Hello folks!

➡️ Last chance for advance discount tickets!  
**Saturday, May 7, 10-4pm, Preservation Durham's Duke Park House Tour.**  
Visit tons of classic homes in Duke Park (including two Modernist houses). Walk, or drive your car.  
Details and $18-20 advance discount tickets [here](#). Our box office **closes May 5** for this event. $25 day of tour.

➡️ ModShop III, Saturday, May 14, the Charlotte Modernist Home Tour. Visit 5-6 exceptional Charlotte Modernist houses from mid-century to this century, plus lunch and shopping at IKEA. Travel in style on TMH’s luxury, internet-equipped bus! Details and advance discount tickets [here](#). **Just 12 seats left!**

**NEWS THIS WEEK**

What I’ve Learned: **Randy Lanou** of Studio B Architecture and BuildSense.

TMH Research Alert: We’re looking for **Willie Merrit**, an architect who worked for Voorhees and Everhart of High Point in the 1950’s. See what we have so far [here](#), and help us locate him for an interview.

The John and Sally Bugg House, designed by **Kenneth Hobgood** and built by **Vinny Petrarca** of Tonic Construction, was featured last Friday in the [Wall Street Journal](https://www.wsj.com).
The first in a series of TMH happy hour networking events, **Thirst4Architecture**, was last Wednesday night at Natty Greene’s in Raleigh. About 60 attended! Thanks to our co-host GoodnightRaleigh and sponsor VMZINC. Photos by Leilani Carter. Next event: Wednesday, May 25, 6-8pm, **free drinks** at the offices of **in situ studio**, Erin Sterling Lewis and Matthew Griffith. Details [here](#).

The Subzero freezer from Durham's McCowan House is for sale: A 36 inch, stainless steel unit reported in excellent condition. Retails for over $6,000. Selling for $3,800. Contact Madhu Beriwal, Madhu.Beriwal@iem.com.

May is National Preservation Month, and the state Historic Preservation Office launches a series of three “Lunch and Learn” talks at noon in the Archives and History/State Library Building. They are on Tuesdays, May 3, May 10 and May 17. The May 3 talk, “National Register of Historic Places and Historic Preservation Tax Credits,” will review the process to acquire the 40-percent combined federal and state tax credit for rehabilitation of income-producing historic properties, and the 30-percent state tax credit for non-income producing properties. Since 1976 more than 2,000 HPO-certified projects have received more than one billion dollars in investment in historic properties; job creation, revitalization, economic activity, and community pride have resulted. HPO staff members Ann Swallow and Tim Simmons will be the presenters. On May 10, Preservation North Carolina Executive Director Myrick Howard will explain his organization’s work ([www.presnc.org](http://www.presnc.org)) and will speak on “Real Estate Is the Name of the Game: Saving Endangered Historic Properties Across N.C.” The May 17 final talk, “Restoration, Reconstruction, and a Whole Lot of Rehabilitation: Historic Preservation in the Triangle,” will be given by Mitch Wilds of the HPO staff. For additional information call (919) 807-7389.

Kind regards,

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Saturday, May 21, 2011
7 PM-MIDNIGHT

North Carolina Museum of Art
East Building
2110 Blue Ridge Road, Raleigh

$125 per person through May 9
$150 per person beginning May 10

COCKTAIL ATTIRE

RSVP by May 9:
purchase tickets online
at www.ncartmuseum.org/auction
or call (919) 664-6754

No tickets will be mailed. A guest list will be held at the door.