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## PRESERVING THE FASTENER HALL OF FAME WALKWAY

A few years ago I wrote a piece about the Fastener Hall of Fame. For a few years, they had not inducted anyone and I wrote a blog about that topic. In response to that post, I was notified that the Hall of Fame was alive and well and was also informed that there was a physical Fastener Hall of Fame walkway in Columbus, Ohio next to the Columbus Convention Center where the Fastener Show had been held for years. For the record, the Hall of Fame (HOF) has inducted new members in both 2014 and 2015. So being a student of the fastener industry, I decided to make a pilgrimage to the HOF and see what was there. In December 2015, I set aside

some time to track down the HOF walkway and document it with some photos.

While I was visiting the site a construction worker told me that they were doing a lot of work in that area and he was pretty sure they were going to be removing the Fastener Hall of Fame pavers as they expanded the Convention Center. I called the Columbus Convention Center and sure enough, they confirmed that the HOF walkway was going to be removed. I left them my name and asked that they call me to let me know when this would be happening. I never heard back so I made contact again in January, 2016 and I was told that the bricks had been removed and were sitting in a wooden box on a pallet.

The Fastener Hall of Fame had been removed and they had no idea what to do with the bricks. I told them that if they did not have anyone to claim them that I would welcome the opportunity to retrieve them. In mid-January, I was sent an email saying if I wanted to pick them up I could take possession of the bricks. With the help of a few industry friends, we did just that.



**FASTENER HALL OF FAME WALKWAY PRIOR TO REMOVAL**



**ERIC DUDAS AND JACKIE VENTURA HELPING AT THE CONSTRUCTION SITE**




**MARTY NOLAN PRESERVING THE FASTENER HALL OF FAME WALKWAY**

The Hall of Fame pavers are being safely stored until a suitable site can be found for them or plan is put in place on what will happen next.

We contacted the National Industrial Fastener & Mill Supply Expo operators to inform them that the Hall of Fame had been removed from its original location and received this response from Karalynn Sprouse of Emerald Expositions:

“We just learned yesterday of this news and we are thrilled he was able to ‘save the bricks’ ....we would like to ask the listeners (of Fully Threaded Radio) to suggest ideas for the bricks. Emerald is listening and we will continue to find ways to commemorate these innovative people in our industry.”

*For an audio account of the “Saving of the Hall of Fame” adventure, please visit [www.fullythreaded.com](http://www.fullythreaded.com) and listen to Episode #102. *



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