

# North Carolina Masonry News



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## Convention Time!

### The NCMCA Annual Convention

March 26 – 29, 2026

### Hotel Ballast

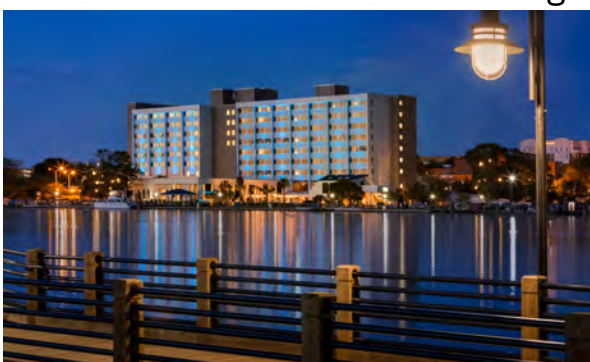
### Wilmington, NC

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The 52nd Annual NCMCA Convention is just around the corner! We have 250 people registered to attend this year. Our guest speaker will be National Geographic Adventurer of the Year Jennifer Pharr Davis.

Thursday night will be the "Welcome to the Beach Party" featuring The Mighty Saints of Soul. Jennifer will be speaking Friday morning, followed by our annual golf outing. We are also offering an option to tour the Battleship North Carolina via a water taxi from the hotel and ending the day with an auction. Our Annual Meeting will be Saturday morning, followed by a fishing excursion and lastly our Dinner Banquet Saturday night. We look forward to seeing you March 26th in Wilmington, NC.



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# NORTH CAROLINA WINS BIG AT LAS VEGAS!!!

NCMCA was well represented at the World of Concrete, Masonry Madness Day in Las Vegas, NV on January 21. We had ten young men and women competing in various competitions and they represented North Carolina strong!

David Hernandez-Herrera from Whitman Masonry in Raleigh won First Place in the Second Year Skills Challenge Apprentice Contest. Grant Helms and his uncle/tender Keith Helms of Helms Masonry in Mt. Pleasant won the SPEC MIX Bricklayer 500.

Grant was the wild card contestant and the youngest to ever win the SPEC MIX Bricklayer 500. Congratulations guys!!! Ethan Eddings and Garret Watkins from Jesse Carson High School in Rowan County competed in the Jr. Bricklayer. Aydin Merry, Abril Baza, and Hector Garcia of Columbus Career & Academy in Whiteville were runners-up in the Junior Block Layer. Father and son duo of Michael and Mason Ridenhour of Ridenhour Masonry in Rockwell also competed in the SPEC MIX Bricklayer 500.



David Hernandez-Herrera with Whitman Masonry



Grant & Keith Helms with Helms Masonry



Ethan Eddings and Garret Watkins of Jesse Carson High School



Michael & Mason Ridenhour with Ridenhour Masonry



Aydin Merry, Abril Baza and Hector Garcia of Columbus Career & Academy



# RALEIGH/MURDELL 2026



Murdell 26 (that is not a misspelling) was another successful event if you could disregard the weather. We were rained out Sunday so have not crowned a champion yet but plan to do so this spring – plans underway and will be finalized and sent out.

We had 61 participants, the most ever – had 9 masonry contracting companies represented which brought out the crowd. 10 newcomers who appeared to survive intact and will be back. Mark Fairman, Greg Breeze, Tony Capponi and David James were the victors Friday, and the Block team beat the devil out of the Brick team Saturday.

We had 19 sponsors that helped us raise over \$13,000 for the weekend all going towards masonry promotions so a worthy cause. 325 days until Murdell 27. January 15-17, 2027. Rumor has us changing hotel venues to protect our participants – more details to follow.

No one made a hole in one this year so that purse will be \$1,900+ next year if anyone is successful.

