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New Video: Three iconic glass houses, The Farnsworth House, the Glass House, and the Walker Guest House were constructed between 1949 and 1951. They are among the most admired, influential and memorable homes of 20th-century architecture. Each marked extraordinary moments in the careers and legacies of Mies van der Rohe, Philip Johnson and Paul Rudolph.

The three houses were the subject of a talk at Sotheby's New York on December 9th with **Hilary Lewis**, Chief Curator of the Glass House, **Carl Abbott, FAIA**, one of the most awarded architects in Florida, and **Scott Mehaffey**, Executive Director of the Farnsworth House. The talk was moderated by **Daniella Ohad**, PhD, Design Historian, aka DaniellaOnDesign.

Preserve Orange County (California) is doing a panel at Modernism Week in Palm Springs on Monday February 17, 2 pm, about Orange County's largely unheralded Modern architecture, from **Schindler and Neutra to Lautner, Pereira, Eichlers**, and Disneyland. [Beyond the Orange Curtain: Modern Life, Work and Play in Orange County](#) [Tickets](#).



Only 3 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.](#)



Kate Wagner announces the winners of the [2019 McGingerbread Hell competition.](#)



Barbara Gordon, Executive Director of the Frank Lloyd Wright Building Conservancy, shares an update on the endangered Frank Lloyd Wright Booth Cottage in Glencoe, Illinois, which is faced with demolition. The Glencoe Historical Society and the Glencoe Park District have developed a plan to move the cottage to Park District property a short distance from its current location. Please show your support for this plan! The Glencoe Park District Board of Commissioners will host a [Community Input Meeting](#) on Tuesday, January 21 at 7 p.m. in the Community Hall of the Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe, Illinois). If you are unable to attend, send your thoughts to info@glencoeParkDistrict.com and they will be shared with the Board of Commissioners.

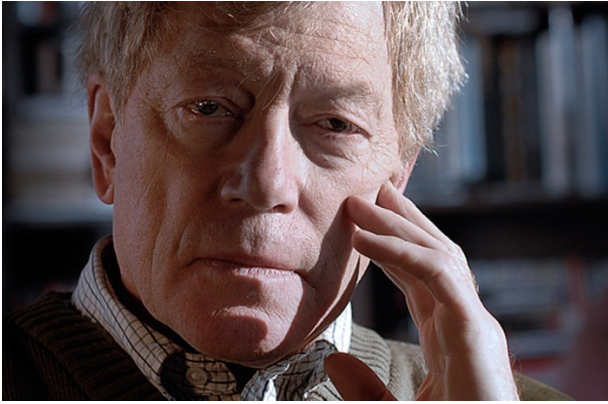
The House of the Future: Motorola's 1960's ads.

Fun [travel destinations](#) for 2020.



A new exhibition on the work of **Phil Freelon** [opens January 28 in Chapel Hill](#).

Now open: A Nod to Mod! A Photographic Celebration of Mid-Century Modern Architecture at the [Neutra Institute Museum and Gallery](#) in the Silver Lake community of Los Angeles.



USModernist joins the National Civic Art Society to mourn the passing of [Sir Roger Scruton](#), the esteemed British philosopher, critic, and author. In 2018, he was appointed chairman of the UK government's Building Better, Building Beautiful Commission, established to promote better design of homes and living spaces. A fierce opponent of Modernism, he distinguished himself by his documentary essay "Why Beauty Matters," which you can watch [here](#).



There are so many ways you can be part of USModernist and NCModernist! 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 Modernist archives in the world! Contact Archivist **Carie Chesarino** at carie@ncmodernist.org.



2. Do you know **Ice Cube**? In 2011, he made a [great Eames video](#), 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, Bertoia, 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>.



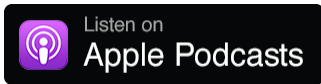
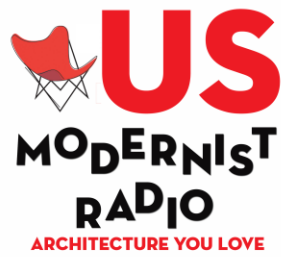
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A Magical Evening at the Kirk and Anne Douglas Estate
Wednesday, February 19, 2020



Just four 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 – mid-century 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.](#)

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



New on USModernist Radio: **#127/NY Architecture and Design Film Festival**: This is the third year USModernist Radio has been part of the Architecture and Design Film Festival in New York. Every fall, the stars, producers, and creators gather to premiere their latest documentaries. ADFF Executive Director **Kyle Bergman** curates visually wonderful, thought-provoking, and faithfully documented films that capture the brilliance of architects, artists, and significant buildings. Host **George Smart** talks with two of the filmmakers from this past year's festival: **Lene Borch Hansen**, of the movie *The Man & The Architect* - Jørn Utzon; and **Britni Harris**, of the movie *Goff*. 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.





