2011 Upcoming Events

January 28-31, 2011
Monument Builders of North America Full Industry Show
Indianapolis Convention Center
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March 4-6, 2011
New England Monument Dealers Association
and
New York State Monument Builders Association
76th Annual NEMDA Convention
Mystic Marriott Hotel and Spa
Groton, CT
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Greetings Everyone,

As we enter the fall season in Vermont, this will be my final note and a farewell to all of you whom I have had the privilege of knowing these past 15 years. As many of you know, I have taught college level business courses part-time at the local community college for many years, and I am about to embark on a path of new opportunities in the field of higher education. That being said, I have been reflecting back on my years at the BGA for several weeks. I will miss my friends in the granite industry and especially all of you whom I have come to know through the various trade shows and conventions. My affiliations with several state associations as well as my time on the board of MBNA, have given me an appreciation for all the hard work that goes into making each trade show a big success. But beyond that, it has given me a bigger appreciation for the hard work that both manufacturers and memorialists do every day. Fall is a great time for change, and as fall begins and the season changes from summer, Vermont shows off in a colorful splendor that is unmatched anywhere in the country. One of the most beautiful tours I did last fall was with friends from out of state who wanted to visit Hope Cemetery. We walked through the cemetery with the fall foliage in full swing and witnessed the beautiful memorial artistry against a backdrop of vibrant colors. It was a tour that my friends still talk about and also want to come back and do again. Thankfully, I will still be close by to enjoy the beauty of Barre artistry and craftsmanship.

In early August of this year the New England Monument Builders Association celebrated their 75th anniversary with a festival held in Barre. There was much activity that week starting with visits from the memorialists to BGA manufacturers. It was a great way for many of the memorialists to see first-hand, the manufacturing process and to just visit with a BGA member. Another highlight of the festival was the walking tour in Hope Cemetery entitled “Monuments Come Alive”, which is depicted on our front cover. Students from the Spaulding High School drama club spent several weeks researching 12 monuments at Hope Cemetery and those who are buried there. Each student then dressed in clothes from the period of time in which that person lived and told part of their life story. Guests were treated to stories such as the life and “death” of Elia Corti, one of Barre’s many famous sculptors. The tour was a huge success and it is my hope that the cemetery will offer such a tour again. The festival came to a close Saturday evening with dinner and dancing at the Vermont Granite Museum, followed by a display of fireworks at dusk. The BGA members were happy to host our friends from NEMDA and help make their 75th anniversary a special one.

In conclusion, please remember to visit the BGA booth and all the BGA manufacturers at the upcoming trade shows in 2011. Farewell and best wishes to each and every one of you.

John Castaldo

On the covers....


Front Cover Photo Credit: Kyle Martel/Times Argus
Global Values, Inc.

This handsome monument made from Barre Granite for A & A Memorials in Great Barrington, MA., features a sandblasted band of oak leaves and acorns on all 4 sides.

Die: 4-0 X 0-10 X 3-0 All Steeleed Apex Top

Base: 5-0 X 1-4 X 0-10 All Steeleed With Ogees, Hand Carved Oak Leaves And An Acorn On The Front And Back
Buttura & Gherardi Granite Artisans

A Select India Red Monument Created For Inch Memorials, Northville, MI.

Die: 4-0 X 0-10 X 5-6 All Polished With A Flat Top. Sculpture Of St. Francis By Giuliano Cecchinelli Of Buttura & Gherardi.

Note The Three Distinct Finish Tones Used To Develop A Three Dimensional Look In The Carving. Family Name Is Hand Cut Square Raised Letters.

Base: 5-6 X 1-6 X 0-8 Polished Flat Top With 4” Polished Margin 4 Sides, Balance Rock Pitch
Culture Craft Sandblast, Inc.

This Barre Celtic Cross was designed by the Deveney family in honor of their son and brother, Gerard "Matt" Deveney who ran the family business, Deveney & White Monuments, Dorchester, MA.

