our future workforce in the Nation. We also had a first-year contest for new apprentices that have just picked up a trowel. The contest had 7 contestants competing and Mason Ridenhour from Ridenhour Masonry claimed the top prize.

Next year's contest will be hosted by Adams, an Oldcastle Co. in Asheville, NC on May 18th, 2024. NCMCA encourages every member to come and witness the "Super Bowl of Apprentice Contest" in person and let's keep our young people going in the right direction for our industry! Thank you to all that help each year with this contest and all the other events we have across the State!!

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Message from the President

"We have had a busy Spring at the NCMCA. NC Skills USA was held on April 19th in Greensboro. Congratulations to Columbus Career and College Academy winners and instructor Mr. Fred Mason on a "sweep" of winners in all categories. Our annual convention was held at Kingston Plantation in Myrtle Beach April 27th-29th. The convention was a huge success in both the number of attendees and financially. Thanks to all of our sponsors who supported this event. Please give your feedback via the survey on the changes made at this year's convention. Planning for next year is well underway. The Samuel A McGee Apprentice Masonry Skills Contest was held on May 20th, 2023, at member firm East West Products in Kinston, NC. Congratulations to the winner Colson Childers from Griffin

Masonry. Thanks to East West Products for hosting and all of our sponsors for making this event a success. As the premier apprenticeship skills contest in the nation, the success bar is high and as a group, we knocked this one out of the park. Be on the lookout and ready to participate in the rolling out of NCMCA Adopt a School program in the Fall. Our Regional Vice Presidents Don Caldwell (Western), Brandon Hartsell (Central) and Doug Burton (Eastern) will be spearheading this program developed by Ryan to connect and bolster relationships between masonry contractors and students/instructors at high school masonry programs. Have a great summer and see you soon."

Bo Black, CME, President



"NCMCA Kingston Plantation 2023 Convention"

The NCMCA annual convention was a huge success at Kingston Plantation in Myrtle Beach, SC! We had over 225 people in attendance with 67 member companies represented! Kingston Plantation has been a popular destination for past conventions and this year was great as anticipated! The line-up of events was slightly different and hopefully everyone enjoyed their time with other members of the association. We were honored to have Lynn's son, Bill, on hand to help celebrate and honor his Dad upon retirement. Friday morning's Speed Dating session was a huge success and allowed groups of masonry contractors to engage associate members together in a fast-paced format. The auction at lunch was a huge success, raising \$77,300.00 for Workforce Development. The auctioneering skills of Hall of Fame Member, Mackie Bounds was definitely a treat to be a part of. Thank you to all who contributed and bid on the items!

Saturday morning's membership board meeting was very informative and lots of new things were agreed and voted on. One item was the new membership dues will have everyone in the NCMCA membership dues due on July 1st yearly. NCMCA have prorated the state dues and sent out all membership invoices. Please let us know if you have any questions. The prorated dues will bring everyone's membership current, through June 30, 2024. Another thing highlighted at the board meeting was the local chapter plan and each Chapter was represented at the board meeting. We also discussed a lot of our current programs such as certification, foreman in the

field, apprenticeship, and adopt a school program to name a few.

The annual golf tournament at the convention was a huge hit with the team of Larry Vacala, Tyler Vacala, Jim O'Connor and Gary Joyner winning the tournament. The team of Patrick Jones, Brenden McWilliams, Clay Wheeler, and Scott Taylor came in second with the team of Dwayne Bryant, Calvin Brodie, Jon Steep, and Dan Hurley finishing third. Huge thanks to all that participated and to the golf committee for making this another great tournament!

The convention ended Saturday evening with the closing dinner that was set up to honor two great masonry giants that have pioneered the NCMCA to what it is currently today, Gary Joyner and Lynn Nash! A slide show was put together for folks to enjoy the years past of both and to pay tribute to the sacrifices and work that both Joyner and Nash have contributed to the NCMCA. The stories that were told and memories that were shared will forever be with each person present. We would like to thank each person that attended the convention and especially the sponsors for making it one of the largest conventions in recent years! Please mark your calendars for next years convention which will be held in Williamsburg VA at the **Colonial Williamsburg Resorts, Williamsburg Lodge, April 11-14, 2024**. Thank You again to all that participated, and we look forward to seeing everyone in Williamsburg!



