

## NCMA OPTIONAL EVENTS

### NCMA PDCC Forum

*Wednesday, February 29 – 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm*

Concrete masonry and hardscape producers always enjoy this bi-annual event where they have the opportunity to discover great new products! This forum puts into action the charge of the Production Development and Creative Concepts Subcommittee which is to support and advance the development of new and existing concrete masonry products, method of production, innovation in block and brick designs and systems integration within markets, through the continuous search for new products and uses for concrete masonry.

### NCMA Political Fundraiser

*Friday, March 2 – 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm*

At almost every Annual Convention and Midyear Meeting, the NCMA Political Action Committee (NCMA PAC) has hosted a political fundraiser for a member of Congress that has demonstrated a real interest in supporting the concrete masonry industry on Capitol Hill. Past honorees include Senators Susan Collins (R-ME), Ken Salazar (D-CO), and Evan Bayh (D-IN). Join us in Orlando on Friday night, March 2 from 6:00 to 7:00 for a festive gathering and personal appearance of a to-be-named Member of Congress who has been very helpful to NCMA in promoting the concrete masonry industry's Check-Off bill. A personal or PAC contribution will be required for admittance. (The honoree will be named as soon as NCMA receives official acceptance of our invitation.)

### NCMA PAC Fundraiser

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Then walk across the hall and join fellow politically astute members at NCMA's gala PAC Fundraiser. This fun-filled event is the most important fundraising component of NCMA's annual drive to support the PAC by raising vital funds to support its program of giving to candidates that advocate for our industry on Capitol Hill. In this year when NCMA is so heavily engaged in bringing our Check-Off bill to completion, it is particularly important that the NCMA PAC replenish its coffers for supporting candidates with which NCMA has close ties in support of the important Check-Off initiative. Your registration fee for this event is used for this purpose. Door prizes are a major draw of the event, and again we will provide drawings for many door prizes.

### NCMA/ICPI Safety Awards and Design Awards of Excellence Event

*Friday, March 2 — 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm*

*Cost: \$85 members / \$100 nonmembers*

The winners of the NCMA/ICPI Design Awards of Excellence Event in masonry design and construction as well as the winners of the annual NCMA/ICPI Safety Awards will be honored at this ever popular annual event. The Cast Stone Institute (CSI) will also present their Design Awards at this event.

### NCMA/ICPI Block and Paver Plant Tour

*Saturday, March 3 — 6:30 am – 11:00 am*

*Cost: \$55 members / \$155 nonmembers*

Attendees of the Block and Paver Plant Tour will enjoy a continental breakfast before heading out to visit three plants located in the Orlando area including A-1 Block, Bedrock Industries and Tarmac. A-1 Block produces hardscape products and architectural block. Their fully automated plant features in-line splitting of standard products plus a specialty off-line splitter for wall veneer products. Bedrock Industries is a modern state of the art facility manufacturing both masonry and paver products. They feature a storage yard using close to five acres of pavers specially made to handle the heavy trucks. There is also a Bedrock ready-mix plant onsite as well. Tarmac is a dual line facility producing a variety of concrete units. During the tour they will be producing Pave Drain units using a core puller on one machine and standard units on the other.

### Airboat Adventure at Old Florida Fish Camp

*Saturday, March 3 — 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm*

*Cost: \$180 members / \$200 nonmembers*

The day's experiences will start on the bus ride to the Tosohatchee Florida Trail, an eco-system that borders a marsh, and a Tour Guide will narrate to your guests' en-route. The certified eco-guides will take you on a short 30 minute walk into the heart of this pristine wilderness before you are transferred to a 100 year old outpost, a turn-of-the-century fish camp. At fish camp, guests will enjoy a sampling of alligator tail and a cold beverage.

Afterwards, you will board an airboat to ride the American Heritage River. Each airboat has its own guide and a Coast Guard licensed boat captain. Learn about the fresh water eco-system, alligators, and the many creatures that call this habitat home. This is an easy adventure without the dirt or danger. The ambiance of the fish camp and the natural beauty of Florida will make this outing memorable.