



# NEWS

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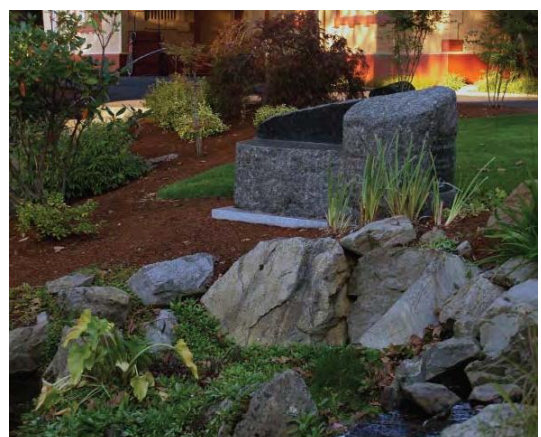
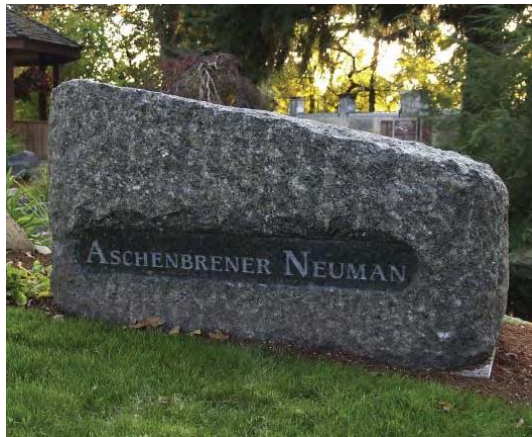
## Oregon Memorials Wins Award in MBNA National Design Contest

San Diego, California — **Oregon Memorials in Hillsboro, OR** won the Best Cremation Memorial award in Monument Builders of North America's (MBNA) 2012 Design Contest at its recent Joint Annual Meeting held in conjunction with the California Monument Association (CMA) and the Pacific Northwest Monument Builders Association (PNMBA) held February 24 – 26, 2012 at the Bahia Resort and Hotel in San Diego, California.

All MBNA members were eligible the 2012 MBNA Design Contest and entries are finished monuments (not just conceptual designs) that fall into one of the nine categories: Best Public/Civic Monument, Best Cremation Memorial, Best Hand Etched Memorial, Best Laser Etched Memorial, Best Hand Carved Memorial, Best Marker, Best Small Monuments (tablet size 3' or less in width and height), Best Large Monuments (tablet size over 3' in width and/or height), and Best Novice monument (open to large or small monuments by participants with less than 3 years in the industry). Winners in all categories were awarded a handsome miniature memorial for display in any office. In addition to winning in each categories, entrants were also eligible for the People's Choice Award (decided by those in attendance that the convention) and the Bert Gast Memorial Biondan Bronze Trophy for best overall monument, named for the instructor of MBNA's Design Correspondence Course, Bert Gast of Gast Memorials in Chicago, Illinois, who passed away in 2005.

All designs originated from MBNA member firms and were judged on elements of proportion, balance and the story the monument conveys.

The only design direction received for the winning entry was to create a bench that could accommodate two and had a rough texture. Oregon Memorials was able to exercise their creativity to come up with these amazing images.





**Sam Bronleewe of Oregon Memorials in Hillsboro, OR with 2011 MBNA Marketing Committee Chair Kay Stilson, CM of Garlinghouse Memorials in Lewiston, ID.**

MBNA is the largest trade association for firms and individuals in Canada and the United States that are engaged in the retail sale of monuments, wholesalers and manufacturers of monuments, or provide goods, services and materials to retailers or wholesalers of monuments.

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