Good morning, everyone!

Curious about architecture but don’t have any training or experience? This week discover *Understanding Architecture* by architect Doug Patt of *How to Architect*. Doug takes the average non-architect through a brilliant set of short videos explaining the profession both in terms of art and science.

Please welcome new TMH sponsor Dr. John Sharpe and CPRM. Did you know that architectural plans, even from decades ago, can produce substantial tax deductions (often in the thousands of dollars) for architects or their heirs? Sharpe provides appraisals for estate, gift, tax, and insurance purposes; consultation on investments in rare books and manuscripts; and advice on conservation and restoration, including purchase and disposition of rare books and manuscripts.

From Mike Welton, Architects and Artisans: The 2011 AIA Housing Awards.

Correction: Last week’s link concerning tax credits for renovating your house was out of date. Here is the current information.

New architect profile: Bill Moore of Asheville.

Thanks to John Morris of Goodnight Raleigh, here is a look the proposed new NCSU Bookstore building. That design, by internationally known architecture firm Duda/Paine, is quite impressive. Now, how to connect the old with the new? Or, should preserving the Milton Small canopies be a concern at all? Share your opinion at the Save the NCSU Bookstore Facebook page.
ModShop III, the Charlotte Modernist House Tour: TMH’s third and biggest Charlotte tour is Saturday, May 14, hooking up with Historic Charlotte’s biennial event plus a few houses open exclusively for TMH. Relax on our luxury internet-equipped bus down and back, plus a stop at IKEA on the way home. Details and tickets here.

Mayberry Modernism is this Thursday, March 31, at the Cameron Village Library, 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 hosts a panel discussion called Modernism at Risk at the Wells Fargo Auditorium in Charlotte on April 19. Registration is 530-6pm. The panel discussion is 6-715pm. Reception is until 8pm. The moderator is Diane Althouse, Executive Director Historic Charlotte; Panelists are George Smart, 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.

On Saturday, June 18, Mike Welton of Architects + Artisans will host a behind-the-scenes tour of Thomas Jefferson’s architectural masterpiece and Palladian retreat, Poplar Forest. Travis McDonald, director of architectural restoration at the estate, will offer a guided, room-by-room commentary of the octagonal-shaped main building, as well as its design and construction and that of the surrounding structures. Jack Gary, director of archeology and landscape, will lead participants through a tour of excavations and plantings at the Palladian villa. Click here for details.

Preservation Durham’s 15th annual Neighborhood House Tour is in Duke Park on Saturday, May 7. Most of the land that is now part of Duke Park was once owned by Brodie Duke and the Glosson family, whose farmhouse is one of the oldest homes in Durham. Real estate development in Duke Park began in earnest in the 1920s as Durham grew northward past the Norfolk and Western Railroad line. Of special interest to Modernist fans are the Gamble House on North Mangum, designed and built by Richard Dillard, and the Alfred King House on Shawnee. Eleven homes are included in this year's tour, all within easy walking distance of each other. Tickets will be available on April 1, here.

PRICE DROPS

1951 - The Robert (Bob) and Elizabeth Lassiter House, 726 Hempstead Place, Charlotte. 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. Charles McMurray did an addition in the 1970's. Included a saltwater pool. Built for current owners. For sale, $785,000 down from $1,000,000, here. WILL BE DESTROYED IF NOT SOLD BY JUNE 2011.

1955 - The Jim and Kelly Brandt House, his own at 122 East Drewry Lane, Raleigh. Built by Frank Walser. The original roof design was gravel with a series of arches set next to each other along the length of the house. It has been replaced with a traditional shingle roof. For sale, $354,900 down from $380,000, here.


1989 - The Robert and Connie Shertz Residence, a Deck House at 7229 Blaney Bluffs Lane, Raleigh, right on Lake Wheeler. Two acres. Went on the market in August 2009. For sale, $800,000 down from $929,000. Virtual tour. For sale, here. Free wine and cheese open house on Thursday, March 31st from 4-6 pm.

Kind regards,

George

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