Good morning!

Thanks to avid TMH researchers Catherine Westergaard and Adrianne Joergensen, the Mies van der Rohe archive is about 400% larger, with almost all of his residential work.

Students from the School of Architecture at the NCSU College of Design are working on a major project under the guidance of Randy Lanou of BuildSense, and Ellen Cassilly of Ellen Cassilly Architect, to create a Modernist shade structure and alternative stage for Durham Central Park. The leaf-shaped structure will have a dual-purpose: a stage for a wide variety of performances and an aesthetically pleasing shaded seating area with a minimal footprint. The open design will allow for high visibility of the park and serve as a catalyst for attracting more people and activities at the park at a fraction of what it would traditionally cost. Many heartfelt thanks to the NCSU architecture students, to Ellen, and to Randy. I have personally donated to this project, and you can too. The estimated cost is $30,000. A generous Duke Energy grant will provide a portion of those funds. The balance of the funding, approximately $13,000, will need to be raised from people like us. The fundraising campaign ends Saturday, July 23 so please don’t hesitate to donate. Any monies raised beyond our goal amount will go towards enhancement of the structure through additional landscaping, lighting, and providing electrical outlets for the stage. The deadline for completion of the structure is set for August 5. A Kickstarter campaign, “Bring Shade and a Stage to the Park!” has been organized for this effort. If you would prefer to donate funds through the mail, please send your contribution to: Durham Central Park, PO Box 1526, Durham, NC 27702.

Coffee With an Architect has a new store, Shop of Angst! Discover Jody Brown’s style-setting fashion and coffee accessories. He’ll be giving away one of these as a door prize at the next
Thursday, July 28, 6-8pm at the architecture offices of Vernacular Studios, 530 Hillsborough Street at Glenwood Avenue, Raleigh. Details. Free.

Next House Tour: The 1959 Carter Williams House, Raleigh. Saturday, July 23, 10am-12noon
Designed by Carter Williams, FAIA. The house is also known as Blue Haven, named for its distinctive Carolina blue stone. Dick Bell was the landscape architect. Deadline for advance tickets is July 16 – get yours now! Details, directions, and discount advance tickets here.

Video of the week: Site Specific. The Metropolis Site Specific Tour was hosted by 20 leading architecture and design firms in the United States and Canada during 2007. It explored the lessons of regional architecture and design history in implementing 21st-century projects, and featured a Metropolis-produced film, Site Specific: The Legacy of Regional Modernism.

Please welcome BuildSense as TMH’s newest Emerald Corporate Sponsor. Along with sister company Studio B Architecture, they provide full-service architecture and construction with a mission of making excellent, custom, beautiful, site and climate-specific houses available and affordable to more homebuyers. Bill Beasley and Randy Lanou are our latest Mod Squad members, please thank them for their support!

Join the Mod Squad for just $10 a month, cancellable at any time, here. You get the full benefits (free one-house tours, free architecture movies, and the cool hat) without the upfront membership cost!
Milton Small’s NCSU Bookstore is being taken apart. The extensive glass was salvaged recently so bulldozers cannot be too far behind. See the full story by John Morris at RaleighModern.

Recently added to Pioneering Women in North Carolina Architecture: Louise Hall, AIA. Hall was a Professor of Art and Architecture at Duke for decades as well as the archivist for the NC AIA. Without her work manually sorting thousands of slides and journals and photos and office records, archives like TMH would not be possible today – because many of those records would have been destroyed years ago.

New(ish) on the Market:

1954 - The I. Jesse Dowdy / Cash Haggerty Residence, 1720 Co-Ah-Bar Street, Rocky Mount. 2.6 acres. Commissioned 1952. Designed by George Harrell. The house is the finest surviving example of Modernist architecture in town. It was built by S. S. Toler and Son according to former employee Norman Chambliss. The landscape architect was Edwin Gilbert Thurlow. E. L. Hunley was the engineer. For sale, here.


50% Price Drop:

1982 - 1326 Poplar Lane, Hillsborough NC. A dome house, $90,000 down from an initial price of $179,900, here. Needs a WHOLE LOT of work. Seriously major work. Has been on the market since at least 2007.

Kind regards,

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