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Quarra Taps Margaret Ann Conlon for its Nationally Recognized Stone Carving Team

Quarra continues its commitment to diversity in the workplace and encouraging qualified women to enter traditionally male dominated stone industry trades... Ms. Conlon first female to earn her BS degree in Architectural Stone Carving at the American College of Building Arts

Madison, WI—October 12, 2010 –John Rodell, the executive vice president of Madison, WI-based Quarra Stone, has tapped Margaret Ann Conlon to join its nationally recognized stone carving team. Quarra supplies and fabricates natural stone for signature architectural projects and landmark building restorations throughout North America.

Mr. Rodell said that Ms. Conlon's appointment not only demonstrates the company's commitment to hire the most talented artisans available; but also its interest in encouraging qualified women to enter what have been traditionally male- dominated trades. Quarra recently hosted a female master carver from Germany as a guest artist for a three-year stint to help mentor its stone carving team and work on high-profile carving projects.

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“ Ms. Conlon is an extremely capable and superbly trained college graduate and stone artisan with an impressive record of demanding summer internships here and abroad and a great asset for our staff,” remarked Mr. Rodell. “We are also very pleased to continue our initiative of encouraging qualified women to consider entering the stone industry and working with us at Quarra. “

In her capacity as a stone carver for Quarra, Ms. Conlon will work on select carving teams assigned to premier historic restoration projects now underway at Quarra such as the Curtis Institute in Philadelphia, PA and the New York State Capitol in Albany, NY.

Ms. Conlon was a scholarship student at the American College of Building Arts in Charleston, Carolina and was the first female to earn a BS degree in Architectural Stone Carving there. Among her numerous accomplishments as an undergraduate was her participation in a partnership between the University of Florida College of Design, the Preservation Trade Network, and the American College of the Building Arts on restoration efforts in Hurricane Katrina damaged New Orleans.

During the summer of Summer 2008, she was selected for an internship at the Lincoln Cathedral in Linconshire, UK, training with the Cathedral Works Department in conservation methods. Ms. Conlon was also an intern with the Prince’s Trust Foundation, The Prince of Wales's Building Crafts Apprenticeship in London, England, studying concepts in green and urban design

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About Quarra Stone:

Founded by James Durham in 1989 and headquartered in Madison, WI, Quarra Stone fabricates and supplies high quality architectural exterior and interior stone for signature building projects throughout North America. Quarra's team has collaborated with the nation's leading institutions and premier architectural designers on some of America's most prominent historic landmarks and new award-winning architecture. Recognized for technological innovation and leadership in the world's stone marketplace, Quarra has developed a distinguished portfolio of high profile national projects such as Yale University's Bass Library and Harkness Tower, the U. S. Supreme Court and the restoration of the Kansas State Capitol.

Recently, Quadra completed its largest project, the newly opened Capitol Visitor Center in Washington D.C. which is expected to host three million visitors a year.

In January, Quarra launched a comprehensive database that identifies dimensional stone quarries throughout the U.S., Canada and Mexico. The database is designed to enable architects who are specifying natural stone in their projects to earn points towards LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification Please contact us at 608/246-8803 or visit us at www.quarrastone.com