



Affiliate Profile: IMI

The International Masonry Institute educates craftspeople in every aspect of stone work but it also provides training to architects with help from Maria Viteri AIA, LEED AP, who serves the organization as the Director of Sustainability and Program Development. Local firms may be familiar with Masonry Camp, a two week program run every year by the IMI that pairs designers with crafts people in hands-on design projects.

“Besides Camp, on the education side we’re doing lots of green learning through local seminars, lunch-box sessions, and conferences,” says Viteri, “we’ve recently done AIA accredited programs in Pittsburgh, Minnesota, New Jersey and Pittsburgh.” The big buzz-word in the stone business right now is the same as everywhere else – green. “What’s interesting to me is we’re now looking at the green aspect in the same fundamental ways we looked at sustainable design twenty or thirty years ago,” says Viteri.

Good design doesn’t go away as Viteri takes a holistic approach to the message she spreads for the IMI. “We can now talk about how the outside of the building impacts what’s inside the building,” she says, “it’s an integrated way of design thinking.” IMI works out of offices in Annapolis and the state-of-the-art Flynn Training center in Bowie. To get the lowdown



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Maria Viteri teaches at IMI’s “Masonry Camp”

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