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Introduction

Every year we have the distinct honor of introducing our latest class of New England Design Hall of Fame inductees. And we do mean *honor*.

Year in and year out (eleven and counting), the inductees to the Hall of Fame continue to raise the bar, elevating our already lofty expectations of good design. The people we celebrate this year join a small but venerable group of architects, interior designers, landscape designers, builders, and other professionals who have done their part to shape our surroundings and delight our senses.

The 2017 class spans New England, from Portsmouth, Rhode Island, to Greenwich, Connecticut, to the greater Boston area. Their deep and diverse portfolios represent decades of experience. They are talented. They are passionate. They are philanthropic.

So without further ado, allow us to welcome our newest inductees: architectural designer **Michele S. Foster** of Foster Associates; interior designer **Meichi Peng** of Meichi Peng Design Studio; landscape professionals **Dan Gordon** of Dan Gordon Landscape Architects and **Janice Parker** of Janice Parker Landscape Architects; and builder **Thoughtforms**, represented by company president Mark Doughty.

It's no secret that arriving at this final list is quite an undertaking. For accepting this challenge, we are indebted to our judges (and past winners) **Bruce Beinfield**

of Beinfield Architecture; **Susan Stacy** of Gauthier-Stacy; **Gregory Lombardi** of Gregory Lombardi Design; and **Ken Vona** of Kenneth Vona Construction, as well as **Theodore (Ted) Landsmark**, the director of the Dukakis Center for Urban and Regional Policy at Northeastern University and a board member of the Boston Planning & Development Agency. The process was moderated by *New England Home's* editor-in-chief **Kyle Hoepner**, and the panel was generously hosted at the offices of Eck | MacNeely Architects in the South End of Boston.

While a Hall of Fame Award is a bit like a lifetime achievement honor, make no mistake, this group is by no means done designing, creating, and building. We look forward to seeing the mountains they scale and the boundaries they push next.



Clockwise from top left:

The selection committee for the 2017 New England Design Hall of Fame inductees: Bruce Beinfield, Ted Landsmark, Ken Vona, Gregory Lombardi, and Susan Stacy. The judging was organized by Kyle Hoepner

Inductee Announcement Ceremony

As the grand finale of Boston Design Market and the kick-off to the inaugural Heading Home to Dinner design and dine event, more than 300 people gathered at the Boston Design Center to celebrate the 2017 inductees into the New England Design Hall of Fame.



1. Kristen Rivoli of Kristen Rivoli Interior Design, *New England Home's* Kathy Bush-Dutton, and Larissa Cook of FBN Construction | 2. Bob Ernst of FBN Construction with Joe Bertola of Bertola Custom Homes & Remodeling | 3. Susan Flaherty of Schumacher with Susan Stacy and Jim Gauthier of Gauthier-Stacy | 4. Kenneth Vona of Kenneth Vona Construction with Nicholas Vona and inductee Mark Doughty of Thoughtforms | 5. Danielle Jones and Patti Jones of Snow and Jones | 6. Dennis Duffy of Duffy Design Group with 2014 New England Design Hall of Fame inductee Christina Oliver of Oliver Interiors | 7. Guy Messier of Case Window and Door and Sarah Lawson of S+H Construction | 8. Becky Bratt of Kristin Paton Interiors, Karen Gilman of Finelines, and Kristin Paton and Courtney Aleksa of Kristin Paton Interiors | 9. *New England Home's* Kyle Hoepner announcing this year's honorees | 10. Danielle Ferrier of Heading Home, Mally Skok of Mally Skok Design, and Elizabeth Benedict of Elizabeth Home Decor & Design | 11. Frank Hodge of F.D. Hodge Interiors, Kasey Graham of Boehm Graham Interior Design, and Michael Nest of Blueprint Medicines | 12. Maria Mancino and Joseph DeChiaro of Romo | 13. D. Scott Bell of Theo & Isabella Design Group and Gregory Lombardi of Gregory Lombardi Design



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Interior Design

Meichi Peng

From childhood, Meichi Peng wanted to be an artist. “But my parents are very business driven, so that idea got shut down,” she says. “You’re going to be starv-

ing; they said.” Peng reluctantly followed her brother to university in Taiwan, pursuing a degree in chemical engineering. Partway through, she wrote a letter to her parents outlining her dream: “I want to quit school, go to the U.S., and study design.”

Surprisingly, they acquiesced, and in 1993 she boarded a flight bound for Boston. After an intensive three-month course to learn English, she enrolled in the interior design program at Wentworth Institute of Technology. Degree in hand, she logged a number of years at a large Boston-based interior architecture/design firm before striking out on her own in 2006.

Peng’s design studio in Boston’s South End is purposefully small, only a half dozen people, and her aesthetic is clear. “We don’t do traditional work,” she says. “We’re definitely on the contemporary side. We’re known for clean lines, interior architectural detail, lighting, and millwork.” Her portfolio displays sleek urban lofts, airy modern kitchens, stunning marble baths, and showcases her deft hand with materials, texture, color, and layout.

“Meichi’s work is clean and contemporary, as well as

very comfortable and livable. Her spaces are warm and inviting,” says New England Design Hall of Fame judge and fellow interior designer Susan Stacy of Gauthier-Stacy. “She appears to think very architecturally, creating lovely, thoughtfully designed spaces that are considerate of how people live in and enjoy their homes.”

This talent has translated into not only a successful interior design studio, but Peng also dabbles in retail, selling unique home accents from her travels as well as her own line of high-end handbags.