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# CliffsNotes® A Message from President, Cliff McGee

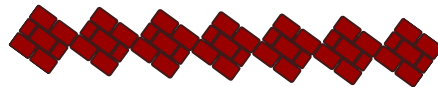
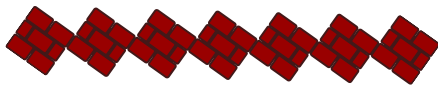


With winter almost over and spring right around the corner, we have a lot of exciting events coming up on the calendar. We've got several "warm up" regional masonry contests ahead of us as well as the Skills USA High School Contest and the Sam McGee Memorial Contest. We will also be hosting our Annual Convention the last weekend in March and of course all of our local chapter meetings will continue.

I encourage everyone to make the effort to participate in and attend as many of these events as you can, along with the rest of the activities on the calendar. From my experience, one of the greatest benefits of the NCMCA membership is the opportunity to spend time in fellowship with other members and associates. The relationships built through this association are truly what makes it special.

On that note, this will be my last set of "Cliff Notes" I'll be sending out, as my time as President ends after the convention, as it is a Pass the Gavel year. I want to sincerely thank each of you for everything you do to support the NCMCA and help make the association it is. I'm also grateful to everyone who has supported and encouraged me from the time I was elected to the board until now. Serving in this role has truly been a wonderful experience and one I will always carry with me.

Thank you all,  
Cliff



**THE NCMCA'S MASONRY PROMOTION AND OUTREACH COORDINATOR, ASHTON FAIRCHILD, IS PROMOTING MASONRY ACROSS THE STATE FROM HER NEW PROMASTER VAN THAT IS FULL EQUIPPED WITH THE MASONRY TOOLS NECESSARY FOR CAREER DAYS, HIGH SCHOOL/COMMUNITY COLLEGE OUTREACH EVENTS, AND HANDS-ON OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE AEC COMMUNITY.**

# THE NCMCA SAMUEL A. MCGEE MEMORIAL MASONRY SKILLS CONTEST



**SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026**  
**SPONSORED BY JOHNSON CONCRETE PRODUCTS**  
**HELD AT BEN KETCHIE PARK, GOLD HILL, NC**  
**REGISTRATION WILL BE ON THE NCMCA**  
**WEBSITE STARTING APRIL 7TH AND CLOSING**  
**MAY 2ND.**

See NCMCA's best apprentices compete for cash and tool prizes!  
As well as an all-new Fastest Trowel on the Block competition!  
Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> in Gold Hill, NC at Ben Ketchie Park.

This year's event will be **HUGE FAMILY FRIENDLY DAY!** We will have a bounce house, fishing contest, and a dunk tank that will lead to a lot of fun and a lot of laughs.

Donations of cash and prizes are solicited. Donors will be recognized. Special thanks to Johnson Concrete/Stalite for hosting this year's event!

## Mr. Sam's Contest

Samuel Alexander McGee (1939-2015) was co-founder and President of McGee Brothers Company in Monroe. Recognized as an innovator in the industry, Sam was inducted into the Masonry Contractors Association of America "hall-of-Fame" in 2014. He was inducted into the National Masonry Instructors Association "Hall-of-Fame" in 2012 and was among the first individuals to earn the designation "Certified Masonry Executive" in the NCMCA Masonry Contractor Certification Program. He had a passion for the masonry industry and for encouraging and teaching young people craft skills, especially masonry. In recognition of his contribution and dedication to masonry in the Carolinas, the annual contest is named in his memory.

## The David R. Sigmon Award

The apprentice that finished with the top score will be presented the "David R. Sigmon Award" as first place finisher of the Annual NCMCA Samuel A. McGee Memorial Apprentice Skills Contest. The award is named in memory of David Sigmon, a journeyman mason from Hickory who passed away in 1998 while serving as NCMCA President-Elect and who had been active in promoting this contest and other programs around the state to recruit and develop young craftsmen for masonry careers.



