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Just added to the [USModernist Library](#) - [40 years of Texas Architect Magazine!](#)

Some of the [coolest architecture on Earth](#) is in ... Antarctica!

[Bjarke Ingels and Toyota](#) are building a smart city in Japan, near Mount Fuji.



Only 4 seats left! USModernist Tour May 1-3 of Washington DC! Including Hollin Hills Homes and Gardens, open only once every two years. [Details and tickets.](#)

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New Modernist House Tour: Saturday, April 18. Enjoy a great day touring brilliant new and recently renovated Modernist houses and buildings around Durham, Carrboro, Chapel Hill, and Pittsboro without the hassle of driving! Modapalooza includes the delightful company of fellow Modernist architecture fans, breakfast, snacks, drinks, a delicious lunch, and free wifi in our luxury restroom-equipped, air-conditioned bus. You'll also meet many of the architects, designers, and builders - like Arielle Schechter, Paul Snow, Louis Cherry, Jason Hart, Heather Washburn, Dail Dixon, Doug Pierson and Youn Choi, and Jenny Hoffman. [Details and tickets.](#)



There are so many ways you can be part of USModernist and NCMModernist! Here are some of the things we need:

1. Are you up early or way late searching the web? Why not put those off-hours research skills to use helping us locate and document Modernist houses across America? Volunteer as little or as much as you want, and be part of the websites

that are now the largest open digital mid-century modern archives in the world! Contact Archivist Carie Chesarino at carie@ncmodernist.org.



2. Do you know Weird Al Yankovic? Early in his career, he studied design, and we'd like to get him on the USModernist Radio podcast. Contact George Smart at george@usmodernist.org.

3. Does someone you know collect architecture magazines, perhaps hundreds or thousands of them, in their attic, basement, or storage unit? We [need certain ones](#), and we'll pay to ship them to us. Contact George Smart at george@usmodernist.org.

4. What are the most exciting new restaurants and bars in the Raleigh area? We're looking for 2020 host venues for our wildly popular Thirst4Architecture program. Contact Rebekah Laney at Rebekah@ncmodernist.org.



5. Have you got an iconic mid-century chair or clock (Eames, Nelson, Barcelona, Bertioia, etc.)? Donate to NCModernist and get a great tax deduction - and we can pick it up! Contact Rebekah Laney at Rebekah@ncmodernist.org.

6. If you're as frustrated with manual payroll admin as we were, consider joining Gusto. They do everything, including filing all your federal and state reports, for \$39/month plus \$6/employee. That's a really great deal. When you sign up with our link, USModernist gets a referral bonus we'll use toward new equipment for our massive scanning project. Here's the link: <https://lnkd.in/eV74QcE>.



A Magical Evening at the Kirk and Anne Douglas Estate
Wednesday, February 19, 2020



Just five weeks away! Join USModernist for a fabulous evening benefit party February 19 under the stars at the famed Kirk and Anne Douglas House, designed by architect [Donald Wexler](#). Turn back time for a night of celebration and relaxation at one of the most famous – and beautiful – midcentury homes in Palm Springs! Under the palms, we will shake the martinis and enjoy wonderful architecture, sparkling conversation, and delicious drinks and appetizers - all for a deserving cause. You'll tour the iconic property and meet architecture fans and preservationists who love what you love. [Details and tickets.](#)



Marcel Breuer's [brutalist Pirelli Tire Building in New Haven CT](#) has been purchased (for the amazing low price of \$1.2M) and will be converted to a hotel.

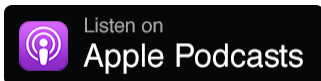
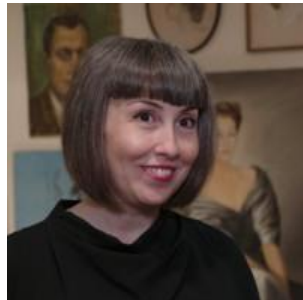
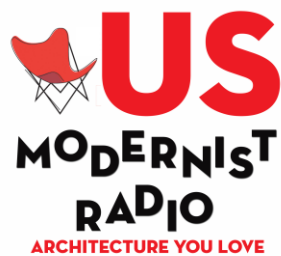
Texas [maps its moderns.](#)

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Richard Meier's Douglas House now has it's own [website.](#)



Hat tips to **Daniel Perrin**, **Wayne Pond**, **Catherine Cramer**, and **Virginia Faust**.



New on USModernist Radio: #126/Southwest Modern: Texas and New Mexico. Amy Walton is from Texas, where she spent 15 years managing nonprofits like the North Texas Food Bank and the Jewish Family Service. Last year, she launched modTEXAS, an initiative to draw attention to Texas modernism and celebrate the people and institutions working to preserve it. Building a coalition of over a dozen nonprofits using social media, modTEXAS has shared thousands of images of midcentury design and

architecture that can literally be mapped across the state.

When you think of Albuquerque, New Mexico, you might think of southwest adobe design, or maybe that TV show *In Plain Sight* which filmed there for five years, but you're certainly not thinking of Modernist architecture – yet. Thea Haver is hoping to change that as co-founder and director of *Modern Albuquerque*.

Co-host Paige Wagoner Claassen is an architectural historian with the popular Instagram feed *Claasshaus*, seeking out meaning, beauty, and significance in buildings and history in objects. Co-host Wayne Pond's melodious voice hosted an interview show called *Soundings* based in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina from 1980 to 1997, interviewing journalists, poets, novelists, documentary film makers, musicians, governors, members of Congress, and tech leaders about their work in the arts, education, ethics, literature, religion, politics, music, philosophy, and even architecture. The shows live on at the National Humanities Center iTunes site.

