Keynote Speaker

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Colley Hodges is a licensed architect and LEED Accredited Professional who works as a sustainability consultant at Kirksey Architecture in Houston. One of the first in the country to be awarded the WELL Accredited Professional credential, Colley’s primary focus is designing and advocating for spaces that maximize mental and physical health and wellness. He is the organizer of a firm-wide initiative to specify less-toxic products, promote transparency in the chemicals that are included in building products, and assess the presence of toxicants in the built environment. Colley is the current chair of the 2017 Gulf Coast Green conference, and he serves as a member of the User Advisory Panel for the Health Product Declaration Collaborative.

Flatbed - founded in 1989 by Katherine Brimberry and Mark L. Smith - is located at Flatbed Press and Gallery, an 18,000 sq. ft. warehouse which was redeveloped in 1999 as a community of creative professionals. Visitors have compared the aesthetics of the space to New York City's Chelsea-district warehouse galleries.

Located on Boggy Creek in east Austin (near the University of Texas at Austin campus) at 2832 East Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., our facility includes not only our shop, offices, and galleries, but also 11 tenants: Gallery Shoal Creek, Photo Méthode Gallery, CAMIBA Art, 26 Keys Inc., Austin Book Arts Center, Hubbard Birchler Studio, Daniel Arredondo Studio, NJ Weaver Studio, Jacqueline May Studio, Troy Brauntuch Studio, and Sharyn Richey Studio. This mix of visual-arts professionals provides a “24/7” creative synergy in the building.

Flatbed comprises two divisions: Flatbed Press is a publishing workshop which collaborates with artists to produce limited editions of original etchings, lithographs, woodcuts and monoprints. Flatbed also does contract, collaborative printing for other publishers, dealers, artists, and institutions and is available on a limited basis for open shop work by experienced artists. Flatbed Gallery is a private art gallery which specializes in original prints.
Peter Pfeiffer is a professional Architect, Building Scientist, Interior Designer, Property Manager and licensed Texas Real Estate professional practicing throughout North America. He graduated with a Bachelor Science degree in Building Sciences from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1977. After a four year stint working in commercial building construction he went on to attend the University of Texas from where he graduated Phi Kappa Phi in 1983 with a Masters in Architecture degree, emphasizing energy conservation and resource efficient design.

As the founding principal of Barley|Pfeiffer Architects, a firm recognized nationally for its pioneering use of environmentally responsive building design and construction techniques, he continues to push design and performance to its next, better, level. This includes healthy low-toxicity environments in medical facilities and private homes, energy-conserving design and construction, and water conservation for residential and commercial use. Barley|Pfeiffer Architecture have completed over 600 projects nationally since its founding in 1987. Their work has been published both in the United States and abroad in such diverse venues as the Washington Post, New York Times, USA Today, Fine Homebuilding and Better Homes & Gardens magazine. To "get the word out" on Green building Mr. Pfeiffer has been a frequent guest on Nation Public Radio, PBS-TV, HG-TV, The Today Show and various other national television and radio programs.

Fine Homebuilding magazine recognized the firm for having designed one of the top nine most noteworthy homes in America in 1993, as well as “the Greenest home in America” in 2003. EEBA, the national Energy & Environmental Building Association, awarded Mr. Pfeiffer the Conference Chair’s Award in 1994 for his career accomplishments in pioneering environmentally sensitive architecture.

In 2003 the National Association of Home Builders honored him with the “National Green Advocate of the Year” award for his life-long achievements in “mainstreaming” green building. The National Association of Realtors listed Peter among “the 25 most notable people in US real estate” for this as well.

In the 1990’s Peter chaired the City of Austin’s Resource Management Commission that oversaw demand-side management strategies and the further development of the nation’s first municipal green building program. He also serves on the advisory board of Environmental Building News, has been an active charter member of the NAHB Green Building Subcommittee since its inception in 1999 as well as the US Green Building Council’s LEED for Homes program. Peter chaired the City of Austin mayor’s task force on “Zero Energy Capable Homes” which, in 2007 through a consensus process with leaders in the building industry, put forth the most stringent residential energy conservation codes in America.

Between 2003 and 2009 Peter served the people of the State of Texas as a gubernatorial appointee to the Texas Board of Architectural Examiners. In 2008 his colleagues on the board elected him to be Vice Chairman of the TBAE.

Peter has spent the past three decades developing and advancing pragmatic “green” building methods while also keeping a keen eye on high quality design. In 2004 he was named a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects for his lifelong achievements in “mainstreaming green building”. To compliment this, in 2006 Residential Architect magazine cited him as one of the ten most influential residential architects of the decade. Recently Peter was nominated for the prestigious Hanley Award for his meaningful efforts to advance green building in America.