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Hello Everyone:

URGENT DEMOLITION ALERT: 1952 - The Robert (Bob) and Elizabeth Lassiter House, [726 Hempstead Place](#), Charlotte. One of the few houses designed by **A. G. Odell**. Steel beams support the roof and eliminate the need for load-bearing interior walls, thereby enabling large open spaces to predominate throughout the interior. A particularly ingenious scheme was an arrangement whereby the dining table could be set in the kitchen, complete with food and adornments, and slid through the wall into the dining room. Appeared in Better Homes and Gardens September 1956. Odell did an addition in the 1970's. Included a saltwater pool. The home has Historic Landmark designation which includes significant tax breaks. On the market in 2010. **Unless a buyer is found the owners will demolish it in June 2011. For sale, \$785,000, [here](#). More details on the house at <http://landmarkscommission.org/surveys&rlassiter.htm>.**



←From the [News and Observer](#): “**The (NCSU) Student Bookstore** was a new model of campus design. Its folded concrete canopy was a fragment of a larger vision by then-campus architect Terry Waugh, himself a teacher at the School of Design, to extend the canopy east-west across the entire length of the campus. This bold and regionally appropriate gesture would provide a shady place to walk and a kind of 20th century cloister where students could gather and move easily between classes. We need this kind of boldness today. Saving the Bookstore would place N.C. State in the forefront of sustainable reuse. By intelligently building on what we have, we substantiate our belief in good design and reaffirm our most important resource: imagination.” -- **Frank Harmon FAIA**, Professor in Practice, NCSU College of Design.

Lee Butler was a brilliant architect and designer who passed away in 2005. During his years in Raleigh at NCSU, he was the toast of the town, amazing everyone with his intellect and passion for design. One time he bet friends he could build a Modernist house in six weeks -- and won. Thanks to contributions by Bill Pearson of [Ekose'a Homes](#), we just [added two videos](#) featuring Butler and his double-envelope concept.

The last **Appetite4Architecture** this year features Triangle architects [Turan Duda](#), [Mike Rantilla](#), and [Art Lin](#). What do all these architects have in common? They designed their own houses. Learn the inside secrets on starting a house from scratch, dealing with spousal disagreements, finding a builder who can handle modern design, and not breaking the bank. 630pm, Tuesday, March 22 at 18 Seaboard in Raleigh. [Details and registration](#).

CORRECTION: The **Holshouser Building** designed by Edgar and Margaret Hunter, is **NOT** one of several NC Fairgrounds structures slated for demolition by the Governor's office.



Call for Nominations: **The 2011 AIA Triangle Isosceles Award** honors individuals, associations or companies outside the architectural profession who, in collaboration with AIA Triangle members, have made significant contributions to the improvement of the built environment or to the profession of architecture. Recent past recipients include Myrick Howard of Preservation North Carolina; Jim Goodman of Capital Broadcasting; NC House Representative Deborah K. Ross; and Bernie Reeves of Spectator and Metro magazines. To nominate, complete and submit the Isosceles Nomination Form at www.aia-triangle.org by Friday, March 4th. For questions regarding the AIA Triangle Isosceles Award or the nomination process, contact Chad Parker AIA at 919.833.0250.

←Meet **architect Barbie**, coming soon to a toy store near you. What will the next Malibu dream house will look like?

Thanks to **Steve Arnaudin** of Brevard and **Charlie Kahn** of Chapel Hill for donating copies of **Southern Architect / NC Architect**. We're still missing quite a few months (hey, it ran for 45 years!) - check your attics and office basements and give us a call - free pickup in the Triangle. Click here to see the current online collection.

TMH is Hiring! OK, well, not literally, but we do need your help. Volunteer for one of the many fun assignments ranging from a few minutes to a few hours. Tip of the hat to PKCharlotte.

Many thanks to Gantt Huberman, Mechanics and Farmers Bank, The Michael Okoli Agency, and Arthur Clement for their financial support of the new **Pioneering Black Architects in North Carolina** series. This week: new profiles on **Jasminius Grandy III and Henry Beard Delany**.

Four places left - the Frank Lloyd Wright / Fallingwater Trip April 23-24: One of the most significant houses in the world, Fallingwater is on the bucket list for every serious design fan. Did you know that just a few miles away, there's another remarkable Wright house, Kentuck Knob? You will see both. Want to visit a more recent house by architect Robert Venturi? No problem. What about flying to Pennsylvania? It's all included. Lunches? Yes. Hotel? You betcha. Ground transportation? Of course. Is this amazing trip going to cost a fortune? Not at all – details are here.

In celebration of Fallingwater's 75th anniversary this year, Fallingwater, University of Pittsburgh, and Carnegie Museum of Art are presenting a conference on the modern house April 5 in Pittsburgh. Entitled "**Private Domains/Public Displays**: The Modern House Interpreted," the symposium gathers directors and curators from nine of the world's landmark modern house museums to discuss the unique challenges of preserving and interpreting modernism.

Meet MiMo is an international conference on Miami's Mid-Century Modern architecture and design, featuring national and local experts on Mid-Century Modern architecture. A "Living Legends" luncheon will honor renowned architects of this era. Highlights include a Bacardi reception, a boat tour of the Marine Stadium, a house tour of iconic Modernist homes, and walking tours of the Morris Lapidus Historic District along Collins on Miami Beach, Lincoln Road, North Beach, Bay Harbor Islands, MiMo Biscayne Historic District and the University of Miami's Modernist structures. Where: The Mona Lisa Ballroom, Eden Roc Renaissance Beach Resort and Spa, 4525 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach, Fla. Details.

Price Drop:

1978 - The Gregory Adams Kimble Residence II, 3100 Cornwall Road, Durham. When the Kimbles decided to come back from Colorado, they designed and lived in this their second area house until 2006 when both died.

Their son Jeffrey Kimble and his wife Judith Kimble are the current owners. Went on the market in 2008 for \$1.1M, now \$675,000, [here](#).

Kind regards,

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