Granite Corporation of Barre

Joseph B. Calcagni designed and erected this Mountain Rose granite mausoleum for the Harold C. Hopping family. It features a sandblast panel of Hopping genealogy and a stained glass widow depicting the Hopping farm. The mausoleum is located at St. Joseph Cemetery, Cincinnati, Ohio.
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About Our Cover
A Handcarved Spring Bouquet Graces A 70-year-Old Memorial In Hope Cemetery
Photo: Patrick Timothy Mullikin
We decided to become voting members for several reasons:

one being that we wanted to give back to the industry.

Todd Tosi and Mike Gaydos

Tosi Custom Sandblast Company

Tosi Custom Sandblast Company may well be one of Barre's best kept secrets.

Tucked behind the Granite Industries of Vermont plant on Vanetti Place, Tosi Custom Sandblast has made a name for itself over the years among Barre manufacturers for quality sandblast.

As a custom sandblast shop, Tosi's does not manufacture memorials. It does, however, design and sandblast memorials for several area manufacturers and specializes in roses.

“We've refined our roses over the years and have made them more competitive,” says Mike Gaydos, co-owner.

The 41-year-old company was founded by the late Nelson Tosi, father of Todd Tosi, co-owner and president. Todd and Mike purchased the company in 1989, the year the firm moved into its new 32,000-square foot plant. (The previous winter, a fire destroyed the old Tosi facility.)

Tosi's plant employs six people. It has a shaping room, rose room and three blowing rooms, and it has the only recirculating suction in Barre.

Recently, Tosi's added an office space to accommodate its computer drafting, which the company uses itself as well as supplies to area retailers.

Tosi Custom Sandblast Company has been a longtime Associate Member of the Barre Granite Association. In February of this year, it became the BGA's newest and 26th Voting Member.
For many retailers, it's the Barre Guild seal and accompanying warranty that close the sale. While most manufacturers have and honor their own warranties, the BG seal offers a customer added assurance or insurance.
The first recorded reference to a guarantee on Barre Gray granite dates back to the 1830s when granite was first being quarried in the area.

The actual Barre Guild seal certificate, or warranty, dates back to the depression -- to the year 1935. Its purpose was to ensure that a Barre Gray granite monument manufactured by a member of the Barre Granite Association met agreed-upon standards of workmanship. This list of standards has evolved and continues to evolve as new finishes, changes in technology and manufacturing processes evolve.

Years ago, Barre Guild inspectors used to visit BGA member plants and inspected (and sometimes rejected) monuments that were to bear the BG seal. Today, each BGA manufacturer has its own in-house inspector who inspects the Barre Gray granite stone, before a seal goes on.

The seal is also a guarantee for the customer: Should the BGA member who originally manufactured the stone go out of business and, therefore, not be able to honor its own warranty, the BGA will replace or repair a defective monument. In response to an increase of colored stones manufactured by BGA members, the BGA introduced the CM Seal and Warranty for memorials manufactured from colored stones.

Ed Peake, quality control inspector at Adams Granite Company, uses a light to check for any hidden blemishes or other faults on this Barre Gray granite memorial before he applies the BG seal to the bottom right side of this die. As the order at right shows, many retailers demand that their Barre Gray granite monuments bear the BG seal.
February 8, 1999
George Kreis Granites
Great Falls, Montana

The cover photo on the winter issue is one of those that makes guys like me say, “I wish I had taken that!” Awesome! Barre life as a whole has never been better. Having been in this business for 46 years, I appreciate your efforts.

Thanks,
George

MIGHTY JOE’S YOUNG

Matthew J. Calcagni (inset, right) has joined his father, Joseph B. (center) and brother Joseph V. (left) in operating the family business -- Granite Corporation of Barre. Matthew, a surveyor by trade, and his brother Joseph V. are fourth-generation Calcagnis involved in the granite business. The firm was founded by Joseph B. Calcagni, who has more than 50 years’ experience in granite design and sales. His grandfather, Joseph G. Calcagni, was a partner in one of Barre’s most prestigious firms: Novelli and Calcagni, the firm that sculpted one of Barre’s landmarks -- the statue of Robert Burns. Joe’s father, Joseph O. Calcagni, later took over the operation of the plant, which, during its heyday, produced monuments for the Firestone and Packard families as well as the Calcagni family memorial (right).

CSI PLANTE EXPANSION

Bob Plante, Colombo Stoneworks, Inc., president, explains recent improvements to his plant in four simple words: “We weren’t big enough.” Those improvements include the addition of two executive offices to accommodate an increased office staff, and the renovation of CSI’s slab polisher, which has resulted in substantially increased production, Bob says. To handle this increase in production, CSI installed a new custom built automatic top-and-end polisher this spring.

Back row, from left: Kim Dufrene, Bookkeeping/Secretarial; Dave Widmer, Sales; Eric Meade, CAD Drafting; Bill Binaghi, Drafting, Design and Sales; Ron Plante, Plant Manager and Sales; Tom Cross, Order Processing/Expediting. Front row, from left: Bob Plante, President and Sales; Gwen Plante, Drafting and Office Management.
ON THE CUTTING EDGE

After 25 years of faithful service, slicing its way through thousands of granite blocks, the Ordway Machine, Inc., block saw at Riverton Memorial, Inc., has been replaced by an 8-4 gantry-type block saw. The new saw, also manufactured by Ordway, is fully automatic and computer operated, says Riverton's Arthur Miller.