Cross: 2-6 X 0-10 X 7-0
All steeled tapered front & back
Nimbus ring set back 1” both sides
Sandblast shaped roping with blued background

Sub-Base: 2-2 X 1-5 X 1-0
All steeled with checks & drop wash 4 sides

Base: 3-0 X 2-0 X 0-10
All steeled with 1” margin 4 sides balance Rock Pitch
Joe’s Custom Manufacturing of Quality Memorials

Joe’s Custom Manufacturing Crafted This North American Pink Monument For Retailer Austin Memorials’ Personal Monument.

Die: 4-0 X 0-8 X 2-6 Polished 3, Serpentine Top With A Concave Face And Sandblasted Fluted Ends.

Base: 4-10 X 1-2 X 0-10 Polished Top With A 2” Polished Margin And Concave Front To Match The Die. Sandblasted By Culture Craft.
Buttura & Gherardi Granite Artisans

This Select Canadian Pink Granite Monument Was Manufactured By Twin City Memorials, A Division Of Buttura & Gherardi Granite Artisans.

Die: 4-6 X 0-10 X 5-0 Polish 2, Balance Dusted With Cut Through Contour Cross And Hand Cut Crosses On Sides.

Base: 6-0 X 1-2 X 0-8 Polish Flat Top With A 2” Dusted Margin 4 Sides, Balance Rock Pitch

Erected By Fairfield Monument Company, Darien, CT.
Granite Corporation of Barre

Located in the Newton (MA) Cemetery, this family mausoleum was designed and sold by Granite Corporation of Barre. It was fabricated by Granite Industries of Vermont.

Overall size 12-0 x 12-0 x 13-0, the exterior is select Barre steeled finish and the interior is polished Barre and Bethel White. There is space for 10 coffins and up to 12 cremation urns.
Adams Granite Company

THIS MONUMENT OF DARK BARRE GRANITE WAS PRODUCED FOR GAST MONUMENTS, CHICAGO, IL.

**Die:** 3-4 X 0-10 X 7-6 All Steeled & Stippled

**2 Wings:** 3-6 X 1-8 X 1-8 All Steeled & Stippled
Spruce Mountain Granites & Custom Sandblasting

This Family Monument Made From Mountain Rose Granite Was Manufactured For Connecticut Valley Memorials, South Windsor, CT.

Die: 5-0 x 1-6 x 8-0 Ceter Die Features A Hand Carving Of Our Lady Of Fatima

Wings: All Polished 3-4 x 1-2 x 4-0

Base: 12-0 x 1-8 x 0-10 Polished Top and 2” Polished Margins
Buttura & Gherardi Granite Artisans

This Family Monument Was Manufactured
By Twin City Memorials,
A Division Of Buttura & Gherardi Granite Artisans
Using Select Barre Granite.

Center Die: 3-0 X 0-10 X 4-4
All Steeled With Contours.
Hand Carved By Giuliano Cecchinelli

Wing Units: Overall 3-0 X 1-4 X 1-6 All Steeled

Base: 10-0 X 1-10 X 0-8
Steeled Flat Top, Balance Rock Pitch

Erected By Ciesco Memorials, Torrington, CT.
Gandin Bros., Inc.

Steeled Medium Barre Die featuring special contour top with 2" scotias on (4) sides; rock pitch ends.

Raised floral carving of mixed flowers and raised scroll, family name panel. Steeled base with dusted margin.

Overall Size: 3-0 x 1-2 x 4-4

Set in Center Haverhill, NH. Cemetery
Cochran’s, Inc.

Cochran’s Created This 5-4 X 0-10 X 2-4 Monument In Bethel White For Ferguson Monuments, Blairsville, PA.

It Is All Steeled With Checks And Set Backs On The Front And Back With An Intricately Shaped Carved Design.

The 6-6 X 1-6 X 1-0 Steeled Top Bethel White Base Features A 2” Steeled Margin And A Steeled Bevel For The Inscription Names.
Adams Granite Company

This Monument Of Barre Granite Sits In
Hope Cemetery, Barre, VT.