## "Promotion & Outreach in Motion" by Ashton Fairchild



"It is crazy to think I've been with NCMCA for 2 months now as the Masonry Promotion & Outreach Coordinator. Time flies when you're having fun! I've been actively visiting schools, connecting with students, instructors and administrators to promote masonry career pathways and build meaningful relationships across the state. Ryan and I have been working on a comprehensive database of instructors and program directors across the state to strengthen communication and keep track of our schools. This will also allow us to track our active and inactive programs making it easier for us to reach out to the right people depending on their needs.

Our pre-apprenticeship program is really building popularity with the students. I have created a flyer with a QR code for students to fill out an application for the program. We already have 20+ students registered and ready to work for the summer. Due to this high demand, be on the lookout for calls, texts and emails from me about the 10+ students each company will take on the job this summer!



## ALLIANCE AGREEMENT UPDATE

The NCMCA is proud to announce the continuation of the Alliance Agreement with the Occupational Safety and Health Division of the NC Department of Labor. OSH and NCMCA formed an alliance to use their collective expertise to help foster a culture of prevention while sharing best practices and technical knowledge.

While in Raleigh, Commissioner Luke Farley requested the 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual State Fair Masonry contest project from First Place Winner David Hernandez-Herrera from Whitman Masonry be displayed at the North Carolina Labor Office. This building was built around 1887 and designed by Architect Gustavus Adolphus Bauer and displays the true beauty of masonry.

Pictured Left to right: Ryan Shaver - NCMCA Executive Vice President, Tim Manning - NCMCA President Elect, Luke Farley - NC Labor Commissioner, and Cliff McGee, NCMCA President.



# Certification Update & Future Classes

On March 11 we will be offering Module 4 - "Structural Engineering Basics for Masonry Professionals" presented by Jason Thompson, PE and Meagan Elfert from York Flashings will be presenting. If you are interested in taking this class, please contact Brandy Shaver at [brandy.shaver@ncmca.com](mailto:brandy.shaver@ncmca.com). All classes include lunch and dessert and are held at 73 & Main Restaurant in Mt. Pleasant.

Future classes:

Module 5 - April 8, 2026 Mastering the Details in Masonry Construction  
Robert Carmac, AIA, LEED AP BD+C, CSI, CDT

Module 6 - May 20, 2026 Blueprint Reading and Estimating Basics  
Danks Burton, CME

Module 7 - June 17, 2026 Masonry Special Inspection  
Christine Subasic, PE

Module 8 - July 22, 2026 Masonry Estimating & Bidding Workshop  
Doug Burton, CME

## SkillsUSA Southwest Regional Masonry Contest

Contest season has arrived! The SkillsUSA Southwest Regional Masonry contest was held in Salisbury, NC on February 28<sup>th</sup>. There were 48 total contestants in three divisions which drew a large crowd. Regionals are held across the state to prepare the students for the upcoming SkillsUSA State Masonry contest on April 16<sup>th</sup> at the Greensboro Coliseum in Greensboro, NC. Congratulations to all the winners and we look forward to seeing them in April!

Pictured left to right




Masonry II Competition: 2<sup>nd</sup> place Levi Greene from West Stanly High School, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Henry Smith from North Stanly, 1<sup>st</sup> place Ty Sweat from East Rowan High School.



Blocklaying Competition: 1<sup>st</sup> place Nash Mullis from North Stanly High School, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Jace Shephard from East Rowan High School, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Lazaro Carranz from Alleghany High School.



Masonry I Competition: 3<sup>rd</sup> place Jacob Adkins from Alleghany High School, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Harrison Jones from South Rowan High School, 1<sup>st</sup> place Jared Molina from West Stanly High School.



44<sup>th</sup>

Annual Oldcastle APG

# TOP TROWEL AND LINE BURNER CONTEST

## March 20, 2026

### A CELEBRATION of MASONRY

The 44th annual contest returns this year with exciting opportunities for high school masonry students to compete for cash prizes. There are opportunities for all levels starting with the Masonry I contest up through the high stakes Line Burner competition. Be sure to visit the Masonry Industry Showcase to see new products, technology, and the future of our industry.

