

MASONRY MATTERS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF NEBRASKA MASONRY ALLIANCE

Promoting masonry as the building material of choice, educating designers on the proper methods of masonry design and construction, developing skilled masons to fill our workforce, and providing technical assistance for masonry design and construction.



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Featured image is 2021 Don Littler Excellence in Masonry Design Award Recipient. See Page 2 for more details.

NEBRASKA MASONRY ALLIANCE: SERVING THE DESIGN COMMUNITY SINCE 2016

Nebraska Masonry Alliance was formed in 2016 creating a unified voice to the design community for masonry projects. There are several areas we focus our time on, from supporting and educating at the university level to advocating for careers in masonry, but our main mission is to serve you, the design community. We knew there was a need for a one-stop-shop place for advice when designing and building with masonry.

In a world where meaningful communication has become challenging, we've stepped into the gap and are now providing

NMA Lunch and Learns with individual firms. We have contractors, brick and block manufacturers, and suppliers come together to meet with your firm in an open dialogue forum. We talk about real problems and bridge the gap between design professional and installers. The ability to collaborate in this way offers us new perspective so we can get to work on finding solutions that help us build masonry buildings better, together.

We've been to BCDM, APMA and HBA... (Continued on page 2)

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with the NMA: From the Contractor's Perspective discussion with lots of great feedback! We're meeting with Clark & Enersen in November and we're willing to book as many of these meetings as possible to put our heads together and have real conversations that move the dial.

Outside of these individualized collaboration meetings we have a third party resource in Donald Harvey at Atkinson Noland & Associates. They are available for pre-design and post-design assistance to give you confidence that you are putting forward the best project specific details. We offer this service at no charge. If you'd like to utilize this service, please contact our current president, Lisa Lackovic, at lisal@endicott.com or 402-290-7108 and we'll get you the help you need.

NMA - Past, Present & Future!

- March 10 - CSI Product Show & Dinner, Omaha
- June 29 - NMA Lunch & Learn at Holland Basham Architects, Omaha
- September 9 - AIA Nebraska Fall Conference, Lincoln
- October 5 - NMA Sponsored Event with Chip Clark, VP Engineering Services, Brick Industry Assoc., Lincoln
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- November 4 - 2022 AIA Nebraska + Central States Excellence in Design Gala, Lincoln - Presenting the Don Littler Excellence in Masonry Design Award to the 2022 Recipient!
- November 9 - NMA Lunch & Learn at Clark & Enersen, Lincoln

CONGRATULATIONS!

2021 DON LITTLER EXCELLENCE IN MASONRY DESIGN AWARD



Winners Pictured from Left to Right:

1. Ryan Hansen, T. Hansen Construction
2. Jim Torres, DLR Group
3. Jon Mann, DLR Group
4. Vicki Murphy, TCC Materials
5. Bill Greco, T. Hansen Construction

Winning design spotlighted on newsletter cover.

SAVE THE DATE!

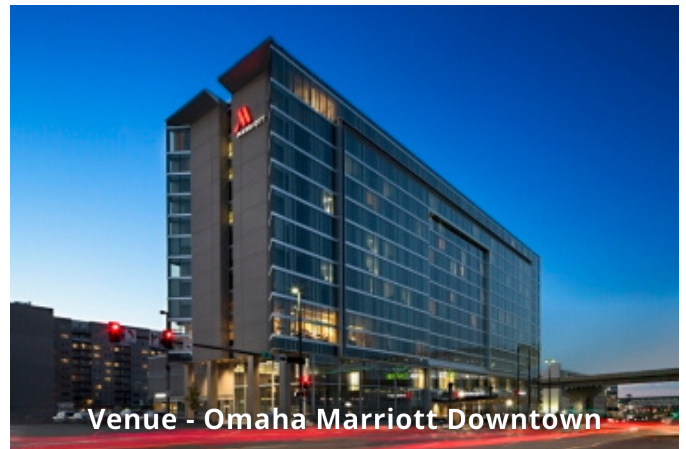


JUNE 11-14, 2023

14TH ANNUAL NORTH AMERICAN MASONRY CONFERENCE OMAHA, NE

Nebraska Masonry Alliance is a proud co-host!
Join us and rediscover the possibilities of masonry.

To learn more, visit
masonrysociety.org/14namc/home



Venue - Omaha Marriott Downtown

UNL ARCHITECTURE & ENGINEERING PARTNERSHIPS

UNL College of Architecture

More than 90 2nd-year College of Architecture students toured Reimers Kaufman as part of their education in learning about masonry. They rotated between 3 stations: a block plant tour, a hands-on station, and an education seminar. At the culmination of the event, each student submitted a design with masonry and three winners were awarded a \$500 scholarship from the NMA Endowment Fund.



UNL College of Architecture

Assistant Professor David Newton was awarded the inaugural Nebraska Masonry Alliance Design Research and Fabrication Grant of \$5,000.00 for his proposal "Sustainability in Robotic Masonry Construction."

