Good morning folks!

TOURS and EVENTS:

Frank Lloyd Wright Trip: This one is special. Mark your calendars for November 5 and 6 for a very, very rare Frank Lloyd Wright House Tour: The Auldbrass Plantation in South Carolina, a house and grounds never open to the public except once every two years. Tickets are not yet on sale to the general public and in past years tickets are usually gone within a few days.

However, TMH already has tickets and is going down in style, in a luxury, internet-equipped, air-conditioned, restroom-equipped bus. Oh, and did I mention we’ll be having a cocktail party and presentation with architect Eric Lloyd Wright, Frank Lloyd Wright’s grandson?

Plus, Raleigh’s Frank Harmon will be personally guiding us through the Low Country House which won a 2009 National AIA award. This amazing weekend adventure will sell out fast, so check your fall calendars and sign up now! Mod Squad members get a discount. Transportation, hotel, admissions, meals – just about everything is included. Details and registration here.
Next Triangle 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 $5.95 discount advance tickets is July 16 – get yours now! Mod Squad members get in free. $8 at the door. Details, directions, and advance tickets here.

The next event is Thursday, July 28, 6-8pm. These exciting, informal happy hours are free and open to the public. We welcome 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. Join us and hosts Brett Hautop and Chad Parker at the architecture offices of Vernacular Studio, 530 Hillsborough Street at Glenwood Avenue, Raleigh. Door prizes? Of course! There is no charge to attend, and the sponsoring firm provides all refreshments. Details here.

TMH NEWS and VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

Thanks to intrepid volunteer Catherine Westergaard, the Philip Johnson archive has doubled to include almost all of his residential work.

Thanks to great TMH volunteers Nicole Alvarez and Leilani Carter for updating photos of mid-century Chapel Hill houses.

Thanks to Max for increasing the Tom Kundig archive ten-fold.
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. Erik Van Mehlman and Randy Lanou are our latest Mod Squad members, please thank them for their support!

A WORTHY MODERNIST CAUSE:

Help get this Modernist stage for Durham Central Park paid for! I have personally donated and you can too. Students from the School of Architecture at the NCSU College of Design, shown at left with some of the cool structural steel forms, are working under the guidance of Randy Lanou of BuildSense, and Ellen Cassilly of Ellen Cassilly Architect. The leaf-shaped structure will be a stage for a wide variety of performances and a shaded seating area with a minimal footprint.

The estimated cost is $30,000. A generous Duke Energy grant will provide a portion of those funds. The rest must be raised by Saturday, July 23 so please donate now. The deadline for completion of the structure is 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, send your contribution to: Durham Central Park, PO Box 1526, Durham, NC 27702.

Thanks!

NEW ON THE MARKET

1966 - The Jaffe House, 24299 Seabreeze R03, Rodanthe NC. 1750 sf. Named for the architect, Norman Jaffe. Built for the Peel family, who bought the land in 1964. The house went from the ocean to the sound and was probably 75 feet wide. Construction began in 1965. Sold in 1999 to current owner Michael Evans who had it moved back off the ocean and a little higher off the ground. Steps and railings were constructed during the move. Most furniture in the house is original and was purchased by the Peels when they built it. See photos here. Call Michael at (919) 212-7113.

PRICE DROP

1975 - The Henry and Mary Miller Residence, aka The Sea House, aka Carmel by the Sea, 3847 Columbine Circle, Charlotte. Designed by Crutcher Ross, and the project architect was Sam Greeson. Commissioned 1973. Henry Miller owned Miller Tile and filled his house with tons of
various colors, shapes, and artisan forms. Constructed by Reynolds Construction. Went on the market in March 2011. Was on the Charlotte Modern tour in 2009. For sale, $735,000 down from $765,000, here.

Remember, you can always 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!

Kind regards,

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