[Click here to view all pictures from the convention](#)

Foreman in the Field Updates:

Our inaugural Forman in the Field Series is halfway through. The feedback we are getting from your foreman during these sessions has been overwhelmingly positive. We hope you see this translated to your projects. We have an additional three sessions planned for the remainder of the year:

- July "It's Getting Hot In Here" - Problem Solving On The Job.
- September "You Gotta Stand For Something Or You'll Fall For Anything" - Quality Assurance On The Job
- November "Thankful" - Appreciate Your Crews Or Someone Else Will

Many thanks to our presenters and to McGee Brothers for the use of their facility.

Mark Your Calendars!

The NCMCA Annual Convention and Business Meeting

April 11-14, 2024

Williamsburg Lodge—Colonial Williamsburg, VA

Welcome New Members

Hilti North America

Jonnie Crabb (A1)

Greenville, NC

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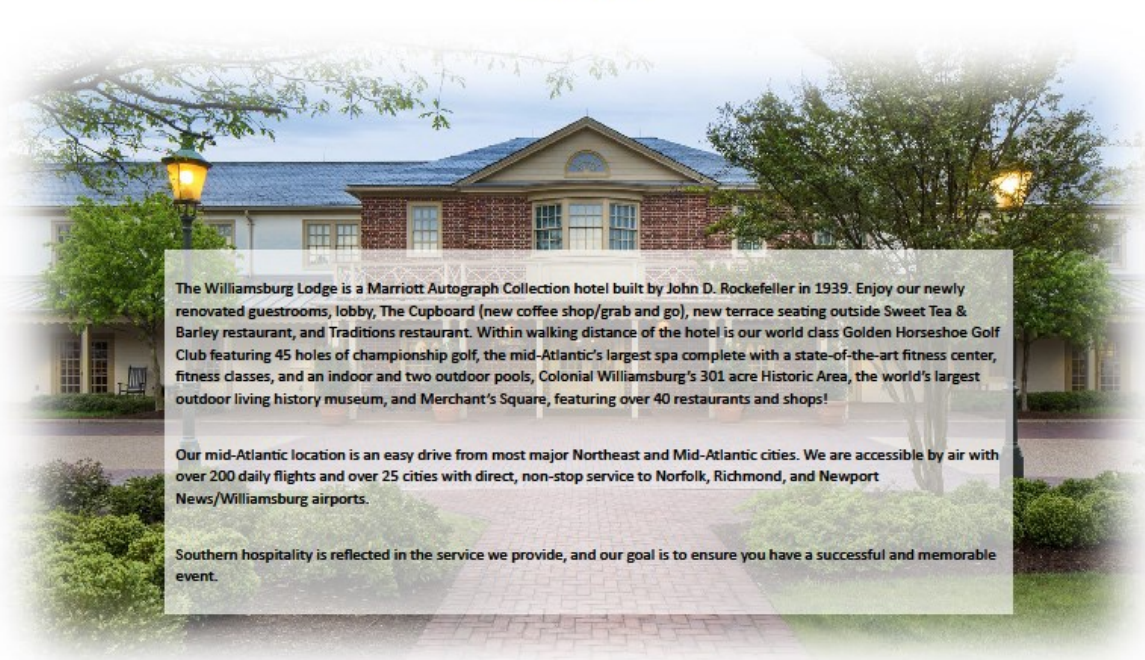
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Please Save the Date!

North Carolina Masonry Contractors Association Conference

April 10-14, 2024

Williamsburg Lodge



The Williamsburg Lodge is a Marriott Autograph Collection hotel built by John D. Rockefeller in 1939. Enjoy our newly renovated guestrooms, lobby, The Cupboard (new coffee shop/grab and go), new terrace seating outside Sweet Tea & Barley restaurant, and Traditions restaurant. Within walking distance of the hotel is our world class Golden Horseshoe Golf Club featuring 45 holes of championship golf, the mid-Atlantic's largest spa complete with a state-of-the-art fitness center, fitness classes, and an indoor and two outdoor pools, Colonial Williamsburg's 301 acre Historic Area, the world's largest outdoor living history museum, and Merchant's Square, featuring over 40 restaurants and shops!

