

NATURAL STONE BRIDGES THE PAST AND THE FUTURE





RESTORING A QUEEN

Narragansett, Rhode Island was a popular summer resort town in 1887 when this Queen Anne Victorian home was built. With stained-glass windows, ornate bargeboards, and a charming assortment of shingle styles, it was a turn-of-the-century dream home. Flash forward 130+ years and the once stately Victorian still stands, but the exterior weathered, the interior structurally deficient, and the home sitting on its corner lot, vacant and abandoned.

The choices made when preserving and rehabbing an historic home helps keep history alive. And that's why Polycor materials, with their own storied history, were the perfect solution for this extensive project.





Over the years, the Queen Anne Victorian went from a dream home to a diamond in the rough. Rehabbing a home like this was complicated, detailed and exacting work—built on maintaining as much historic architectural value and charm as possible—and, in this instance, had the additional challenge of meeting historic district commission guidelines.

Together with a team of skilled craftsmen, including full design build firm Sweenor Builders and mason Mark McCullough, the house has been restored, renovated and reimagined.





The nice thing is that the stone is going to **weather perfectly** and not stand out as new construction. It's going to hold its color, but weather in a manner that looks like it's been there for a **long time**.

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Vice-President, Hardspaces & Masonry Sales

In the front of the home, the distinctive shingle and trim patterns take center stage, while the **WOODBURY GRAYTM** granite driveway cobblestones, walkway pavers, and stair treads give the space an historic look and feel while providing a neutral base for the vibrant Victorian colors of the exterior.





The **WOODBURY GRAYTM** granite in the front yard **really blended** with the two blue tones that we used on the house, which were inspired by its proximity to the ocean.

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Interior Designer at Sweenor Builders

HISTORY RIGHT AT HOME

Curb appeal starts with natural stone hardscaping products and accessories. Straight from Polycor's iconic North American quarries to your backyard.

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MULTI-USE OUTDOOR LIVING

A multi-use outdoor living environment with history.

The completely reconcepted backyard area features **INDIANA LIMESTONE - FULL COLOR BLENDTM**. While the stone is quarried out of Southern Indiana, the same stone is prominently featured in one of the most famous buildings in Rhode Island, the Breakers Mansion in Newport shore. The Breakers was built around the same time as the Seaside Victorian Cottage, making the limestone a historically appropriate choice for the renovation project.



PATTERN PAVERS

Sold in sets and available in three different sizes, pattern pavers provide contractors with many more design options. Simplify your design with pre-configured layouts.

Dimensions	Thickness	
12" X 24"	1/2"	
24" X 24"	1/2"	
24" X 36"	1/2"	

Only available in INDIANA LIMESTONE - FULL COLOR BLENDTM

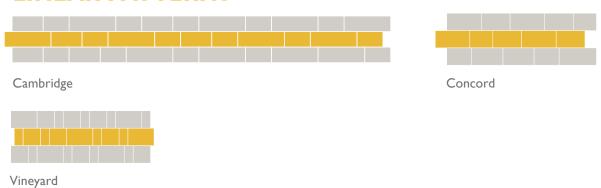


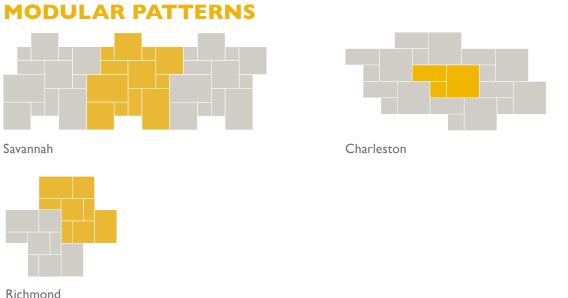
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LINEAR PATTERNS







Rhode Island is a very small community and it's **very proud** of its history. And to be able to talk about The Breakers and the state house and how that applies to this particular job, that was kind of exciting.

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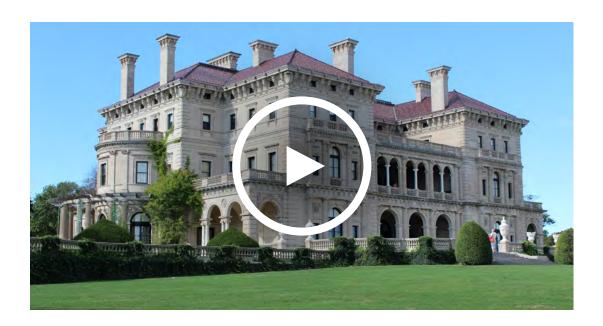
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CENTURIES OF HISTORIC STONE

THE BREAKERS

Local turn-of-the-century architecture draws tourists along the scenic Cliff Walk where stunning homes are perched atop seaside promenades overlooking the Atlantic. The panoramic vistas, ocean air, roaring surf and stone outcrops attracted the nation's elite in the 19th century.