USModernist Radio is sponsored by [Angela Roehl](#) and [Nichiha.com](#). [Listen to past shows.](#)



Modernist architecture tours of Europe ↑

USModernist, an American not-for-profit that promotes and preserves mid-century modernist architecture, has collaborated with Firebird Tours to offer the first modern architecture tours of Europe. Travellers can explore their passion for modernism in eight European countries, including Sweden and Belgium. Each tour includes expert guides and stays in a collection of design-focused hotels. Tours can be booked for groups as small as two people, on dates that suit them. The trips are curated by George Smart, founder and director of USModernist.



Attention air travelers! Starting October 2020, the TSA will only accept drivers licenses that have the REAL ID designation, which is a star. Where the star appears is up to each state. Lines to get this are going to be huge in early 2020, so we suggest get 'er done now. Did you know you can make appointments with most DOT's online and save a huge amount of wait time? Be sure to check the documentation you'll need to bring with you.



Monday, February 3, 730pm. The NCModernist/ModHomes Architecture Movie Series at the Chelsea Theatre, 1129 Weaver Dairy Road, Chapel Hill. The Chelsea is a beloved Chapel Hill art house theatre featuring fresh organic popcorn, craft beers, wine, and soft drinks! There are some great restaurants and coffee shops adjacent for pre- and post-movie gatherings. Sponsored again this year by Modernist Realtor [Sarah Sonke](#), these visually and intellectually compelling movies about Modernist architecture and architects rarely get shown in commercial theaters. Also sponsored by [NCSU](#)

[Libraries](#) and [Hill Country Woodworks](#). [Details, schedule, movies, trailers, and ticket information!](#) This is the last movie of the season.



Eileen Gray: *Gray Matters* (2014, 76 min). Eileen Gray was an artist and architect whose vision and creative imagination changed the way we live with furniture and with houses. Featuring interviews with the foremost Gray scholars, auction experts, museum curators and collectors, the film explores one of the most influential but least known modernist icons with focus on the continuing relevance of Eileen Gray's newly restored masterpiece, the Villa E1027. After the film, a panel discussion on the impact of Eileen Gray moderated by architects Ellen Cassilly and Sarah Huffman.



LUCY DANIELS FOUNDATION

Thursday, January 16, 6-8pm. Thirst4Architecture (T4A) at the Lucy Daniels Building, designed by [Frank Harmon](#), 629 Oberlin Road, Raleigh. Parking in the rear of the building and along the street. Frank Harmon will be signing copies of his book, which will be available for sale. Hosted by the Lucy Daniels Foundation. Recently, Mike Welton gave Triangle architect Jedi a name: [the Carolina School](#) - and its Obiwan is Frank Harmon.



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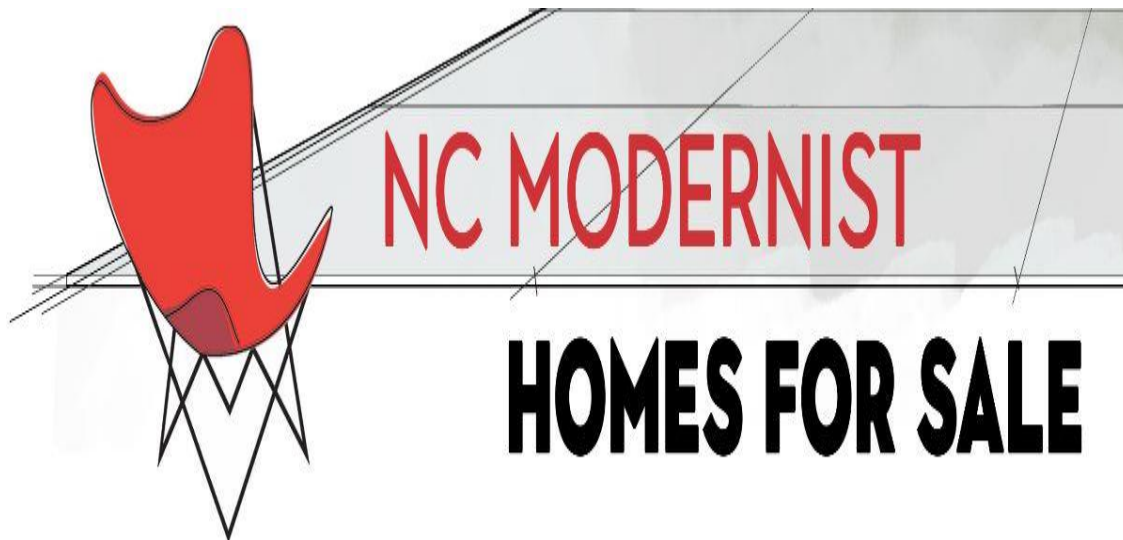
Thursday, February 13, 6-8pm, The Nest, 414 Fayetteville Street, 4th floor, Raleigh. Co-hosted with Martin Evans Photolmaging.

Thirst4Architecture (T4A) parties are free, exciting, informal events welcoming anyone with a huge crush on great architecture. T4A events focus on building relationships, sharing passion about Modernist

design, creating strategic alliances, and connecting people. There are no presentations -- just come join the fun and make new design friends! The 2020 [Thirst4Architecture Series](#) is sponsored by Modernist Realtor [Angela Roehl](#).



Are you a hodler? If you know what that means, you probably are! Hodlers are those who hold onto the digital currency Bitcoin, waiting for the price to rise. Thanks to a widely publicized spelling error on the internet, "holders" became "hodlers." You can take a tax deduction for [donating to nonprofits \(hint, hint\)](#) just as you can for checks or credit cards.



Vacancy, not development, is the enemy of mid-century Modernist houses. Preserve and protect the architecture you love by buying or renting before the bulldozers come a few years from now. Visit our [exclusive statewide list](#).

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