Hello Everybody,

Thanks to the 300+ that attended the Fairmount/Joe Rowand Tour on Saturday! Our largest one-house tour was a huge success despite the intense 100-degree-plus heat. Didn’t make it? See what you missed here. Big shout outs to the owner Joe Rowand, the architect Phil Szostak, and volunteers Sharon Glazener, Kim Weiss, Deborah Rodgers, Lynda Strickland, and Jane and Andy Andrews.

This could be you on the terrace! Is going to Frank Lloyd Wright’s Fallingwater on your bucket list? We’ve put together a truly memorable, affordable weekend trip September 18-19 featuring Fallingwater, Kentuck Knob, and more. See Frank Lloyd Wright’s masterpiece, one of the best-known and loved houses in the world, as few get to see it – a full guided tour, with photography privileges, finished off with a sunset wine and cheese reception. Now how cool is that? Treat yourself to this once-in-a-lifetime experience, complete with flight, hotel, admissions, most meals, even w-fi on our tour bus. Details and signup here. Act quickly – as of this morning there are only 108 seats left.

What I’ve Learned: Jessica Johnson Moore
The National AIA recently selected ten recipients of the 2010 Small Project Awards. Congratulations to Tonic Design in Raleigh for Art as Shelter; designed and built as an integral component of the North Carolina Museum of Art. Art as Shelter offers visitors a sheltered place to sit and reflect upon the museum sculpture park and public greenway. See more photos in our special shelter section.

Last week, Bryan Bell’s DesignCorps was honored at the White House by Michelle Obama as a finalist in the Architectural Design category of the National Design Awards sponsored by the Smithsonian’s Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum.

This Raleigh blog, run by graduate students at the NCSU College of Design, featured TMH last week as part one of a two-part series.

NEW ON THE MARKET

1977 - The Kathy Crook Residence, 33 Mount Bolus Road, Chapel Hill. Designed by Kathy Crook, who was also the general contractor. 3310 square feet, featuring an incredible round living room with a dome skylight in the center. A small addition was put on in 1995 after Hurricane Fran. There was also renovation from a small fire. Crook so vividly loved the outdoors and the isolation from the surrounding woods that she refused to allow a driveway, instead parking on the street and walking 50 feet of stairs and decking to reach the front door. The house was vacant for about two years. Sold in May 2008 to investors Arthur and Shaun Bruemmer. Sold in April 2009 to Lisa Davis. After an extensive renovation, plus a driveway, it’s for sale, $685,000, here.

There is a very special, beloved Raleigh building for sale – the AIANC Tower on Morgan Street. With some work, it could be one of the most amazing houses (or architect’s offices, or restaurants) in Raleigh. The tower was abandoned for water purposes in 1924. The city long considered demolishing the earlier structure, but in 1938 sold the property to Raleigh architect William Henley Deitrick. “The Tower” became the meeting place for generations of architects. In 1963, Deitrick deeded the water tower to the AIANC with binding preservation
covenants. The AIANC will be moving to a new larger building and has this one on the market. $685,000. Includes a small, two-story building in the back. Contact Ann-Cabell Baum Andersen at (919) 828-0077.

The TMH Modern 2010 Home Tour is Saturday, September 25, 1-430pm, featuring nine incredible houses (well, one’s an incredible office, to be honest) from the mid-century 1950’s through today. With an emphasis on sustainability, our famous free bus shuttles stop in front of each house every nine minutes - no clogging streets with traffic, no struggling with the GPS, no annoying the neighbors, no getting lost, no finding a place to park! And, best of all, photography is allowed everywhere inside and outside. Discount advance tickets and full details online here. Or, get the same discount in person at Quail Ridge Books at Raleigh’s Ridgewood Shopping Center -- one of the area’s last great independent bookstores. Thanks to our many wonderful sponsors, including:

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Kind regards,

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