Die: 4-6 X 0-10 X 2-10 Steeled 3 Balance Rock Pitch
Hand Carved Raised Roses,
Hand Cut Round Raised Letters

Base: 5-6 X 1-2 X 0-10
Spruce Mountain Granites
& Custom Sandblasting

This All Axed Barre Gray Upright Monument, Produced For Will Hope & Son, Burlington, N.J., Features A Hand Tooled Cross And Round Raised Lettering.

Die: 2-2 X 0-10 X 2-10 With Apex Top Above The Bead And Chamfered Corners

Base: 2-10 X1-6 X 0-10 Axed Drop Wash And Margin
Buttura & Gherardi Granite Artisans

Sculpted From Select Barre Granite
By Giuliano Cecchinelli,
This 6 Foot Statue Cut In Full Round
Of The Sacred Heart Stands
In St. Mary’s Cemetery In Virginia

Pedestal: 2-0 x 2-0 x 1-10 All Steeled
With Drop Wash And Members

Base: 2-4 x 2-4 x 0-4 Steeled Top, Balance Rock Pitch

Erected By Kline Memorials, Manassas, VA.
Adams Granite Company

This Dark Barre Monument was manufactured for Gast Monuments, Chicago, IL.

Die: 5-0 x 1-0 x 4-0 Polished 4, Steeled Top & Check, Scotia 4 Sides

2 Pedestals: 2-11 x 0-10 x 2-0 All Steeled, Apex Top & Check with Recessed Area

2 Seats: 2-3 x 1-6 x 0-5 Polished Top Balance Steeled, Notched to Fit Pedestals
The Weeks Monument,
Set In The St. Sylvester Cemetery In Graniteville, VT.,
Was Created For The Family Of Long-time
Barre Granite Industry Employee Pat Weeks.

Impala Black Flush Mounted Inserts
Show Portrait Etchings
Of The Family By Prudy Burnes

The Single Monolith Measures 4-0 X 0-6 X 3-6
And Is Cut With A Double Serpentine Top
And Axed Rabbet Dividers
Spruce Mountain Granites & Custom Sandblasting

This All Steeled, Barre Gray Monument Was Produced For Smith Memorials, Searsport, ME.

Die: 4-6 X 1-2 X 2-9 All Steeled With Ridge Top

Base: 5-6 X 2-2 X 1-2 Steeled Top With Drop Wash, Balanced Rock Pitch
Adams Granite Company

This Mahogany Monument was made for Peter Troost Monument Co., Hillside, IL.

Die: 2-2 X 0-10 X 3-10 All Polished, Hand Carved

2 Wings: 2-9 X 0-8 X 1-10 All Polished

Base: 8-0 X 1-6 X 0-10 Polished Top & Chamfer
This Select Barre Memorial was created for the family of Claude Chaloux, a long time employee of the Barre Granite Industry. It sits in Hope Cemetery, Barre, VT.

Die: 6-0 X 1-4 X 3-2 All steeled with apex top and multiple members, hand cut molding and sandblast carving 4 sides.

Base: 8-0 X 2-10 X 1-0 All steeled with drop wash and multiple rabbets.
This Medium Barre Monument, Set in The Bath, N.H., Cemetery, Features An 8” X 11” Laser Etched Oval Of The Young Couple’s Home.

Overall Size: 3-10 X 1-2 X 3-0

Die: All Steeled, Hand Carved Blanket Front And Back With Sandblast Lettering On 2 Sides.

Base: Steeled Top, Balance Rock Pitch
Adams Granite Company

This Pearl White Monument was manufactured for Peter Troost Monument Co., Hillside, IL.

