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International Surface Fabricators Association Announces 2023 Solid Surface Training Schedule

Ingomar, Pa. – January 16, 2023 – [The International Surface Fabricators Association \(ISFA\)](#) has announced its 2023 [Solid Surface Fabrication Training](#) schedule with dates in March, June and August of 2023. This ISFA Certified Professional Solid Surface Fabrication Training program is the gold standard course for fabricating solid surface. The program is recognized by all major manufacturers and their network of certified fabricator partners.

Sponsored by [Aristech Surfaces](#), these hands-on, two-day sessions provide attendees with the skills and knowledge in all facets of the fabrication process, including layout, templating, seaming, support, sanding, edges, cutouts, backsplashes, thermoforming, finishing and installation. Participants will complete a vanity application that includes an integral bowl sink, built-up edge profile, edge inlay, and examples of coved and set-on style backsplashes.

“Partnering with ISFA to provide core knowledge and expert fabrication training is essential to foster the expertise necessary in every region, driving the surfaces industry forward,” said Jana Bartlett, global marketing manager for Aristech Surfaces. “Our fabrication expert, Aaron Davis, has more than 20 years of experience working with solid surface. He leads the training sessions and demonstrates the traditional and innovative techniques needed to thrive in our industry. Together with ISFA, we are elated to provide the tools and resources necessary for future generations of fabricators.”

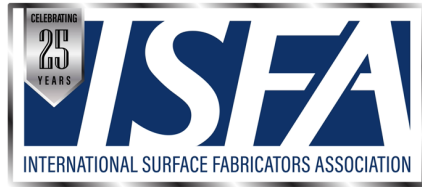
Registration for the following sessions is now open:

- March 28-29, 2023, in San Antonio, Texas
- June 6-7, 2023, in Lakewood, Wash.
- August 8-9, 2023, in San Antonio, Texas



Registration fees are \$599 per person for ISFA members; nonmembers can register for \$799 per person, which includes a one-year membership to ISFA (a \$499 value). An observer option is also available. It is designed for those with roles adjacent to fabrication but would benefit from the context around the process, such as sales or marketing associates. Observers do not actively participate in the hands-on project, but they can watch, ask questions and otherwise participate in the sessions. The observer registration fee is \$399.

“I registered my staff for the ISFA Solid Surface Fabrication class in San Antonio since we were looking to expand our flooring business to include countertops and shower surrounds,” recalled Topher Sieverson, Floor Covering Express. “My staff was able to leave with the knowledge and skills to expand our business. They enjoyed their time with Aaron and left there ready to make our business better.”



In addition to these scheduled training dates, ISFA offers a training option that is conducted onsite at the registrant's shop. This is ideal for fabrication shops, facility management and maintenance companies, and other technical trade businesses with several staff members who need training and would benefit from having it in their own space. Onsite training includes the same fabrication coursework, and it is led by Aaron Davis, who ships training materials directly to the location. Registration fees for onsite training vary based on the number of attendees. For more information about onsite training, contact Trainer@ISFAnow.org.

"The ISFA solid surface fabrication class was very beneficial to our business," said Greg Howard, Adobe Walls Stoneworks. "We are fabricators of quartz, granite and quartzite, and we wanted to expand to solid surface, and the class got us up to speed quickly. Aaron is a true professional and gave us all the skills we need to be successful."

Active participants who complete the training course's project with a satisfactory result will receive a certificate recognizing that they are an ISFA Certified Professional. After the course is completed, students have exclusive access to the ISFA Member Exclusive Portal where they can access:

- Fabrication training materials and guidelines
- Technical bulletins
- Material specifications
- ISFA standards for solid surface fabrication
- All ISFA events, programming and member benefits

"Solid surface fabricators founded our association to provide educational and growth opportunities for professionals within the decorative surfaces industry," said Nancy Busch, executive director of ISFA. "ISFA is dedicated to delivering the tools and resources fabricators need to find success. In this challenging labor market and economy, the solid surface training program is a great way to train new hires who lack experience or diversify an existing business into new lines of work."



In addition to solid surface fabrication training, ISFA has developed fabrication training for [mineral surfaces](#), which includes sintered, ultra-compact and porcelain materials. Sponsored by [BB Industries](#) and [Crossville](#), the next training session for mineral surfaces is February 21-23, 2023, in Knoxville, Tenn.

For more information about the International Surface Fabricators Association and all its training programs, visit www.ISFAnow.org.

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