Good morning everyone!

➡ Special $8.95 discount advance tickets now on sale through August 8 for The Hillsborough Modernist House Tour, 9A-12N Saturday, August 13. Two great new Modernist houses, one by Rusty Long and one by Tonic Design in the Triangle’s coolest small town. We’ve even got Mayor Tom Stevens, left, to welcome you at registration. Join the Mod Squad this month and get this two-house tour for free. Details and tickets here. Many thanks to our sponsors:
The FLW/Auldbrass Modernist Tour
Featuring A Cocktail Party/Presentation from Eric Lloyd Wright, Frank Lloyd Wright's Grandson, and more!

Special Bonus: Tour of The Low Country Residence, led by its architect, Raleigh's Frank Harmon FAIA
Saturday-Sunday, November 5-6, 2011, Yemassee/Beaufort/Mount Pleasant, South Carolina
There are 40 seats; 16 are gone, and we expect to sell out. Registration ends August 15. Details here.

Have you always wanted to see Auldbrass, Frank Lloyd Wright's South Carolina masterpiece? It's only open once every two years, and TMH is going in November! Would you like to meet Frank Lloyd Wright's grandson, Eric? Did you know that close by in Mount Pleasant, there's another remarkable, AIA-award-winning house by Raleigh's Frank Harmon? This is your chance to tour both houses and meet Eric Lloyd Wright. What about getting to South Carolina? It's all included. Breakfasts? Yes. Lunches? Yes. Hotel? You betcha. Wow, that's incredible! We think so, too.

What if I live in Charlotte, or Atlanta, or Myrtle Beach, or Asheville, or Tybee Island GA, or Fort Lauderdale FL? Are you gonna make me drive to Raleigh? Not at all, we've got a very special new deal for you! Registration ends August 15. Details here.

Did you get to Vernacular Studio in Raleigh last Thursday night? Your next chance is the next Thirst4Architecture Happy Hour at Nowell’s Contemporary Furniture, 900 East Chatham Street in Cary, Thursday, August 25, 6-8pm, hosted with:

Here are some photos from last week's gathering at Vernacular. 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
The Kronish house by Richard Neutra in Beverly Hills is threatened because the owner, a development company called Soda Partners LLC, are considering demolition. Named for its original owner, Herbert Kronish, and built in 1954, the one-story house sits at the end of a 250-foot-long driveway on a 2-acre lot. With 6,891 square feet of living space, six bedrooms and 5 1/2 bathrooms, the home is Neutra’s largest in Southern California, according to his son, Dion Neutra, who’s leading a movement to pressure Beverly Hills officials to deny the permit. Please take five minutes to send e-mails voicing your concern. Early indications are that the City Council is at least partly sympathetic. Your email need not be profound, but simply respectful and to the point. Remember, the simple e-mail that is sent is infinitely more valuable than the carefully-articulated one you meant to send. Mayor Barry Brucker, bbrucker@beverlyhills.org; Vice Mayor William W. Brien, MD, wbrien@beverlyhills.org; Councilmember John A. Mirisch, jmirisch@beverlyhills.org; Councilmember Lili Bosse, lbosse@beverlyhills.org; Councilmember Julian A. Gold, MD, jgold@beverlyhills.org; City Hall is (310) 285-1000. The L.A. Conservancy encourages local residents and business owners to contact City Council members and attend the Tuesday, August 2 Council meeting at 7pm PST.

The 30 Americans exhibition at the North Carolina Museum of Art features 75 works by African-American artists—including some of the best contemporary artists working today. A must-see for designers, art lovers, and creative types of all kinds until September 4. Special deal for TMH newsletter readers, use the code MOD when you purchase your tickets and receive $2 off the regular adult admission price. Get more information at ncartmuseum.org.

AIA Triangle 2011 Summer Lecture Series, Part 1

Beyond Representation: Place, Materiality, and Digital Processes, with Professor David Hill and Professor Sara Queen. August 9, BBH Design, P.A. and IDeA, 7:00pm. All are welcome. Registration here required, space is limited.
Today is the last day to Vote for Barbie’s New Dreamhouse! A jury was selected and five finalists have been chosen for the public to vote on and determine the overall winner. Click here to view the submissions and vote for your favorite. The competition ends today, with the winner announced tomorrow in conjunction with a retail launch of Barbie: I Can Be an Architect.

In the news last week:
- Salisbury’s John Ramsay with a story about an amazing wartime portrait that will soon find its way home.
- Saving Charlotte’s Lassiter House, designed by AG Odell.
- Raleigh’s Vinny Petrarca.
- TMH wins an Advocacy Award from Preservation Durham.

NEW ON THE MARKET / PRICE DROPS – none this week. That’s unusual….we’ll probably have lot more next week.

Kind regards,

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