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Notes from the Field

A new element to stone design

by Jennifer Adams, Editor-in-Chief

While much of my day-to-day work includes covering innovative stone and tile products and their role in architecture and design, my work on Stone World Magazine -- Contemporary Stone & Tile Design's sister publication -- brings me to visit stone fabrication shops and quarries. I always enjoy watching the machines transform a raw piece of stone into a finished product or seeing a block being freed from the quarry. It's not only interesting to watch, but gives me a greater understanding of the material as well. [Read More](#)



Featured Product

The Allure Collection by Hirsch Glass

The Allure Collection from **Hirsch Glass** combines a fascinating shape along with an enticing mix of frosted and glossy glass. This brand new collection features subtle variations in texture and shade. [Read More](#)



Product Reviews

Italian tile manufacturers set for Cersaie 2011

by Jennifer Adams, Editor

Italian tile manufacturers are gearing up for Cersaie, which is scheduled to take place from September 20 to 24, 2011 in Bologna, Italy. The international tile and bathroom furnishing exhibition draws thousands of people together from all around the world. Displays will include the most innovative tile products that are on today's market. Defined surface textures, authentic stone and wood looks, large formats and shimmering glass mosaics are just a few of the abundant tile collections that Italian manufacturers will be showcasing. [Read More](#)



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Spain unveils Fall 2011 collection in time for Cersaie

by Arpi Nalbandian, Editor, **TILE Magazine**

Just in time for Cersaie, set for September 20 to 24 in Bologna, Italy, Tile of Spain-branded manufacturers have revealed the latest offerings from their Fall 2011 collections. From increasingly creative methods of inkjet technology, new finishes and formats, to status-quo-challenging shapes -- show attendees will be in for many surprises. [Read More](#)



Project Spotlight

The art of mosaics evident in Key West commercial design

A local artist dresses up the exterior of the Poinciana Royale building in Key West, FL, with a 14- x 18-foot hand-made mural of custom-cut ceramic tile.

by **Jennifer Adams, Editor-in-Chief**

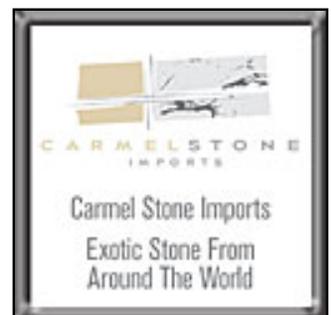
In an age where technology is continually advancing and state-of-the-art machinery is being used to create innovative tile products, it is refreshing to see that Jane Rohrschneider -- known to many as "Key West Jane" -- is keeping the true craftsmanship of mosaic design alive. The artist recently completed a large hand-made mural, which decorates an exterior wall of Poinciana Royale -- a commercial building in Key West, FL. All of the mosaic tile pieces were cut by hand, pre-assembled and glued onto mesh backing, and then cut into 2- x 2-foot sections for transport at Rohrschneider's home studio. [Read More](#)



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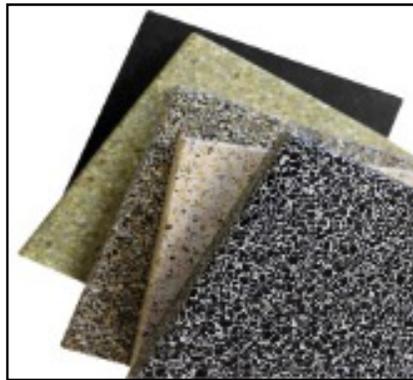
Green Design

Tile of Spain hosts "Material Matters" event in NYC

NEW YORK, NY -- Tile of Spain will host "Material Matters -- Sustaining the Urban Environment with Natural Material" on Thursday, October 20, 2011 at The Times Center -- The Hall, located at 242 West 41st Street between 7th and 8th Ave. in New York City. The event will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. [Read More](#)

Grenite® Sustainable Engineered Stone for Countertop Surfaces

Grenite® is the next generation of "green" engineered stone -- featuring an innovative material that is eco-friendly, durable and cost efficient, reports Saint-Gobain, the product's manufacturer. The product is made with up to 85% recycled, post-consumer materials -- making it able to contribute to LEED certification. [Read More](#)



Industry News and Events

New Ravenna Mosaics introduces "Ikat"

EXMORE, VA -- New Ravenna Mosaics introduces the Ikat Collection in jewel glass. Designer Sara Baldwin has interpreted the ancient textile in her signature style, combining brilliant color and refined texture in jewel glass mosaics. Inspired by her travels along the Silk Road and her personal collection of Ikat textiles, Baldwin has integrated the classic patterns of Central Asian Ikat textiles with the glitter of reflective glass and mirror. The three Ikat patterns, Loom, Weft and Pamir are presented in five distinct colorways. The Ikat Collection is handcrafted in Virginia and created in a seamless, repeat pattern for interior vertical surfaces. [Read More](#)



The Precioustone Gallery now open

WHEELING, IL -- After several months of construction, the Precioustone Gallery is now open to the public at Terrazzo Marble & Supply Companies (T&M) in Wheeling, IL. As the exclusive distributor of The Precioustone Collection, T&M has invested substantial resources in a state-of-the-art showroom to display this high-end product line. Perfectly placed throughout the room are 12 colors in full slab perspective, eight of which are



backlit to demonstrate each stone's various dimensions. The back wall features a mosaic of the 18 unique colors that comprise this line, many of which are also backlit. [Read More](#)

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