With this grant, Newton aims to explore masonry systems and how they can advance sustainable building solutions.



The Durham School of Architectural Engineering & Construction

The Masonry/Timber Class Design Competition included four teams that were required to design a restaurant layout of their own choosing based on general program requirement. The goal was to demonstrate that design decisions have consequences. The winning team received a scholarship of \$500 per student.



MEET OUR BOARD MEMBERS

Lisa Lackovic, President - Endicott Clay Products Company
Shawn Kolterman, Vice President - Kehm Contractors
Dustin Windhorst, Secretary - Midwest Masonry, Inc.
Fernando Gutierrez, Treasurer - K&K Masonry, Inc.
Katie Bugbee - Watkins Concrete Block / Reimers Kaufman

Christy Fitzgerald - Kearney Crete & Block
Jeff MacTaggart - Jeff MacTaggart Masonry
Lee Peacock - TCC Materials
Linda Potter - Hohmann & Barnard

PROUD MEMBERS

Nebraska Masonry Alliance is only as good as its members. Together we are stronger. Together our voices are heard. Together we can create change. Thank you to these members below for your commitment to NMA, to masonry, and to working together to ensure the future of the industry is bright.

Ash Grove Cement
Ash Grove Packaging Corporation
Christensen Concrete Products
Endicott Clay Products Company
Glen-Gery Corporation
Hohmann & Barnard
Irwin Equipment
Jake Thompson Masonry

Jeff MacTaggart Masonry
K&K Masonry
Kearney Crete & Block Company
Kehm Contractors
Midwest Masonry, Inc.
Masonry Precast Specialty Services
Nauslar Construction, Inc.
Reimers Kaufman Concrete Products

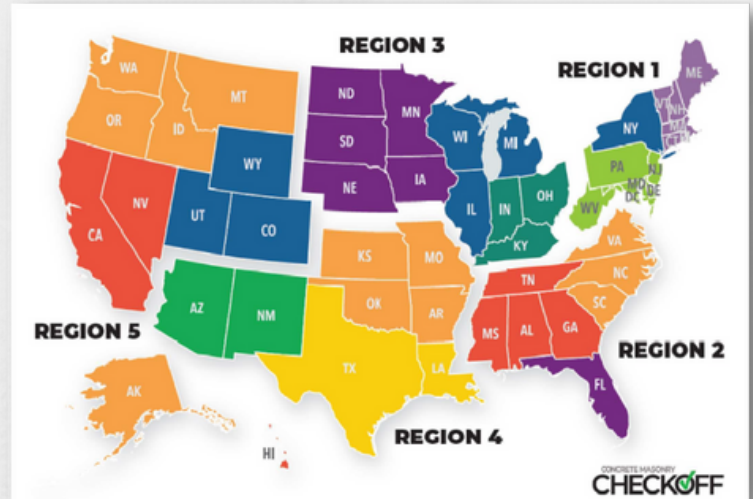
Seedorff Masonry, Inc.
T. Hansen Construction
TCC Materials
Thunn Construction, Inc.
TSA Manufacturing
U-Mix Products
Watkins Concrete Block Company
Yankee Hill Brick & Tile

CMU CHECKOFF PROGRAM

The purpose of Checkoff is to promote CMU through six main programs. Within these programs, there are 5 Regions and 3 districts per region, as shown in the map to the right. There is a \$.01 per unit assessment with a target start date of remitting assessments in second quarter 2023.

A National Board has been selected and filling the Regional Advisory Committees (RAC) is the next priority. RACs are responsible for developing local and regional programs for submission to the Board for investment consideration.

Interested in getting involved? Applications to serve on the RAC must be submitted by November 4, 2022. Eligibility to participate in an RAC is deliberately broad. Masonry contractors, material suppliers, architects, engineers, members of academia, and association personnel are all welcome and needed.



LEARN MORE AT CMUCHECKOFF.COM



MULE (Material Unit Lift Enhancement) Demonstration



Skills USA Competition

THE FUTURE OF MASONRY

Irwin Products out of St. Louis completed a hands on demonstration at Watkins Concrete Block with the MULE (Material Unit Lift Enhancement). Designed for the challenges of onsite construction, the MULE is a portable, job-site ready, lift assist device built to handle and place heavy material to help masons. Proof that the masonry industry is moving forward with innovation and technology in mind.

Skills USA Competition: James Strawn, State Champion at the Nebraska Skills USA Competition was awarded travel expenses from NMA of \$2500.00 to attend the Skills USA National Championship in Atlanta, Georgia.

SCC Construction Career Days at Milford: Jeff MacTaggart Masonry and Midwest Masonry sent bricklayers to represent the masonry industry and assist with the masonry hands on station. There were 292 high school students in attendance with the bricklaying station listed as one of the favorite stations!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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- June 11-14, 2023 – 14th NAMC, Omaha

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

