



located on Airport Road west of Deseronto — purchases headstones from a supplier for finishing.

Davis, using sandblasting techniques, etches lettering on the monuments, as well as designs, which can be “anything the customer wants,” he said.

He also creates foundations for the headstones, which creates a solid base that also protects the monuments from being toppled

over.

He and general manager Bonnie Hicks serve a clientele from a broad area, including Trenton, Belleville, Picton, Napanee, Kingston and natives from Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory, where the business is based.

Many customers visit his shop “with a pretty good idea of what

‘I know that choosing a headstone is a sad occasion, and I try to make customers feel comfortable and understand their needs.’

they are looking for,” said Davis.

“They know what shape, size and color they like, and they select the type of lettering, and what designs they like, and we go from there.”

More than 20 colors of granite are available, with the most popular being a Balmoral, or red granite. Davis has a real affinity for

design, and enjoys the creative process. He also refinishes older monuments, which often have faded lettering, and is now branching out into creations such as granite clocks and plaques.

He’s also experimenting with etching on glass, such as wine glasses or bottles.

But the main focus remains on monuments, which he says take an average of two weeks to prepare.

The shop is open six days a week, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays. Davis can be reached at 396-3080.

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