



NORTHWEST HARDSCAPE SOLUTIONS, INC.

*Practical Hardscape Solutions for Landscape  
Architects, Designers and Contractors*

# SOLUTIONS



Above top to bottom: One of the team drilling a bronze basalt column using a 30 lb. pneumatic drill. Completed center stone feature with top of stone honed to disburse water evenly to all sides.

## NW Hardscape Solutions, Inc.

Northwest Hardscape Solutions, Inc. offers a unique and specialized collection of services, technical know-how and creative input to professionals involved in creating natural environments.

It is through this collaborative fusion of efforts that Northwest Hardscape Solutions, Inc. is able to assist Landscape Architects, Designers and Contractors to facilitate their ongoing efforts and to assist in the achievement of their creative vision.

The most interesting attribute of Northwest Hardscape Solutions, Inc. is in its implementation: a fully mobile, on-site capability—in addition to an established studio and sound business relationships with local stone suppliers.

Rocks no longer require traditional transport in order to be finished—they can be drilled and cored in place, stones can be masoned, cut, split, and sculpted at the jobsite; basins can be formed and finished in place. Stones can be finished with a vast range of textures or designs and signs can be carved after the stone has been placed and site work is complete.

Northwest Hardscape Solutions, Inc. offers an amazingly flexible and efficient means of achieving the creative goals of Landscape Professionals.

### *Services: In-Studio or On-Site*

#### WATER FEATURES

- Drilling and Coring Services
- Bowl and Basin Carving

#### TEXTURES AND SURFACE FINISHES

- Bush Hammered Textures
- Sand-blasting
- Hydro-blasting
- Thermal Finishes
- Saw Cutting
- Grinding, Honing and Polishing

#### STONE MASONING

- Breaking and Splitting
- Shape Cutting and Forming
- Dressing and Hand Finishing

#### CARVING AND SCULPTURAL FEATURES

- Oriental Graphic Motifs and Sculptural Aesthetics
- Bas-relief and Graphic Imagery
- Unique, Custom Shapes and Forms

#### LETTER CUTTING AND ENGRAVING

- Sandblast-etched and Hand-carved
- Addresses, Signs, Numbers and Graphic Elements

#### OTHER SERVICES

- Pattern Design
- Component Fabrication and Cutting
- Materials Handling
- Transport and Site Placement
- Pressure Washing and Site Cleanup



## Directing Nature

There is no small amount of irony in the idea of directing nature—it will ultimately do as it pleases despite our best and most persistent efforts.

And yet—among all of the glass and steel buildings, miles of strip malls and blacktop—all around us is evidence of the wise and sensible application of the built environment in harmony with nature. In stark contrast to so much of the built environment around us are the garden sanctuaries and park settings that allow us to find a moment—a quiet moment—to get away, to wind down, breathe, relax and find ourselves.

My involvement in the process of creating beauty in the built, natural environment is a satisfaction. As a sculptor, I can tell you that working with stone is one of life's secret pleasures—it is both a craft and an art form.

Sculpting stone contains an historic utility, while at the same time is an

ultimate form of expressive freedom, with the possibility of an enduring contribution to a uniquely human conversation that originated before the beginnings of recorded time.

Stone, water and plant life—elements of nature—directed to a beautiful, natural, human purpose.

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Founder/artisan Peter Attila Andrusko and his team of artisans blend traditional and cutting-edge technologies with old world craftsmanship to produce and offer a range of goods and services from unique individual works and large, multiple-piece installations to production scale studio work. While the primary focus is oriented around stone, the studio now produces in a wide variety of materials including: wood, metal and glass, as well as many newer, modern materials.

Northwest Hardscape Solutions, Inc. is a division of Specialty Masonry Contractors, Inc. a Licensed, Bonded and Insured Contracting Company Established in 1990 and doing business in Oregon (OR - CCB #66833) and Washington (WA - SPECIMC989CH) State.

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Above top to bottom: Completed water feature (top view on cover). Stone being split with traditional feather & shim method. Carved identity signage as component of water feature at up-scale residential community.



### *Project Profile*

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This finished, large format basin is part of a collection of stones executed for an up-scale residence in the Forest Park neighborhood. The stone for the main basin—an eight inch thick Iron Mountain slab—was hand-selected with the Landscape Designer and evaluated for final shape, form and basin specifications. The piece was then split and formed to the required parameters. A three inch diameter core was cut through the center of the stone to allow a high volume of water to enter and flow from the pool while minimizing the visible head. The basin was hand-carved to a depth of two inches at the center and honed to a zero taper at the outer edge. The lip was carefully ground and honed around the perimeter to allow for an even drop of water from all points of the circumference of the bowl. A natural inclusion in the stone was purposefully retained at one edge, where a cast bronze sparrow perches in immortal anticipation.

Northwest Hardscape Solutions, Inc. is an integral part of the Andrusko Group, a collection of companies specifically created to offer today's leading architects, designers, developers and contractors a unique mix of products and services that add extraordinary value to the process of creating the built environment.

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