Our mid-Atlantic location is an easy drive from most major Northeast and Mid-Atlantic cities. We are accessible by air with over 200 daily flights and over 25 cities with direct, non-stop service to Norfolk, Richmond, and Newport News/Williamsburg airports.

Southern hospitality is reflected in the service we provide, and our goal is to ensure you have a successful and memorable event.

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Mt. Pleasant, NC 28124



Masonry Education Day

October 5, 2023

Stalite Ben Ketchie Park

Gold Hill, NC



Golf Winners: The winning team of the 2023 EZG Manufacturing Company NCMCA Convention Golf Tournament Saturday, April 29th in Myrtle Beach, SC: (left to right) Gary Joyner, Jim O'Connor, Dwayne Bryant (Golf Committee), Tyler Vacala, Larry Vacala, Lee Heath (Golf Committee), Steve Wheeler (EZG Manufacturing Sponsor)

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NCMCA Annual Fall Golf Tournament September 28, 2023 Mill Creek Golf Club Mebane, NC

DATES TO REMEMBER

- July 13-16—SCMA Convention
- July 20—Masonry Instructor Training Day (Greensboro, NC)
- July 28—Foreman in the Field: Series 4 (Greensboro, NC)
- August 9—Certification Class/Module 8 (Mt. Pleasant, NC)
- September 17-21—MCAA Mid Year (Hershey, PA)
- September 28—NCMCA Annual Fall Golf Tournament (Mebane, NC)
- October 5—Masonry Education Day (Stalite-Ben Ketchie Park, Gold Hill, NC)
- October 16—68th Annual Masonry Apprentice State Fair Contest (Raleigh, NC)
- November 8—Metrolina Golf Tournament (Mooresville, NC)
- November 16—Metrolina Chapter Recognition Night (Mt. Pleasant, NC)
- April 11-14, 2024—NCMCA 2024 Annual Convention (Colonial Williamsburg, VA)
- April 23-25, 2024—SkillsUSA (Greensboro, NC)

Member News

- NCMCA member Robbie Davis (Davis Masonry) father (Steve Davis) passed away unexpectedly due to a tractor accident on June 5.
- Wayne Miller (instructor at Providence Grove High School in Randolph County & CTE Teacher of the Year) passed away after a brief illness on June 5
- Jesse Penley (manager of Stalite, Gold Hill) retired after 50+ years of service.
- NCMCA member Daniel Furr (DACO Group, PLLC) and his wife (Glorie Furr) welcomed their daughter (Avie Hazel Furr) on June 5.
- NCMCA members Huntley Brothers Company and McGee Brothers Co. rallied support and veneered Clete & Lib Huntley's new house on Saturday, June 10th. Over 22,000+ bricks were laid in 1 day.
- Gary Joyner (Joyner Masonry Works Inc.) retired on April 30th.
- Lynn Nash retired on May 31st after 25 years with NCMCA.
- The NCMCA is pleased to inform you that Calvin Brodie will be inducted into the Masonry Hall of Fame at the MCAA annual mid-year meeting in Hersey, PA in September! Please join us in congratulating Mr. Brodie for the huge recognition and for the work he has done in North Carolina and the Nation! A full write up will follow in the next newsletter that will have all the highlights from the induction ceremony. Congratulations Calvin!!!!
- Christian Kluttz (2022 Sam McGee Contest Champion) and Miranda Huntley (daughter of Kent Huntley, past NCMCA President) got engaged on June 17.

The North Carolina SkillsUSA Masonry Contest was a huge success! A total of 114 students competed at the Greensboro Coliseum in late April. It was the largest group of masonry competitors that Skills has had since 2018. This year's contest featured a field of contestants that were very strong! Leading up to the State contest, there were multiple regional contests that enabled the students to practice in a contest setting as well as getting them ready for the State contest. Our masonry instructors are very good at teaching the skills needed for their students to be successful not only in a contest setting but the real world when they graduate and enter the field! SkillsUSA in North Carolina gives the students an opportunity to showcase their skills through a recognized Career & Technical Student Organization (CTSO) at their local school and it gives the masonry industry a great opportunity to build a relationship with the students at these events.

