Hello Everybody and Good Morning!

Announcing The Thompson House Tour, Saturday, June 19, 1-4pm. 9704 Dirt Peeler Road, Raleigh, between Apex and Garner. One of the Triangle’s most remarkable houses! Commissioned 1999. Designed by David Davenport. Built by the Splinter Group and Tom Brown with Bobby Thompson actively managing much of the construction. A 6000-square-foot, two-story home engineered of heavy steel and wood construction covered in real stucco. Includes a go-kart track modeled on Bristol International Speedway and a 3400 sf garage/apartment. Interior design by Lynda Lankford. Lighting by Stan Pomeranz of Lightech Design, for which he won an IESNA Illumination Design Award. Stan will be on hand all afternoon, as will representatives from Davenport Architecture. If you fall in love with this exceptional house, it can be yours. Details and $5.95 tickets here. Mod Squad members get in free! Want to go free, too? Join the Mod Squad here.
What I've Learned, by Tina Govan. Govan grew up in many places and moved to Chapel Hill in 1973 where she went to Chapel Hill High School. She earned her Bachelor of Environmental Design in Architecture degree from the NCSU College of Design. After two years in the Peace Corps in west Africa, she graduated with a Masters of Architecture from MIT. She worked with Atelier Zo of Hokkaido, Japan; Kanda Associates Architects of Cambridge MA. Her firm, Tina Govan Architecture operates from both Raleigh and Chattanooga TN.

New in the Icons of Modern Archives: Paul Rudolph, best known in this area as the architect for the Burroughs Wellcome headquarters (now GlaxoSmithKline) in Research Triangle Park.

Please welcome Living Social, with whopping deals up to 80% off on Raleigh area restaurants, stores, and services.

LAST CHANCE FOR MODSHOP: Join us for the Saturday May 22 Charlotte IKEA and Design Within Reach ModShop shopping trip, only $49, or less if you’re a Mod Squad Member. Register here.

And by request, ModShop is available for Charlotte residents -- at a greatly reduced price. They will meet us at the IKEA parking lot at 1015am, ride with us to DWR, the Bernstein House (photo at left), and then get dropped off back at IKEA, all on our luxury, internet-equipped, lots-of-storage-in-the-bottom tour bus. The Charlotte price is $12.50 per person, or 75% off. Register here.

A4A: Appetite For Architecture. Here's your chance to break bread with prominent members of the Triangle's design community in an intimate, small group setting. Just one dinner left for the summer, Tuesday, June 1. Landscape architect Dick Bell and architect Brian Shawcroft AIA. These prolific gentlemen know just about everything concerning Raleigh residential architecture and the NCSU College of Design for the last 50 years. $49 per person. Location: Solas, Glenwood South, Raleigh. Details and tickets here.

Thanks to so many people discovering the growing TMH community, the newsletter list recently exceeded 1000! TMH wants to reward all our wonderful supporters while gaining even more participation. So we're giving away one free round-trip ticket on Southwest Airlines. Second prize is four tickets to the Thompson House Tour, above. Third prize is four tickets for our first architecture movie in December.

Qualifying for the prizes is easy! Official Rules: a. You have to already be a member of the TMH Newsletter List as of May 15, 2010. b. Invite as many of your design-oriented friends as you wish to join the newsletter list.
by entering their email in the signup box on the home page. c. When your friend receives a confirmation email from Google Groups, have them enter your name and phone number when asked “How did you hear about TMH?” d. The person who refers the most people who sign up gets the top prize, with the second highest getting second prize, and so forth. e. No purchase necessary. f. Southwest ticket must be booked by August 1 for travel by Dec 31, 2010. g. Any applicable taxes or fees are the flight winner’s responsibility. h. No cash value, and prizes are not transferable.

Good luck, and spread the word – you could be flying soon!

OTHER NEWS

Explore where no public building has gone before: The NASA Ames Research Center.

Thanks to NCSU Professor David Hill for contributing rare photos of some George Matsumoto houses. See 1958 - Westinghouse Total Electric Houses.

NEW ON THE MARKET


PRICE DROPS


1960 - The Elma Johnson Arndt House, 1428 Canterbury Road, Raleigh. Sold in 1988 to current owners Henry and Joy Hartzog. 4163 square feet. Kitchen has been extensively renovated. For sale, $795,000 down from $875,000, here.

1960 - 225 South Tarboro Road, Raleigh. A Modernist house moved here around 1985. Completely remodeled. Please write me if you know the architect and/or the original location. For sale, $179,900 down from $228,500, here.


1998 - 111 Eyemouth Cour, Cary. Designed by Canadian architect Alain Dupuis, 4000sf, four bedrooms, 3.5 baths, .61 acres. Current owners Liz/Larry Stine. For sale, $700,000 down from $735,000, here or call Montie Smith at 919-880-7673. Went on the market April 2010.

Frank Lloyd Wright's famed Ennis House in Los Feliz, California, hit the market for $15 million last June. Then the home dropped to $10.495 million in February, an event accompanied by a upbeat-sounding press release from Christie's Great Estates, which noted the "unprecedented value proposition" of the newly priced home. Brace yourself, FLW fans. New price: $7.495 million.

Kind regards,
Visit the new TMH Online Store for the latest in logo items, including the TMH Flip Video Camera (last photo) – particularly useful for going on house tours!