MOUNTAINS OF BUBBLES

George Kurjanowicz of Kurjanowicz Sculpture Studio says anything can be done in stone -- as this bathtub surround shows. Made for the Pitcher Inn in Warren, Vt., of Danby White Marble and Verde Antique Serpentine from an architectural design by Sellers & Co. of Warren and set by Keith Young of Woodbury, Vt.
ADDICTION AT JOE'S

Joe's Custom Polishing and Manufacturing is in the process of building a 20 x 36 foot addition to its East Barre plant to house a 5-4 diamond gantry saw. The new addition, scheduled for completion on July 1, will free up space inside the main plant for a new grinding machine that is needed to keep up with an increased demand for duplicate work, says owner Jerry Perreault. It is the first addition to the plant since the late '80s when Perreault built an 8,400-square foot warehouse. Perreault has also hired an operator to run the saw and planer. "With more equipment, we are able to serve our clients better," Perreault says.

Work is under way on the new 20 x 36 addition to Joe's Custom Polishing And Manufacturing Plant in East Barre.

MID- ATLANTIC FLEET

For the 140 people attending the January meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Monument Builders (including BGA members Montpelier Granite Works and Pepin Granite Company), life doesn't get much better: The Bahamas-bound convention was held aboard the Royal Caribbean's Sovereign of the Sea and as the photo (right) illustrates, shorts and t-shirts were the uniform of the day. From the look on John Pesavento of S. Pesavento & Sons, Inc., Scranton, Pa., (photo below) it appears that life did indeed get better. On a sad note, Nick Shevchenko, CM, 69, owner of Shevchencko Monumental Works, Perth-Amboy, N.J., and a longtime member of the Mid-Atlantic Monument Builders and Monument Builders of North America, died at home in Woodbridge, N.J., on March 18.
NEW ENGLAND MONUMENT DEALERS ASSOCIATION
STURBRIDGE, MASS.

Retail and manufacturing members of the New England Monument Dealers Association and members of the Connecticut Memorial Builders Guild met at the Sturbridge Host in Sturbridge, Mass., in February for their annual meetings.

Clockwise, from left: Bob Caron, Caron Granite Company, Pawtucket, R.I.; Lynda Mureta Aldrich, Montpelier Granite Works; John Castaldo, Barre Granite Association; Bruce Rex, Rex Granite Works, Fall River, Mass.; Michelle Mureta Parker, Montpelier Granite Works; and Maureen and Brad Jones, Rouleau Granite Company, at the BGA’s booth.

An animated and airborne Paul Dimatteo, Maine Memorials, S. Portland, Me.
Steve Bigras, B&B Monumental Engravers, visits with Mike Walsh, Abbiatti Memorials, Brattleboro, Vt.
FOR THOSE WHO SERVED

Culture Craft
Sandblast Company
For Bergen County Memorials
Riveredge, N.J.

Design and Sandblast
On 4-0 x 1-2 x 5-0
Steel Barre Dies
Cut by Riverton Memorial, Inc.

VETERANS MEMORIAL
BEIRUT

"As I went inside, I asked, 'Some where
you get such men?' and I was reminded
if a nation is to be created, a nation
whose is to be the land of the free, that
it also must be the home of the brave.
GENERAL - J. P. KELLEY
COMMANDANT - MARINE CORPS"

VETERANS MEMORIAL
WORLD WAR II

"Till sons of pride of our nation,
This day have set upon a mighty endeavor.
Lead them straight and free.
Their road will be long and hard.
Some will never return.
Enrich their father,
And receive them.
"PRESIDENT FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT"

VETERANS MEMORIAL
WORLD WAR I

"In flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row.
That mark our place, and in the sky
The larks still bravely singing are we
Scarcely heard amid the guns below.
We are the dead, short of life,
We lie here, in flanders fields"

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Joe's Custom Polishing And Manufacturing
For Hamden Monument
Hamden, Conn.
Barre Die:
3-10 x 0-8 x 3-6
Base: 4-6 x 1-2 x 0-8

Granite Industries of Vermont
For Troost Monument Company
Hillside, Ill.
Custom Jet Black monument with handcarved Virgin of Guadalupe
CLASSIC & CONTEMPORARY

Twin City Custom Sandblast For Mt. Pleasant Memorials Gloucester, Mass.

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Hand Carving: Eric Oberg

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For Plainfield Granite Works Plainfield, N.J.

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Monumental Engravers
For
John H.
McGee & Son
Rochester,
N.Y.

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Riverton Memorial, Inc.

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Spring 1999
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Barre Guild window decals. Specify quantity on order form.

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BACK TO THE FUTURE. As we approach a new century and a new millenium, we cannot begin to guess what new inventions and technologies lie ahead. In the early 1900s, the creators of these two souvenir postcards had their peculiar visions of Barre in the future. Sadly, the strange aircraft and elevated trains never materialized. A Main Street Subway did, however. And the sandwiches are delicious!
Montpelier
Granite
Works, Inc.

For
W.F. Benedict & Son
Middletown, N.Y.

Jet Black
Celtic Cross:
2-6 x 0-8 x 5-0
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