This year's contest school well. Israel's of time with his students to at the top tier of masonry pro- the high school masonry con- at the National Contest in late June in Atlanta. Israel has been in the masonry program at Columbus Career and College Academy for three years under masonry instructor, Fred Mason. Mr. Mason has been in this program for 11 years and has produced many students that are currently working in the trade today. Mr. Mason spoke about the first contest he took students to and how it changed his path on instructing them after that contest. He has put a lot of time in his students for 11 years and now he has former students that come back to the program and team teach with him. This allows current students to learn and gain skillset from not only Mr. Mason but from former students as well.

Mr. Mason not only took first place with Israel Bugarin in secondary, but also won the post-secondary division with Annayeli Aguqyo-Dionisi. She will be representing North Carolina at Nationals in late June in post-secondary. Mr. Mason completed his sweep of the masonry contest with Abrial Baza winning the Masonry I division. The students that compete in SkillsUSA NC are in a category that is held at a high standard. The NCMCA holds a banquet the night of the Skills contest and awards the top 10 finishers in the secondary division as well as the top 3 in post-secondary and the top 3 in Masonry I.

A special thanks to all that helped make this contest possible, from materials, prizes, judging, and clean up! We had a great turnout from across the state to encourage the students and show them what the masonry industry has to offer them. We look forward to next year's SkillsUSA contest April 23-25, 2024, in Greensboro. Please mark your calendars and enjoy the excitement of the masonry industry in our youth programs!

NC ^{get} SkillsUSA

winner, Israel Bugarin, represented his instructor, Fred Mason, has put in a lot of time with his students to at the top tier of masonry programs in the State! Israel Bugarin won the contest and will represent North Carolina at the National Contest in late June in Atlanta.

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NC SkillsUSA Top, left to right, NCMCA Executive Vice President Ryan Shaver; NCMCA President-Elect and Apprenticeship & Training Committee Chair Cliff McGee; 5th place Mason Ridenhour, East Rowan High School; 3rd Place O'Connor Leonard, West Rowan High School; Champion Israel Bugarin Columbus Career & College Academy; 2nd Place Warren Jones, Jesse Carson High School; Leslie Maldonado 4th Place, Columbus Career & College Academy; Zair Pere Mora 8th Place, Central Cabarrus High School; NCMCA Past President Kent Huntley; NCMCA President Bo Black; Bottom row, left to right: Nicholas Sloop 9th Place, West Rowan High School; Colby Kirkland 6th Place, West Stanly High School; Tyriq Freeman 10th Place, Central Cabarrus High School; Dylan Smith 7th Place, West Rowan High School

HOT OFF THE PRESS!

Congratulations to Israel Bugarin from North Carolina for bringing home second place!



2023 National Skills USA Masonry:

Pictured left to right, back row: Brycen McLaurin of Texas, second place, Post Secondary; Chris Parker of Tennessee, first place Post Secondary; Ruben Rodriguez of Arizona, third place Post Secondary. Back Row: NCMCA's Ryan Shaver, Contest Co-Chair, Israel Bugarin of North Carolina, second place secondary, Brice Mayes of Alabama, first place secondary; Samuel Berryman of Pennsylvania, third place secondary and Curtis Hoover, National Education Team Member.



Congratulations and Very Well Deserved!



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NCMCA Certification Program Report June 2023

NCMCA developed our masonry certification program with our first class in Aug 2006 – since that time we have had over 750 people attend the classes. We are currently in our 10th session of classes with over 60 participating. We are governed by a Board of Governors who are constantly reviewing and tweaking our approach to the training to ensure our employees and participants are getting the boost desired in masonry education topics. We have 8 classes that are required ranging from architectural details, products, structural elements, safety, special inspections, estimating and management issues. We have 6 architectural firms across

the state that are using our specification to require that the masonry on their projects be managed and supervised by a certified company. We have a continuing education requirement and conduct annual audits to make sure our companies remain in compliance and up to date with current issues. Our intent is to start our 11th class upon completion of the current set to make it available to newcomers and those companies that have not participated in the past. Our goal with the program has been to provide an opportunity to offer educational classes that are pertinent to advancing our employees and our industry and we feel like this is being accomplished.



