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## Notes from the Field

### Stone, tile and social media

by Jennifer Adams, Editor

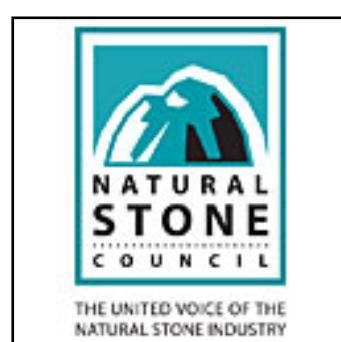
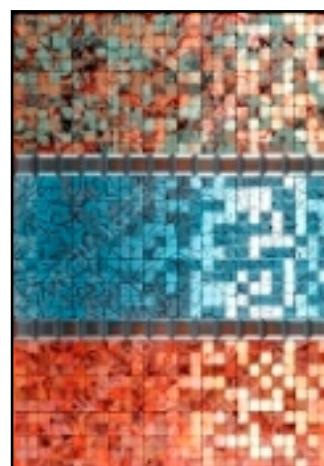
In recent months, I have traveled to various stone and tile exhibitions around the world -- reporting back on all the new tantalizing products that have been introduced as well as the advances in manufacturing technology. Now that I have been back in the office for a while, I have had time to reflect on some other observations I made while on the road, and I feel they are also worth sharing. [Read More](#)



### Featured Product

#### "Aluminum-faced Panel Mosaic" by Bestview International

Among the large assortment of mosaics offered by Bestview International is "Aluminum-faced Panel Mosaic," featuring a mixed material mosaic that creates a new age in the field of metal mosaics, reports the manufacturer. It is extremely lightweight and easy to install. The material gives design flexibility, and it is available in many unique designs, patterns and color combinations. It is suitable for most uses and provides a modern to traditional effect. [Read More](#)



## Product Reviews

### Decorative and Glass Tile Product Review

by Jennifer Adams, Editor

Today's homeowners are seeking a range of interior design styles. While some want stone and tile in neutral tones to provide a backdrop for eclectic home furnishings and accessories, glass and decorative tile also offer a simple solution to accent an interior design. Many tile products today are offered in varied surface finishes, which can add texture and dimension to a space. Whether the desired look is sleek and contemporary or more traditional, there is a seemingly endless collection of glass and decorative tiles currently available that can meet diverse design requirements. [Read More](#)



## Project Spotlight

### Tile and stone enhance campus parking structure

*The use of terra-cotta tile and local Duke Stone for the exterior design of a new parking garage at Duke University maintains campus tradition while adding a modern twist*

by Kelly Martin, Editorial Assistant

Duke University's recently completed 1,900-car parking garage has become the first freestanding parking structure in the U.S. to achieve LEED certification. Bill Browne, FAIA, LEED AP, Principal and President of RATIO Architects Inc. in Indianapolis, IN, led the architectural team, and Todd Lohman of Walker Parkign Consultants, Inc. led the overall project team. Collaborating together, the two firms opted to incorporate natural stone and tile throughout the structure. [Read More](#)

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## Green Design

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### Fireclay Tile debuts a 100% recycled glass tile

SAN JOSE, CA -- Fireclay Tile, a leading sustainable tile manufacturer, recently introduced "Crush", a U.S.-manufactured 100% recycled glass tile. Tile in the Crush collection comes from right within Fireclay's local environment, and the result is a glass tile line that is unique, sustainable and stunning, reports the manufacturer. [Read More](#)



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## Industry News and Events

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### COVERINGS 2011 WON BIG IN WESTERN GAINS

ALEXANDRIA, VA -- The westward move to Las Vegas made by Coverings 2011 paid off, according to National Trade Productions (NTP), the show's management. One of the key objectives in shifting to the new first-time venue this year was to attract more attendees from the West Coast where tile and stone have always found a receptive market. Indeed, there was a 71% increase in attendees from the West Coast states, including a massive increase from California alone as well as an 82% increase from the Rocky Mountain region states. Overall attendance was pegged at 19,000, a slight dip from 2010, with more than 800 exhibitors lining the aisles -- including 100 first-time exhibitors. [Full Article](#)

### Cersaie 2011 honors Japan

BOLOGNA, ITALY -- In the year of the devastating earthquake and tsunami in Japan, the country's architecture will be given ample coverage at Cersaie 2011, the International Ceramic tile and Bathroom Furnishing Exhibition. In particular, two of its most renowned architects, Kengo Kuma and Kazuyo Sejima, have been invited to speak at the 29th edition of the show, which will be held in Bologna, Italy, from September 20 to 24. [Full Article](#)

### Cosentino wins 2010 NKBA Presidential Award

LAS VEGAS, NV -- Cosentino Group, a world leader in natural stone, quartz and recycled surfaces, has been selected as the recipient of the 2010 National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA) Presidential Award. The President's Award is given to an NKBA member company that has demonstrated strong support of the association and the industry as a whole. The award was presented during the "State of the Industry Address" at the Kitchen & Bath Industry Show (KBIS) in Las Vegas on Wednesday, April 27, 2011. [Full Article](#)



Specialized events for architecture and design professionals are offered throughout the year, including general design events and others that are geared specifically to the stone and tile fields. For a look at upcoming industry events, [click here](#)

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