March 1, 2010 * Thanks for your patience with last week's graphics issues. All reported problems were addressed. If you are still unable to read the text or see images, please email.

Architect Frank Harmon and contractor Scott Cutler appeared on WUNC Radio last week, discussing the new AIANC Center for Architecture and Design. On air, they announced that construction begins in May. Listen in at our improved and expanded Video/Multimedia section.

Don't miss out on A4A: Appetite 4 Architecture because you waited too long. Two of the ten events are nearly sold out. Here's your chance to break bread with prominent members of the Triangle's design community in an intimate, small group setting - at excellent area restaurants such as Solas, 18 Seaboard, 618 Bistro, Margauxs, and Panzanella. A4A events begin at 6:30 pm and include three sumptuous courses (appetizer, entree, dessert) from a pre-selected menu plus coffee/water/tea, tax, and gratuity. Vegetarian options will be available. Mod Squad members and NCSU AIA-Student Chapter members receive a 5% discount. See the event list and register here!

5000 Twitter followers and growing - the as-yet-unclaimed-authorship blog Unhappy Hipsters parodies modern design by captioning photos of architects and their clients taking themselves way too seriously.

Architect Updates: Tons more photos of Edward Loewenstein houses in Greensboro. Thanks to his daughter, Jane Levy, for taking me around the city.

New Architect Profile: Asheboro's Alvis George. Thanks to Steve Cofer for his research on George and also on Ligon Flynn.

Market News:
FOR SALE: 1950 - The Kenneth and Frances Brinkhous Residence, 524 Dogwood Drive, Chapel Hill. Designed by Jim Webb. Brinkhous was the founder of the cure for hemophilia. Sold in 2003 to current owner David B. Thomas, a pathologist that studied under Dr. Brinkhous and was a personal friend of Jim Webb. The three used to enjoy cocktails together, on Sundays, at a mutual friend’s home. 8.1 acres. Landscape design by Lewis Clarke. On and off the market since 2008. $1,150,000. For sale, here.


In Charlotte, the Southern Spring Show is March 3rd thru the 7th. It features an Eichler-inspired house and garden; in the front yard everything will appear just as it might have in 1960; as visitors move around to the backyard, it's clear that it's now 2010 and some young hipsters have moved into the same house, creating a contemporary take on a Modern garden. Ted Cleary will be giving a presentation on the Home Ideas stage (Seamless: The Mid-Century Modern Home and Its Garden -- what defines it; how did it pull home and exterior space together so well; how to adapt for today's frugal economy). Wednesday at 4:30, then again on Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. Details, here.

Steve Glenn's Sustainability Speaking Tour: Wednesday, March 10, at 6:00pm, Cherokee Investment Partners. 111 E. Hargett Street, Ste 300, Conference Room Wilberforce, Raleigh. Parking is available at the Wilmington Street parking deck (one block away). Steve Glenn is the founder and CEO of LivingHomes LLC, a premier developer of modern, prefabricated homes that combine world-class architecture with an unparalleled commitment to healthy and sustainable construction. The company offers single and multi-family LivingHomes from Ray Kappe, FAIA, and Kieran Timberlake, the AIA 2008 Firm of the Year. The first LivingHome by Ray Kappe was installed in eight hours. It became the first to ever to receive a LEED for Home Platinum rating and was the only residence to win the 2007 AIA's top sustainability award. The second LivingHome, in Los Angeles, was named 2008 Green Home of the Year by Green Home Builder Magazine.

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