Die: 4-6 X 1-0 X 3-4 Steeled 2, Balance ScallopEd, Sculpted Roses

Base: 5-0 X 1-4 X 0-10 Steeled Top, Steeled Chamfer
Joe's Custom Manufacturing of Quality Memorials

This Barre Granite Cross was manufactured for Hamden Monuments, Hamden, CT. The Cross is 2-0 x 0-8 x 4-2 All Steeled

Bases: 2-6 x 1-0 x 0-6 Steeled Flat Top Steeled Front & Back Balance Rock Pitch with Drop Wash

3-0 x 1-4 x 0-8 Steeled Flat Top Steeled Front & Back Balance Rock Pitch with Drop Wash

3-6 x 1-8 0-8 Steeled Flat Top Balance Rock Pitch with Drop Wash
Buttura & Gherardi Granite Artisans

Created For The Family Of
Ernest “Skip” Bancroft Of Barre, VT.
This Select Barre Monument
Reflects The Family’s Strong Irish Heritage.

Overall Size: 4-0 X 1-10 X 6-8
All Steeled With Hand Cut Round Raised Family Name
In Full Relief Of The Face
Montpelier Granite Works, Inc.

This monument of North American Pink Granite was made for Gaspar-Schiro Memorials, Wallington, N.J. The Heart Shape with the sculpted Angel is hand carved.

Die: 5-6 X 0-10 X 2-10 Polished 2

Base: 6-0 X 1-4 X 0-8 Polished Flat Top, Balance Rock Pitch
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THIS INDIA BLACK MONUMENT FOR WOMER MEMORIALS, KEMPTON, PA., WAS ETCHED BY JOE'S CUSTOM MANUFACTURING AND SANDBLASTED BY CULTURE CRAFT.

DIE: SHAPED AS A MOTORCYCLE 3-6 X 0-8 X 2-4 ALL POLISHED

BASE: 4-6 X 1-2 X 0-8 POLISHED TOP AND BEVEL FRONT BALANCED ROCK PITCH
Spruce Mountain Granites & Custom Sandblasting

This Belfast Black Monument Features The Logo Of The Family’s Construction Company As Well As A Finely Detailed Hand Etching Of A Nearby Vermont Mountain, Camel’s Hump.

Die: 5-4 X 1-0 X 4-8 All Polished With Scotia Ends
Base: 6-0 X 2-0 X 0-10 Polished Top Balance Rock Pitch
Adams Granite Company

This Monument Of Barre Gray Was Manufactured For Grayrocks Memorials, Valhalla, NY.

Overall Size: 12-0 Wide X 12-0 High
Gandin Brothers, Inc.

This All Steeled Barre Monument, Set In The Peacham, VT, Cemetery, Was Designed To Afford An Open View Of The Picturesque Surroundings. At The Family’s Request The Sub-Base Back Was Contoured To Provide A Place To Sit And Enjoy The View.


Overall Size: 5-6 x 2-0 x 6-10
Buttura & Gherardi Granite Artisans

This Family Mausoleum, Constructed Of Select Barre Granite, Was Manufactured By Colombo Stoneworks, A Division Of Buttura & Gherardi Granite Artisans.

Overall Size: 13-2 X 10-9 X 10-11
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Students from the Spaulding High School Drama Club, under the direction of Ilene Gillander, hosted a walking tour of Hope Cemetery entitled “Monuments Come Alive” for the New England Monument Dealers Association during their 75th Anniversary celebration in Barre, August 6-8, 2010.

After diligent research and with meticulous attention to detail, students wrote their own scripts and fashioned costumes befitting the era. Stationed at the appropriate monuments throughout the cemetery, the students took on the character of one of the many famous Italian immigrants and regaled the dealers with fascinating tidbits about these historical figures who played such a significant role in the Barre granite industry. The students’ talent and clever wit made for a delightful evening.

Spaulding High School Drama Club Members: Alison Brodie, Melissa Campbell, Becca Collins, Matthew Desmarais, Ian Gauthier, Kellen Laperle, Alyssa Murphy, Jake Normandy, Sarah Rackliff, Emily Sargent, Justin Sargent, Keggan Woodward.