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Hello Everyone!



←**Coming up: Thirst4Architecture (T4A) Happy Hour Gathering:** Friday, June 24, 6-8pm, at the North Carolina Museum of Art. T4A welcomes architects, artists, designers, interior designers, realtors, engineers, contractors, property investors, building managers, Modernist homeowners, materials and furniture dealers – or anyone with a **huge crush on great architecture.**

Special Guests: Mitch Magee, producer/writer of the Mister Glasses series

(the...best...architecture...videos...ever); and Raleigh architect Jody Brown, author of the hilarious blog, Coffee With an Architect.

Visit the fabulous new Museum building, meet our special guests, and make new connections. Free admission, cash bar and light food for sale. See details and our complete summer schedule [here](#).

What did you Miss Last Week?

- **On the House:** An amazing 130+ people had a blast at TMH's second monthly happy hour! Architects Erin Sterling Lewis and Matthew Griffith hosted this event at their new architecture offices, **in situ studio** in Raleigh. See photos and more [here](#).
- **The James House Tour:** If you've ever enjoyed Popular Mechanics or reading plan books, you know the lure of the completely custom do-it-yourself house. In the early 1970's, Renaissance man Jay James designed and built fifteen 240-square-foot hexagonal structures and connected them together to form a wondrous 5000 sf house. The family has lived there and has loved it ever since. Dean [Henry Kamphoefner](#) of the NCSU School of Design

regularly brought students to view and sketch this innovative concept house. James was a consummate jack-of-all-trades, and the residence features both passive and active solar power, including a mirror that tracked the sun. The house was open for public viewing for the first time in over thirty years. Despite the Memorial day weekend, over 140 people attended! See photos and more [here](#).

←What good things can happen when you buy a classic [Lustron](#)? In 2009, new owner Deborah Chay removed the carport and completely renovated the old “addition” on the back of the house. [Here’s a video on her successful renovation](#). Photo by Tad Davis.

Speaking of [Lustrons](#), we’re pleased to report TMH’s national demolition alert saved the Nashville NC Lustron on Collins Street. The house will be disassembled and moved to Greensboro, with an eventual reconstruction in the Boone area.

Coming up: **1950’s furniture sale** on June 4&5, 4122 Cobblestone Place, Durham. Saturday 11 to 5 and Sunday from 11 to 4. Numbers given out to early birds on Saturday at 10am. www.tomrobertsestatesales.com. Some great finds for mid-century fans.

Next in the series [Pioneering Black Architects in North Carolina](#): **Harvey Gantt** of Charlotte.



New Video: **Frank Harmon and David Crawford** discuss the now-under-construction [AIANC Center for Architecture and Design](#) at the recent national AIA Conference in New Orleans.

Southern Architect / NC Architect Magazine: Thanks to Sharon Smart, LS3P, Charles Boney, Aubrey Kirby, Jimmy Edwards, AIANC, and others, we’ve scanned about 2/3 of these amazing histories of NC design which started in 1954. **We’ve got most of the 1950’s and 1960’s, but we’re still missing many issues from the 1970’s and 1980’s.** Architects -- please check your attics, basements, conference rooms, old fileboxes, and retired partners. Help complete this exceptional history of North Carolina architecture. Contact me for details; free pickup in the Triangle area. Donations are tax-deductible.

NEW ON THE MARKET

1958 – Had your eye on the Nicholson House in Durham’s Hope Valley Neighborhood? It will be available soon. Designed by [Robert “Judge” Carr](#), 429 Rugby Road, Durham. 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, approx 4700 sqft plus extra deep 3 car garage on 3.7 acres. One of Durham’s first passive solar houses. Expanded in 2002 by the Nicholson’s son and renovated in 2009 by current owners David and Lesley McAdams. Express interest [here](#).

1966 - The Richard A. Hocks and M. Elaine Dowling Hocks Residence, [412 Caswell Road](#), Chapel Hill. Hocks, an English professor, drew the plans himself while a Ph.D. student at UNC-Chapel Hill. The builder was Ed Mann. Hocks would eventually move to Columbia MO and design a larger house there for his family. Sold in 1965 to Jean Wood Walston. Sold in 1969 to Edgar V. and Nancy Nash. Sold in 1980 to Merrell and Jo Ann McClelland Flair. Sold in 1992 to Anne K. Parrish who rented it for a few years, then **left it vacant from approximately 1995 until now**. There is extensive damage and deterioration. For sale, \$219,000, [here](#).

Kind regards,

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