

Florida Architectural Precast

1242 N.E. 12th St.
Okeechobee, FL 34972

T 863.824.2260 F 863.824-2261
W www.oldtymeconstruction.com

FAP produces art in concrete from state-of-the-art facility

Florida Architectural Precast's expertly detailed workmanship can be seen on homes and commercial buildings all over the state. For more than a decade, FAP has adorned country club communities, university campuses, theme park restaurants and other buildings with aesthetically pleasing architectural elements such as columns, balustrades, pier caps, planters, fountains, custom sculptures and exterior veneers.

In its 15-year history, Florida Architectural Precast has earned a reputation for delivering first-class custom finishes on schedule and on budget. The FAP team, headed by President Shawn Walters, operates out of a state-of-the-art production factory in Okeechobee. This custom-built facility is equipped with an automated, computerized batch-mixing system that can produce architectural precast, cast stone, glass fiber reinforced concrete and architectural foam to exact specifications.



FAP's cast stone products are available in a variety of finishes, including Keystone, Coral, Coquina, Limestone, and Exposed Aggregate. All finishes are available in both standard and custom colors.

This large production capability, combined with FAP's professionalism and can-do attitude, are just a few reasons builders, developers, home owners and architects throughout the eastern United States call the company again and again.

Jan Wolfe, executive vice president of Catalfumo Construction and Development, has partnered with FAP for many projects over the past decade, including West Palm Beach's \$154 million City Center. FAP produced the stately details that ornament the center's City Hall, public library and the Palm Beach Photographic Centre.



FAP provides water features that range from bold and loud to subtle and peaceful.

"Shawn and his crews do what they say they're going to do, when they say they're going to do it," Wolfe said. "They provide the best products, and their field installation crews are great."

Florida Architectural Precast, formerly Old Tyme Construction, was established by then-owner Bob Bates in 1987. Bates eventually hired Walters to manage the precast construction side of the company, then opened the Okeechobee plant in 2007. Walters was promoted in November 2009. Bates is still active with the company, serving as Chief Financial Officer.

FAP's 5.2-acre Okeechobee campus features a 35,000-square-foot manufacturing facility and 5,000 -square-feet of office space including a 30-yard-per-hour volumetric concrete batch plant. This highly functional layout allows the company to quickly and efficiently produce custom precast work for several large projects simultaneously, while adhering to the stringent standards set down by the Architectural Precast Association.

Walters said they chose to operate from Okeechobee because it was a “good, central location.”

“We service the entire state and do quite a bit of work on the west coast, Orlando and Jacksonville,” he said. “Okeechobee offered the best location for our distribution points. They also had land available for a reasonable price.”

In 2007, Bates worked very closely with local agencies to get everything up and running, and that positive relationship continues today. FAP currently employs 24 people, and Walters hopes to add a few more once the U.S. Economic Stimulus Plan kicks in. He’s using the Workforce Solutions Career Center in Okeechobee as a resource.

“Everyone we’ve worked with, from the local community, local businesses, local government, to vendors to the county, have been very supportive,” Walters said. “We’re very happy with our decision to relocate to Okeechobee.”