22nd Annual Designlife Award Gala

Honoring Stephen Hill

Saturday, March 30, 2019 | 5:00-8:00pm
North Carolina Executive Mansion | 200 N Blount St, Raleigh
Creative Black Tie | Identification Required for Security

Sponsorship and tickets are available online at: design.ncsu.edu/designlife-gala

Due to capacity limitations, tickets are limited and expected to sell out.
Celebrating a Designlife

Designlife describes the essence of design education and its practice at the NC State College of Design. We teach students to “design for life and to lead the design life.”

The College’s Leaders Council, along with other donors to the Designlife Fund, are a community of alumni, friends, design professionals and industry leaders whose purpose is to support, nurture and promote design education at the College of Design through volunteer efforts, special programs and events, and private contributions.

The Designlife Award celebrates the role of design and the arts in improving lives in the community. The College established the award in 1998 to celebrate the vitality of the design community and design education. The award honors a significant contribution that individuals have made to design in the southeastern United States.

Our Award Winner

Stephen Hill is proving that art and design can transform a community.

As an entrepreneur, Hill incorporates his advocacy for the arts, historic preservation, and downtown revitalization in his businesses. By investing his time, talents, and finances into his hometown of Kinston, NC, Hill is helping to spark a community renewal.

The board chair of the North Carolina Arts Council is the visionary behind Mother Earth Brewing, Mother Earth Motor Lodge, The O’Neil boutique hotel, The Red Room music venue, and Kinston’s Arts & Cultural District. As the founder and board chair for the smART Kinston Foundation, Hill is laying the groundwork for lasting change.

Hill is a true main street champion.

Please join us as we honor Stephen Hill for his visionary use and support of art and design.

From top: Hill’s Kinston projects include Mother Earth Brewing, Thomas Sayre’s “Flue” earthcastings, Mother Earth Motor Lodge, smART Kinston, and The O’Neil hotel.

Stephen Hill in Kinston’s Arts & Cultural District

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