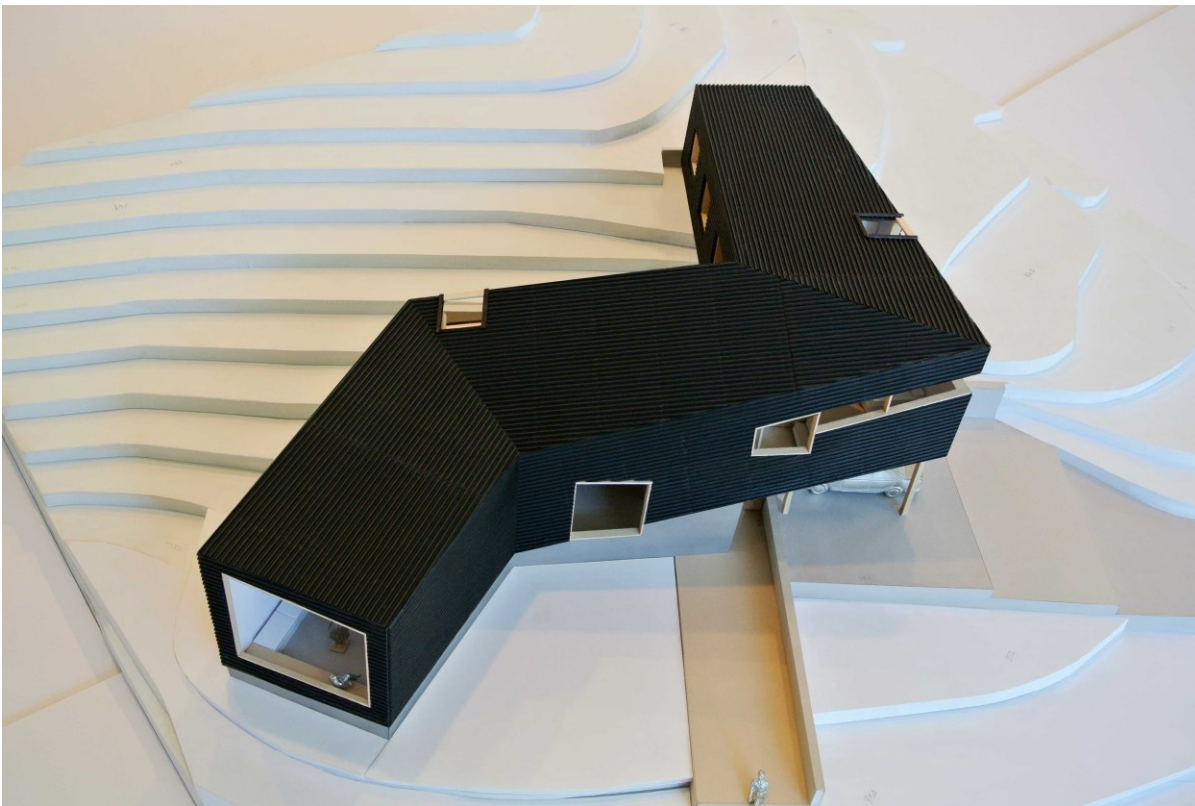
Monday, February 3, 730pm. The NCModernist/ModHomes Architecture Movie Series at the Chelsea Theatre, 1129 Weaver Dairy Road, Chapel Hill. The Chelsea is a beloved Chapel Hill art house theatre featuring fresh organic popcorn, craft beers, wine, and soft drinks! There are some great restaurants and coffee 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**.

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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.](#)



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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](#).

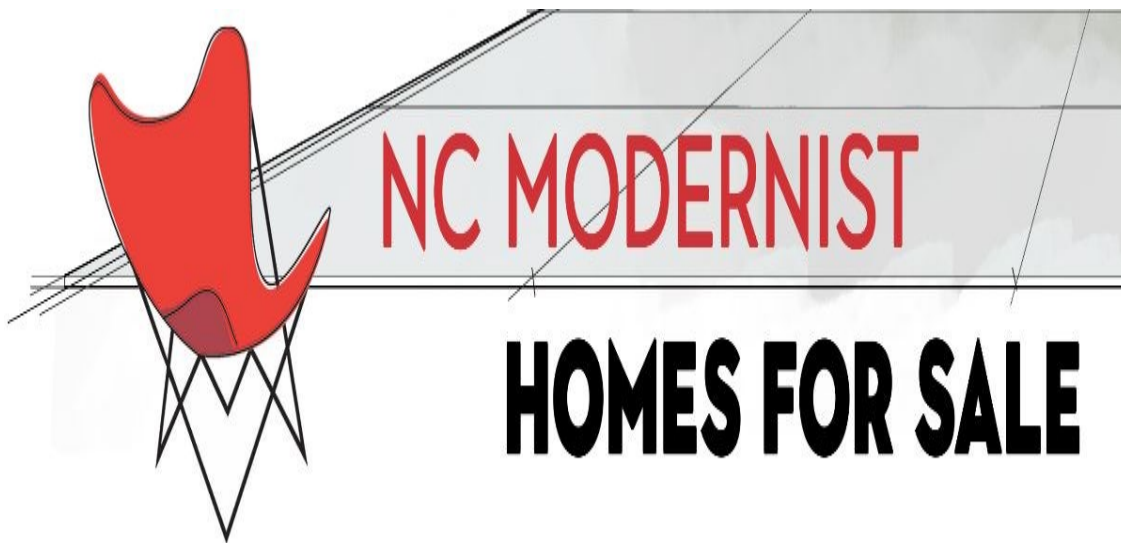


Monday, January 27, 6-730pm: NCSU Architecture Lecture: **Lorcan O'Herlihy**, Burns Auditorium, Part

of the Joint Lecture Series with AIA Triangle. 2221 Katharine Stinson Drive, Raleigh, free.



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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