

Riverbed Concrete: Innovative designs from a timeless source

What began as a battle between athletic competitors has been transformed into a partnership that is one of the driving forces in home and business design in the Boerne area. But success knows no bounds in the drive to be the best and Riverbed Concrete is making a name for itself locally and well beyond.

Riverbed Concrete Inc., is a design and installation company devoted to decorative concrete flooring and pre-cast concrete counter tops, sinks, planters, fire bowls, custom tiles and panels. They offer reliable, professional service with a reputable history of quality and beauty.

"We enjoy and have a deep appreciation for design and architecture, and encourage involved relationships with interior designers, architects, builders, and of course homeowners," said Harris.

Concrete, in one form or another, has been used in the manufacture and decor of homes since the time of the Romans. Riverbed Concrete has taken a

giant leap forward in the application of that medium, with stunningly beautiful results.

Riverbed owners, David Harris and David Forren, competed against each other throughout their school careers. While recuperating from sports-related injuries at the same time, that competitive spirit turned into a lasting friendship as well as securing a business partnership that has drawn attention from local, regional and national audiences. They both had influential family members who were craftsmen. Harris' father built a trimaran, a three-hulled sail boat, at their San Antonio home which influenced his use of fiberglass in the production process. Forren's family was in the construction business and he has been working with concrete all of his life. Their combined talents have been improving homes and businesses now for almost 10 years.

"We started this company without any bank loans," said Harris. "We've continue to operate the business loan free, and we reinvest as we grow."

The company has 10 employees, but with all of the designs, products and traveling to job sites locally, regionally and across the country, it takes a great deal of commitment, planning and discipline to accommodate an ever growing demand for new and repeat customers.

"We are very proud of the fact that we've been featured on television shows like DIY's I Hate My Bath, FOX's Concrete Nation and HGTV's Extreme Home Makeover: Home Edition," said David. "We believe in creativity and concrete gives you the opportunity to design products to fit any style."

Riverbed's concrete precast products utilize the latest in casting technology and consist of environmentally friendly materials that produce concrete counter tops and sinks that are stronger and less prone to staining. And, as with all of their concrete products, they can be



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Riverbed Concrete's planters are ideal for residential and commercial applications. With plenty of designs available and sealed to protect them from the elements, they are made to fit any color

or landscape.

Their popular fire bowls are available with lava rock fillers and decorative glass, with a gas or wood burning option available.

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"Our innovative flooring techniques and equipment has given us the opportunity to take on a variety of local,

regional and national contracts including all Valero Corner Stores in the United States," said Harris. "We're very proud of the fact that a local Boerne company is continually chosen to take on nationwide clients."

And how does a small company tackle such a big contract? "We do a lot of driving," answers Harris.

And they work just as hard at their private lives as they do at their business! The staff of Riverbed Concrete and their growing families are regular participants in community activities including local parades, charities and leadership organizations.

They even brew their own beer!

Clearly, Riverbed Concrete is moving forward in the design industry. Constantly pushing themselves to succeed, Harris, Forren and their staff will continue to build their business, satisfy many clients' home and business needs and continue to put Boerne on the innovative design map.

