

USONIAN BUILDING AND TOURISM CENTER FLORIDA SOUTHERN COLLEGE LAKELAND, FL

LOCATION:

Florida Southern College, Lakeland, FL

CLIENT:

Florida Southern College

DATES OF PERFORMANCE:

03/08/2011 – 06/12/2012

ROLE:

Specialty Contractor

ARCHITECT:

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SCOPE OF WORK:

Manufacture and install Usonian textile blocks;
fabricate molds; grout building using custom
natural cement grout; manufacture and construct
fountain



PROJECT SUMMARY

As the masonry contractor, Stone & Lime Historic Restoration Services manufactured and installed approximately 2,000 Usonian textile blocks for the Usonian Building and Tourism Center and President's Terrace in 47 different variations; fabricated using natural cement from France. Molds, using Teflon coated plastic inserts, were fabricated and more than 50 mixes and hundreds of samples were created in-house before arriving at the final product, which is twice as dense and strong as the original blocks: providing future sustainability while maintaining historical accuracy. The building was grouted using custom natural cement grout.

After the successful completion of the Usonian House, Stone& Lime Historic Restoration Services was contracted to manufacture and construct a fountain, specially designed for the site, using similar textile blocks.

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