### 3 CONTEST EVENTS:

- ◆ Masonry 1
- ◆ Masonry 2
- ◆ Line Burner

Cash & Prizes  
of more than  
**\$7,500**

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SkillsUSA Regional  
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Educational Showcase

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# CHAPTER UPDATES

## METROLINA CHAPTER

The Metrolina Chapter continues to build momentum through active meetings and strong member engagement. Our February meeting was held at The Serve Pickleball Kitchen and we had a blast! Please note that due to the Annual Meeting in March, the chapter will not hold a regular meeting that month.

The following chapter meeting is scheduled for April 23rd at Olde Meck Brewery.

Membership remains steady, with ongoing efforts focused on outreach, retention, and welcoming new industry professionals. We look forward to continued growth and strong participation in the months ahead.

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## EASTERN CHAPTER

Our February meeting was held at Duck's Grille and Bar where we will be finalizing preparations for the Top Trowel & Lineburner Contest. The Eastern Chapter will also be sponsoring "Welcome to the Beach Party" at the NCMCA convention on Thursday night. We hope to see everyone there!

The Eastern Chapter would like to thank all of its members and industry partners for their continual dedication to fundraising efforts. We have an unprecedented and very special initiative to announce in Wilmington.

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## CENTRAL PIEDMONT CHAPTER

The Central Piedmont's next meeting is March 9th at Bleu in Winston Salem. Brian Miller with Sentinal will be our guest speaker presenting about insurance. The address is 3425 Frontis Street.

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## LAND OF THE SKY CHAPTER

The Land of Sky chapter has been meeting every 3rd Tuesday night at the Mills River Restaurant. We had instructors from 5 of the 8 local programs at our January meeting to offer our continued support to their programs. Ashton was introduced to the chapter and instructors that night. She was able to network with most everyone and schedule times to attend their classes. We had a great turnout with 28 people in attendance. We held a coordination meeting in February for our high school contest coming up on March 13 at the Smoky Mountain Event Center. The contest is a busy day and there is very little time for interaction with competing students by the time we judge and cleanup. We came up with some ideas to interact with students after the contest that we will be discussing as a chapter. Ashton attended this meeting as well and we were able to check out the new MPOC van.

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## RALEIGH CHAPTER

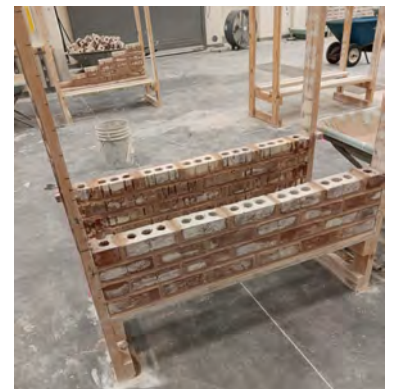
The Raleigh Chapter met on January 5th at Cantina 18 in Raleigh for a forward-looking meeting. Ryan Shaver was joined by our new Masonry Promotion and Outreach Coordinator, Ashton Fairchild, to share their vision for 2026. They outlined strategic goals for reaching the next generation and promoting our industry. The Raleigh Chapter Murdell 2026 Golf Tournament was held on January 16-18 and is in the books. Thanks to Doug and Danks Burton for putting it all together and thanks to all our sponsors and participants. Congratulations to David Hernandez-Herrera of Whitman Masonry. David won 1st place in the 2nd Year Skills Challenge Contest at the World of Concrete in Las Vegas. Our next meeting will be held on March 2nd at Cantina 18.

