Good morning everyone!

Did you miss the Downeast Tour? 40 adventuring architecture fans journeyed to Rocky Mount and Greenville for a beautiful sunny Saturday visiting Modernist houses from the 1950’s through today.

COMING THURSDAY NIGHT, 7pm, Galaxy Cinema in Cary: The last in the Nowell’s Architecture Movie Series is Citizen Architect: Samuel Mockbee and the Spirit of the Rural Studio. Trailer. A documentary film on the late architect Samuel Mockbee and the radical educational design/build program known as the Rural Studio. Hale County, Alabama is home to some of the most impoverished communities in America. It is also home to Auburn University’s Rural Studio, one of the most prolific and inspirational design-build outreach programs ever established. Revealing the philosophy and heart behind the Rural Studio, the documentary is guided by passionate, frank and never-before-seen interviews with Mockbee himself. The film supplements Mockbee’s words and the students’ experiences with perspective from other architects and designers who share praise and criticism of the Rural Studio, including Peter Eisenman, Michael Rotondi, Cameron Sinclair, Steve Badanes and Hank Louis. Their dialogue infuses the film with a larger discussion of architecture’s role in issues of poverty, class, race, education, social change and citizenship. Introduction by Rural Studio alumnus Mike Spinello. Citizen Architect is sponsored by:
New this Week in the TMH Archives:

- Architect profile: Harry Harles of Rocky Mount.
- Charlie Kahn audio interview with Charles Sappenfield, a graduate of NCSU, multi-AIANC-award-winner, and former Dean of Architecture at Ball State University.
- Charlie Kahn audio interview with Owen Smith, at 93 the oldest practicing architect in North Carolina. He’s still going and going and going!
- What I’ve Learned from Brett Hautop of Vernacular Studio.

News this Week:

Raleigh’s Theresa Joan Rosenberg, a uniquely powerful combination of architect and attorney, recently became an accredited professional by the Green Building Certification Institute. Read more about her in our Pioneering Women in North Carolina Architecture series.

Watch News 14 Carolinas coverage of the endangered Lassiter House in Charlotte by AG Odell.


Join me for TMH’s roadshow, Mayberry Modernism, at the Cameron Village Library, March 31, 7pm, free. Our state’s greatest secret is that we have the third most modernist houses than anywhere in the country. Learn more about the Triangle’s modernist gems, many still glorious, some endangered, and some destroyed forever.

Historic Charlotte will host a panel discussion called Modernism at Risk at the Wells Fargo Auditorium in Charlotte on April 19. Registration is from 5:30-6pm. The panel discussion is 6-7:15pm. Reception is afterwards until 8pm. The moderator is Diane Althouse, Executive Director Historic Charlotte; Panelists are George Smart, founder and Board Chair Triangle Modernist Houses; Bob Ciucevich, Principal and founder of Quatrefoil Consulting, Savannah, GA; and Peter Wong, Associate Professor of Architecture, UNC Charlotte School of Architecture. Open to the public and children over 12. Free.

Price Drop: 1950 - A Lustron House, 1325 Sunset, Rocky Mount NC. Has been on the market since early 2009. For sale, $28,000 down from $38,000, here. At this price, maybe you should move to Rocky Mount.
Kind regards,

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