The Breakers mansion was designed as a summer cottage for railroad magnate Cornelius Vanderbilt II. Completed in 1897, it is the grandest home in all of Newport. Built in an Italian Renaissance style, it is also constructed entirely out of the same Indiana Limestone, a favorite of Mr. Vanderbilt's for all his architecture, including Grand Central Station in New York City.



RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE

In the capital of "Little Rhody", Providence is a bustling urban center just a short drive from the coast. Known for its colorful history at the forefront of the industrial revolution, there were originally five separate capitals.

When Providence was finally settled as the seat of government in 1854 Polycor's historic Georgia Marble quarry in Tate, GA supplied all the stone for the construction of the Rhode Island State House which boasts the world's 4th largest self supporting marble dome (trailing just behind St. Peter's Basilica in Rome and the Taj Mahal). Coincidentally, it's the same stone that is still quarried today, which is used at the Seaside Victorian, and that brings together the history with the town.



THIN SLICE, TO GO

A prefabricated fireplace and brick pizza oven combination by Round Grove Products is the show piece of the new outdoor kitchen. The one-ton unit was built in sections in Ohio and trucked to the Rhode Island site where it was clad in INDIANA LIMESTONE - FULL COLOR BLENDTM, ROCKFORD ESTATE BLEND® split and tumbled thin veneer. The thin stone veneer allowed mason Mark McCullough to make a lot of progress in a short amount of time for an ultimately fast installation.

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ROCKFORD ESTATE BLEND®

ROCKFORD ESTATE BLEND® is a lightly tumbled, genuine natural stone veneer. It provides a full range of natural colors and sizes that will accentuate each application's dynamics and architectural style. Available in both thin and full-bed veneer.

THIN-VENEER

Height	Depth	Length
2" - 12"	3/4" - 1/4"	8" - 18"

CORNERS

Height	Depth	Length
2" - 12"	3" - 4"	4" - 12"

FULL-BED VENEER

Height	Depth	Length
2" - 12"	3" - 4"	6" - 18"

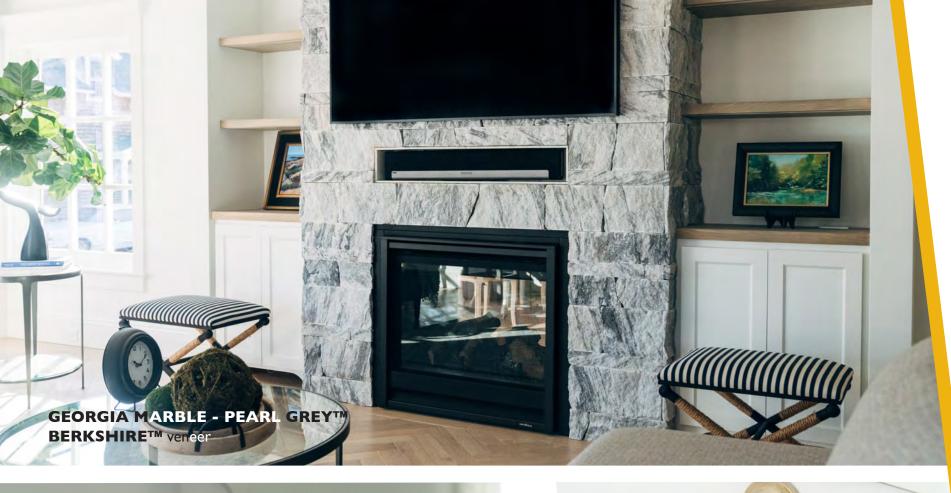
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INDIANA LIMESTONE - FULL COLOR BLEND™, Tumbled









The interior of the first floor was gutted, with steel beams and posts inserted to open up and expand the living area, which features a fireplace clad in **BERKSHIRE**TM veneer in **GEORGIA MARBLE - PEARL GREY**TM.

On the second floor, the luxurious master suite—part of the new addition—includes a large ensuite bathroom where sinks, with a finish reminiscent of the luminosity of seashells, sit at a ³/₄ mount atop a **GEORGIA**MARBLE - PEARL GREYTM.

countertop in the new space.



With a lot of fireplaces, the stone can make it feel much heavier. And this house just demanded something that was light and airy, and the GEORGIA MARBLE - PEARL GREYTM definitely was a great application for that.

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STONES INTHE PROJECT



INDIANA LIMESTONE - FULL COLOR BLEND™
Honed

Quarried in Bloomington, IN, USA



INDIANA LIMESTONE - FULL COLOR BLEND™, ROCKFORD ESTATE BLEND® veneer

Quarried in Bloomington, IN, USA



WOODBURY GRAY™ granite Thermal

Quarried in Woodbury, VT, USA



GEORGIA MARBLE - PEARL GREY™, BERKSHIRE™ Thin-Veneer Split face

Quarried in Tate, GA, USA

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UPGRADE YOUR OUTDOOR LIGHTING: HOW TO INSTALL A GRANITE LAMP POST



HOW TO BUILD A NATURAL STONE PILLAR ONTO A GARDEN WALL

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YOUR IDEAS.