# Program Spotlight on Davie County High School Masonry Class

## By Ricky Bryant

The CTE Masonry Program, here at Davie County High School is one of county tradition, pride and integrity. I have 25 years of real-world construction work experience and have always done masonry jobs. I used the masonry industry to work my way thru getting my 4 yr. degree in Business from High Point University. Teaching became an interest of mine because of my age and enjoy working with young adults. Each year I have taken my students to the Masonry Education Day (Spec Mix Regional Competition) in Gold Hill, N.C. This year I had an all-young- ladies brick team and they enjoyed every bit of it. That day is so great for all my students to be involved in and so much fun. Students in my masonry classes get hands-on and classroom instruction in masonry materials, tools, techniques, safety, and construction math. I love to see students complete progressive projects, earn industry credentials, and participate in work-based learning. The students being able to learn things in the classroom and apply those things in the hands-on learning lab is awesome. The impact it has on students is where we "WIN". DCHS CTE Masonry program has partnerships with local contractors and colleges create clear pathways to paid internships, job placements, and continued education, while reducing the skills gap for industry employers. Additionally, the program supports equitable access to well-paying careers for students who might not follow a traditional college route, builds community through visible campus improvements, and cultivates pride and professional identity in students as they produce durable, real-world work. Under my guidance I try to encourage strong work ethic in students not only contributes to their academic success but also prepares them for future endeavors, instilling valuable life skills that will benefit them beyond the classroom. Encourage and fostering a robust work ethic can lead to greater motivation, responsibility, and achievement in their educational pursuits. I tell my students all the time:

"We Must Have Skills to Pay Bills!"



# CMU CHECK OFF UPDATE FROM JAMES CAIN

The CMU Checkoff Program had a successful 2025! Checkout the Year in Review video here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=97EzLh-iQWk>

Checkoff has ramped up rolling out many new resources masonry contractors and other can take advantage of for FREE!

The New Block Design Collective (BDC) is up and running. It is **100% free support** from simple technical questions to design, takeoffs etc. Here is the link to share with your teams for free technical help. <https://beautyofblock.com/block-design-collective/>

- Who can use this service? AEC Community, Producers, Associate Members, GCs, masonry contractors, universities and more.
- Code references advice, Detail and spec reviews, Fire and sound ratings, Constructability advice, Detailing for moisture control
- Energy code compliance, Construction-phase questions, Cost estimating for qualifying projects

New Region 2 Technical Director - Danielle Mokris email: [DMokris@blockdesign.org](mailto:DMokris@blockdesign.org) cell: 850.628.5454

- Danielle is boots on the ground in R2. She offers technical assistance on your projects. Check out the BDC - Monthly Update - Southeast Region - January 2026 here: <https://reports.concretemasonrycheckoff.org/monthly-update/southeast-region/january-2026>

Free Block Bites Resources (Information and Downloadable Flyers) <https://beautyofblock.com/resource-type/block-bites/>

- Cost-Savings Strategies for Concrete Masonry Construction <https://beautyofblock.com/2025/10/22/cost-savings-strategies-for-concrete-masonry-construction/>
- Thermal Performance of Concrete Masonry Construction <https://beautyofblock.com/2025/09/22/thermal-performance-of-concrete-masonry-construction/>
- Crack Control in Concrete Masonry Construction <https://beautyofblock.com/2025/09/30/crack-control-in-concrete-masonry-construction/>
- Properties and Characteristics in Concrete Masonry Construction <https://beautyofblock.com/2025/09/26/properties-and-characteristics-in-concrete-masonry-construction/>
- Specifying Fire Resistance Ratings for Concrete Masonry Construction <https://beautyofblock.com/2025/09/23/specifying-fire-resistance-ratings-for-concrete-masonry-construction/>
- Moisture Control for Concrete Masonry Wall Construction <https://beautyofblock.com/2025/09/23/moisture-control-for-concrete-masonry-wall-construction/>
- Sound Abatement and Concrete Masonry Construction <https://beautyofblock.com/2025/09/22/sound-abatement-and-concrete-masonry-construction/>