Southeast Concrete Masonry Association – SCMA

The Concrete Masonry Checkoff (CMC) Board is pleased to announce its appointment of Kim Spahn as its first chief executive officer (CEO).

The Board undertook an exhaustive national search that attracted more than 300 applicants. Spahn quickly emerged as the top choice given her unique background and skill set. Spahn joins CMC after spending the past 17 years leading the American Concrete Pipe Association (ACPA), cultivating trusted partnerships with industry stakeholders, government agencies and elected officials throughout North America.

Upon accepting her role, Spahn said, "Sometimes things happen for a reason — I couldn't have imagined a better fit personally or professionally. I cannot wait to work alongside this talented group to restore block's prominence." Collaborative by nature, Spahn cites the national Board and its Regional Advisory Committees, the Department of Commerce, and industry associations as key partnerships that will enhance all efforts with innovative research, education and promotions. "This growth will unite and support the communities where our manufacturers supply the safest, most resilient and sustainable building product in the world," Spahn said.

SCMA Conference Update

The SCMA conference registration closed on June 9th. With 170 attending the conference in July, this is shaping up to be our largest conference ever! We believe in the value of education which is why for the first time in 20 years, the SCMA is holding a Production Summit which will include roughly 15 producing companies for 6 states to coincide with the regular conference general session. We'll have a great mix of senior leadership, sales, producers, associate members and production personnel at this year's conference.

The topics are very diverse from **Building a Quality Culture Program, Recruiting Reality: How to Attract Top Talent and Keep Them, From Chaos to Calm: HR Secrets for Managing People in Difficult Situations, Working with Universities & Interactive Exoskeleton Suit Presentation, to CMU Checkoff: Leveraging Block Strong Southeast in Region 2.**

The SCMA prides itself on listening to the needs of our members and addressing those needs with quality education and training to make us all better tomorrow.

NCMCA "Adopt a School" Program

The North Carolina Masonry Contractors Association would like to announce a newly formatted program that will bolster the relationship needed between the "Masonry Contractor" and the students enrolled in masonry at the high school level. This program will be piloted this upcoming spring semester in several locations across the state and will help sustain the programs we have in place as well as build new ones where needed. Please consider being a part of this industry program that will give the instructors and students the opportunity to work one on one with the masonry industry!

Details below:

- Commit to partnering with a local High School
- Commit to at least one day a month spent at the school
- Commit to building a relationship with the students and the instructor
- Help the program secure needed materials and equipment
- Have at least one job site visit for the students so that they can get a glimpse of what happens daily
- Have a true hiring and signing day at the school for the students that commit to come to work
- Register the working students in the NCMCA Pre-Apprentice program so they get High School credit for working

If you have any questions, please contact **Ryan Shaver 704-791-5240**. We hope you will consider this program for your company to be a part of! Build the relationship with the students and let's build our future workforce today!!

What's Happening in Our Chapters?

Land of the Sky

The Land of The Sky Chapter held its 24th annual high school masonry 1 & 2 contest on May 18th, 2023. We had 40+ contestants and over 150 in attendance. We had 23+ sponsors for the contest. Several masonry contractors throughout the state came to help out with the contest and we appreciate the help! We hold meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at Wild Wing Cafe in Arden. We usually have 20-30 in attendance from vendors, contractors, high school instructors and students. Our contest in May took the place of our monthly meeting for the month. HILTI came to our April meeting and presented mechanical fasteners, epoxy, their new tool and battery platform. We welcome any members throughout the state to join our meetings.

Western

The Western Chapter is currently meeting bimonthly. Our attendance is still small around 6-10. We hosted a group of students from Caldwell County at the May meeting. Our next meeting will be on July 11 at The Angus Steak House, Hwy 70 West Hickory, NC.

