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Good morning all,

After 15 months of scavenging, we are just a few issues short of having the entire 54 years of Southern Architect/NC Architect Magazine scanned and online. Help us get the final -- 14 so the public can enjoy them for another 54 years. Architects: please check your office or bookshelf or basement; the list of missing issues is here in red.

NEWS

TMH established the Macon Smith Research Grant Program in 2009 to support research into Triangle Modernist architecture and architects. Funds of up to $1000 are available to private citizens, academics, or institutions. Anyone can apply: students, faculty, architects, non-architects, or the general public. TMH will award one grant this fall. Deadline is this Saturday, October 15. Details on how to apply here.

A Frank Gehry house gets moved.

Today’s the day the “stay of execution” for Richard Neutra’s Kronish House is set to expire. At last report, there are no bulldozers at the ready, so the city, the owner/developers, Neutra’s son Dion, and the City Council will be having more conversations this week.

From the UK Telegraph: Britain’s modern house revolution.

What I’ve Learned: Asheville’s Mark Allison.

From NewRaleigh: Raleigh is set to lose more modernist buildings due to recent city approval of new mid-rise apartment buildings in the Glenwood South area and subsequent sale of the property in September. Built in 1948, and possibly designed by Milton Small, the low rise office structures at 425 Boylan Ave are about to be torn down in favor of the new 425 Boylan Ave. John Morris over at Goodnight Raleigh has taken some shots of the buildings. See more at Raleigh Modern. More moderns are going away at 715 and 721 Tucker. Full NewRaleigh article.
Jan-Richard Kikkert and Tycho Saariste made a name for themselves seeing every John Lautner building still standing, even appearing in the movie Infinite Space. They spoke at Northern Michigan University on September 18.

In our continuing series of video interviews with mid-century Modernists around North Carolina, meet landscape architect Dick Bell, formerly of Raleigh, landscape designer for the original Pullen Park, the Meredith College Amphitheatre, and many other projects around the state.

TMH TOURS and EVENTS

- The last Thirst4Architecture (T4A) Happy Hour of 2011 is Thursday, October 27, 6-8pm, at Full Steam Brewery. Co-hosted with Preservation Durham. Sponsored by Ellen Cassilly Architect, who designed their renovation, and Urban Durham Realty. At the very same time as T4A, there’s a fantastic music and food festival outdoors adjacent to the building. So come on over to Durham for the evening! Details here.

- The Richmond Modernist Tour, the Auldbrass/Frank Lloyd Wright Tour, and the Rantilla House Tour are all sold out. So we’re now planning more local tours and out of town trips for 2012 and beyond. Where do you want to go? What great houses would you like to see, both in the Triangle and yonder?

TMH/NOWELLS ARCHITECTURE MOVIE SERIES

- The TMH/Nowell’s Architecture Movie Series starts in ten days! Thursday, October 20 at 730pm at the Galaxy Cinema in Cary. Attached are posters and small slices to forward to friends, post on your fridge, or print up for your office buds. Get info in each film, watch trailers, and get tickets here at almost 50% off the walkup price. Additional sponsors include: Dail Dixon FAIA, ModernHomeAuction.com, Buildsense/Studio B, Cherry Modern, Kontek Systems, Eidolon Designs, and Alphin Design Build. Details here.

- Movies include: Rem Koolhaas: A Kind of Architect; The Birds Nest; Louis Sullivan: The Struggle for American Architecture; How Much Does Your Building Weigh, Mr. Foster?; God’s Architects; and Philip Johnson: Diary of An Eccentric Architect. Details, dates, trailers. and discount season tickets available now, here.

- Special Deal: Have dinner before a TMH movies at Bombay Beijing, right across the street from the Galaxy Cinema, and you’ll get one free admission for each $15 spent. Where else can you get delicious Indo-Chinese cuisine and a movie for only $15? Details here.

NEW ON THE MARKET

1962 - The Walter and Myrtle Obrist House, 2604 McDowell Road, Durham. Architect unknown. Many owners over the years, but in excellent shape. For sale, $275,000, here.


ENDANGERED

1970 - An amazing design by Sumner Winn on 2619 Meacham Road in Chapel Hill. 12.34 acres and a pool. Has been on the market (and vacant) since May 2008. For sale, $575,000 down from $699,000, here. The owners (a trust) recently started advertising the property as multi-family - and MLS has stopped showing interior photos. This signs mean the end for a great house that’s was one of Winn’s best. Word is a reasonable offer (which preserves the house) has been on the table for quite some time but the owners are holding out for more.

Kind regards,

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