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<https://beautyofblock.com/resource-type/continuing-education/>

- Concrete Masonry: From Manufacturing to Structural Applications

<https://beautyofblock.com/2025/09/29/concrete-masonry-from-manufacturing-to-structural-applications/>

- Major Changes in Masonry Structural Standards: TMS 402/602-22

<https://beautyofblock.com/2025/09/10/major-changes-in-masonry-structural-standards-tms-402-602-22/>

Key Properties Related to ASTM C90 & Concrete Masonry

<https://beautyofblock.com/2025/09/10/key-properties-related-to-astm-c90-concrete-masonry/>

- Concrete Masonry: Inherent Resilience

<https://beautyofblock.com/2025/09/10/concrete-masonry-inherent-resilience/>

- CMU Embodied Carbon: Understanding Impacts Through LCA

<https://beautyofblock.com/2025/09/10/cmu-embodied-carbon-understanding-impacts-through-lca/>

- CMU Embodied Carbon: Not All Concrete is the Same

<https://beautyofblock.com/2025/09/10/cmu-embodied-carbon-not-all-concrete-is-the-same/>

- Core Performance: The 5 Ss of Concrete Masonry

<https://beautyofblock.com/2025/09/08/core-performance-the-5-ss-of-concrete-masonry/>

Free Design Calculators

<https://beautyofblock.com/resource-type/design-calculators/>

- Masonry Compressive Strength Calculator

<https://beautyofblock.com/2025/09/24/masonry-compressive-strength-calculator/>

- Section Properties and Wall Weights Calculator

<https://beautyofblock.com/2025/09/18/section-properties-and-wall-weights-calculator/>

- Lap Splice & Development Length Calculator

<https://beautyofblock.com/2025/09/18/lap-splice-development-length-calculator/>



There are so many great resources to take advantage of right now! If I can help in anyway feel free to reach out to me.

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– Sam Rubenzer  
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– Michael Schuller,  
PE | Atkinson-Noland & Associates,  
Consulting Engineers

## OUR TEAM

Our team of Regional Technical Directors is backed by a trusted network of practicing designers and architects with extensive masonry experience. Together, we bring a shared commitment to problem-solving, partnership, and delivering support at the highest possible level.

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# Dates to Remember



**Remember to check the calendar on the NCMCA website for the latest dates, times, and locations for all events!**

**March 11, 2026 - Module 4 Certification Series 13**

**March 13, 2026 - Land of the Sky High School Masonry Contest, Smoky Mountain Event Center, Waynesville, NC**

**March 20, 2026 - Oldcastle APG High School Contest, Goldsboro, NC**

**March 26 - 28, 2026 - NCMCA Annual Convention, Wilmington, NC**

**April 8, 2026 - Module 5 Certification Series 13**

**April 16, 2026 - SkillsUSA Masonry Contest, Greensboro, NC**

**May 7, 2026 - Caldwell County Masonry Contest, Caldwell County Fairgrounds, Lenior, NC**

**May 16, 2026 - Sam McGee Memorial Contest, Ben Ketchie Park, Gold Hill, NC**

**May 20, 2026 - Module 6 Certification Series 13**

**June 1-5, 2026 - SkillsUSA Nationals, Atlanta, Ga**

**June 11, 2026 - Central Piedmont Chapter's Golf Tournament, Stoney Creek Golf Club, Whitsett, NC**

**June 17, 2026 - Module 7 Certification Series 13**

**July 22, 2026 - Module 8 Certification Series 13**

**September 13 - 17, 2026 - MCAA Mid-Year Convention, San Antonio, TX**

**October 8, 2026 - Masonry Education Day, Ben Ketchie Park, Gold Hill, NC**

**October 19, 2026 - NC State Fair Contest, Raleigh, NC**

**October 29, 2026 - Board Meeting, Triangle Brick, Durham, NC**

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