Eastern

Eastern Chapter hosted the Sam McGee contest along with East West Products back in May. We had a tremendous turn out and great success. We thank all the volunteers and suppliers for their continued support. We generated some good revenues for our Gun Raffle as well. Cut off date to purchase tickets is July 1. Please buy tickets if you have not already. We have no planned meetings for the summer and will resume meetings early fall.

Central Piedmont

August 2nd: Social event at Winston-Salem Dash baseball game.
September: No Meeting
October 9th: meeting TBD - educational program
November 13th: Meeting TBD- educational program
December 11th: Christmas Party, we'll determine a place at a later date.

The Triad and Central Piedmont Chapters recently merged and is now the Central Piedmont Chapter. We are trying to have our meetings the second Monday of the month. How-

Metrolina

August 30th - Check-off Program with special speaker to explain how it works, and how it will affect us and our industry.
Sept. 26th— Meeting topic TBD.
Oct.—No meeting. Masonry Education Day will be on October 5th.
Nov 8th - Metrolina Golf Tournament in Mooresville.
Nov. 16th - Metrolina Chapter Recognition Night.
Dec.- No meeting.
Jan.—World Of Concrete in Vegas. WOC 2024 January 23-25; Education 22-25

Raleigh

The Raleigh Chapter continues to meet at Cantina 18 in Raleigh on the first Monday of the month. We are averaging 25-30 people per meeting. In June, Jody Wall with Johnson Concrete shared a short discussion on C02, EPDs, Lightweight Block, and Carbon Sequestration. With an emphasis on how they all interact to help masonry compete on the sustainability front. It's great to have assets in our industry like Jody promoting masonry on the forefront. We are taking the month of July off and will meet again in August, September, October (Social), and November.

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GOOD LUCK LYNN NASH ON YOUR RETIREMENT!

Lynn Nash – North Carolina Masonry Contractors Association Executive Vice President 1997 – 2023

The board of NCMCA, which was founded in 1974, decided in the mid-90's that there was a need for a full time executive to advance our mission and Lynn was hired in 1997. He replaced our part time association director, Eleanor Upton. Lynn came from a background of concrete block and ready mix concrete not to mention radio.

Lynn has pushed, prodded, persevered and ultimately survived 14 presidents during his tenure. Half of those beat him to retirement. We hired him with \$35,000 in the bank; he leaves us with \$1,200,000. NCMCA is strong and unified with all of our contractors and associate members.

Lynn was instrumental in getting our certification program started which is now in its 16th year and is the envy of the nation. We have had 750+ people attend the classes. He saw the need and was very involved in pushing us towards hiring a workforce development person and was part of the process to find, hire and train Ryan who turned out to be his successor.

He did his best to keep Kodak in business as well as the floppy disc industry – we are well documented with bountiful archives.

He was apolitical – staying above and out of the fray that industry associations experience and kept it at bay. He was a strong proponent and voice for masonry and contractors.

He ran a tight ship – his conventions were well done, enlightening and enjoyed by all. He advanced our association and our industry and represented us well at the national level. He had the longest tenure of a masonry association executive in the US when he retired after 26 years.

In a vibrant masonry state, NCMCA has evolved to be the constant with the brick and block associations going from local, state affiliated groups to now regional and national groups. We have remained focused and funded strictly in state and maintain close relationships with our national partners.

Lynn retired after our April 2023 convention and has left us in great shape with strong programs in place and a firm direction for the future. We count on him and Katie to show up at our future events to watch and surely admire our advances and progress knowing he was the catalyst for our success. We wish him well. Lynn Nash told many of us numerous times that he had the best job in the country which is a blessing we all can wish for.

Written by Doug Burton





Student Masonry Competitions Around the State

Wilkes County Contest: Brett Vines of Hibriten High School is the Champion of the May 18th Caldwell Contest, Masonry II . (Pictured at the top left) Pictured in the top center is South Caldwell High School, overall contest winner. Pictured top right, Logan Fancun, Champion of Masonry I along with Logan’s instructor, Scott Settlemyre of South Caldwell.



Land of the Sky Contest: On May 18th, the NCMCA Land of the Sky Chapter conducted a very successful masonry competition for high school students. Alfredo Sanchez, a junior at West Greene High School in TN, is the 2023 Champion.



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