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The Mint Museum renames its planned giving program The Dwelle-McBryde Society in honor of longtime supporter Neill McBryde's commitment to the museum

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The Mint Museum's planned giving program, The Dwelle Society, is being renamed The Dwelle-McBryde Society in honor of Charlotte attorney Neill McBryde's steadfast support of the museum.

McBryde was recognized as one of the top 45 estate planning lawyers in the U.S. by *Town & Country* magazine in the course of his career, and was named in *Best Lawyers in America, Trusts and Estates, 1983-2021; Litigation & Controversy - Tax, 1983-2021; Tax Law 1983-2021*. He also was a leader in the Charlotte-based Moore & Van Allen law firm for decades. A champion of legacy giving, he understands the value of planned giving programs for the long-term sustainability of institutions and nonprofits, whether The Mint Museum or his beloved Myers Park Presbyterian Church and its outreach ministries. This honor also marks the occasion of McBryde's retirement from the practice of law at the end of 2021, after many years of dedicated service to his clients, the firm, and the community.

McBryde was a driving force behind the establishment of the Mint's Dwelle Society in 1996. In 2010, he was a founding member of the Mint's Crown Society, an annual giving circle comprised of museum patrons contributing \$1,200 or more to The Mint Museum's Annual Fund. He also served on the Mint's board of trustees for multiple terms, once as board chair, as well as on numerous committees, and is now a member of The Mint Museum's advisory board. In addition, his wife Peggy McBryde served as the publicity committee chair for the 1997 Antiques Show and co-chaired the Antiques Show committee in 1998, and has held multiple committee leadership roles with the Mint Museum Auxiliary.

The Mint Museum's planned giving program was originally named for Mary Myers Dwelle, who in 1933 began to raise funds to relocate the Charlotte Mint building to house the first art museum in North Carolina. Her pioneering efforts inspired the establishment of the Dwelle Society, now the Dwelle-McBryde Society, which recognizes the generosity of donors who make a planned gift or bequest to The Mint Museum.

"This renaming and the generous gifts in honor of Neill McBryde have invigorated our planned giving program at the Mint," says Todd A. Herman, PhD, president and CEO at The Mint Museum. "We are optimistic that Neill's stature in the community and commitment to lifelong giving will serve as a catalyst for growth."

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Moore & Van Allen has been a longtime corporate supporter of The Mint Museum and has sponsored many exhibitions, ranging from *Portals to the Past: British Ceramics 1675-1825* (currently on view at Mint Museum Randolph) to *The Glamour & Romance of Oscar de la Renta* in 2018, and most recently *Classic Black: The Basalt Sculpture of Wedgwood and His Contemporaries* in 2020.