



Photo at left shows how logos or pictures can be imprinted onto custom-made boulders. The company's product line continues to expand, including mailboxes (center), firepits, benches and flagpoles (right).

## “Custom Boulder” Business Catching On Fast Nationwide

Putting a business or farm name on the side of a boulder is a neat way to promote a business or just mark your farm. An Illinois company called Boulder Designs® has come up with a way to make its own boulders from scratch and is also offering potential franchise owners the opportunity to start a profitable business.

“We have developed specialized equipment and a system using enhanced concrete that allows 1 to 2 people to build a 3 to 4,000-lb. boulder in 5 to 6 man hours. One person can easily load, deliver and set the custom boulder in place for the customer using our specialized trailer,” says company president, Eldean Bergman, who notes that Boulder Designs is also a unique franchise business opportunity for anyone looking for sideline income, or a new career.

“We build custom boulders for restaurant chains, schools, parks, farmsteads, and homeowners. One of our newest franchise owners just made a sign for Vint Hill Dog park right out of training. The market is endless; often zoning requirements will allow a boulder where



“We love it, and nearly everyone who sees it compliments us on it,” says FARM SHOW publisher Mark Newhall about the Boulder Designs® sign that graces the lawn in front of the magazine’s headquarters. “It was a cost-effective way to put up a very professional sign that should last virtually forever.”

conventional signage would not be allowed. People can’t believe these boulders are not real.

“The demand for our boulders has been so tremendous, we’re offering Boulder Designs® franchise territories at a very attractive price. It’s a great opportunity for farm families looking for a new source of income to get in on the ground floor at an introductory price.”

A small boulder with an address starts at \$150, and up to several thousand for a large commercial boulder. The company’s

product line continues to expand, currently including Mailboxes, Pillars, Fire-Pits and Benches. They make great gifts for the person who has everything, Bergman notes. Take a look at the website [www.BoulderDesigns.net](http://www.BoulderDesigns.net) to design your own with the interactive designer program.

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## Short Season Open-Pollinated Corn

“Most open-pollinated corn is grown in southern areas with longer growing seasons. Beneficial varieties for growers with a short season have not been widely available. We’re changing that with faster finishing, OP corn varieties that will let growers that have a short season to profit from open-pollinated corn,” says Vaughn Emo, Avoca, N.Y. of Green Haven Open-Pollinated Seed Group.

Green Haven Open-Pollinated Seed Group is a nationwide organization of seedsmen based in western N.Y. They are focusing on improving OP varieties for silage, grain and wildlife plots. Many varieties are

available certified organic.

Green Haven offers 75-day Kucyk early, 85-day Wapsie valley, 86-day Dublin, 87-day MN 13, 100-day Reid Yellow dent, 100 day Silver king, 114-day Green Field 114, and 120-day Lancaster Sure Crop. Open-pollinated corn is said to be higher in protein and sugar than regular hybrids, giving livestock farmers higher feed value. Of course, the biggest advantage is that farmers can select their own seed from this year’s crop to plant next year. Open pollinated sweet corn, pop corn and pumpkin seed are also available.



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