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Happy New Year!

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**2011 year in Review:** Catch last year’s events: descriptions and photos of all the house tours, parties, trips, Mod Squad tours, A4A dinners, architecture movies, T4A happy hours, Mayberry Modernism presentations, and more!

Did you miss last month’s TMH/Nowell’s Architecture movie? We can fix that! For a donation of just $35, we’ll mail a DVD of *Louis Sullivan: The Struggle for American Architecture*. Sneak peek.

This film chronicles the life and career of Louis Sullivan and what he tried so hard to do for American architecture. Much of the footage is made up of moving shots that trace building details and ornamentation not readily seen by the naked eye. Sullivan’s quixotic belief in the unbreakable connection between social values and architecture is closely examined, as are the cultural forces at work at the end of the nineteenth century that made it impossible for Sullivan’s aesthetic to take root in the American consciousness. The film presents him as an artist who never felt completely comfortable in either the vanishing world of nineteenth-century romanticism or the unsentimental and mechanized one of the twentieth century. And just as important, the film looks at how Louis Sullivan’s genius exerted such a tremendous influence on the development of the most famous architect who ever lived, Frank Lloyd Wright.

Donate $35 or more here (use the Donate link on the left), and in appreciation we’ll send the DVD to the address associated with your PayPal account. **Offer expires 11:59pm Thursday, January 5.**
Here’s the next TMH/Nowell’s Architecture Movie: *How Much Does Your Building Weigh, Mr. Foster?*

Thursday, January 19, 730pm, Galaxy Cinema, Cary. Details [here](#).

The question came from Buckminster Fuller. The question was directed at one of the world’s premier architects, Norman Foster. You will learn Foster’s origins and how his dreams and influences inspired the design of emblematic projects such as the largest building in the world, Beijing Airport, the Reichstag, the Hearst Building in New York and the tallest bridge ever in Millau France. Foster became the 21st Pritzker Architecture Prize Laureate in 1999 and was awarded the Praemium Imperiale Award for Architecture in 2002. He has been awarded the American Institute of Architects Gold Medal for Architecture (1994), the Royal Gold Medal for Architecture (1983), and the Gold Medal of the French Academy of Architecture (1991). In 1990 he was granted a Knighthood in the Queen’s Birthday Honours, and in 1999 was honoured with a Life Peerage, becoming Lord Foster of Thames Bank. Nowell’s Movie series sponsors include Blueplate PR, Kontek Systems, Dail Dixon FAIA, ModernHomeAuction.com, Cherry Modern Design, Alphin Design Build, and Studio B/Buildsense.

**Special Deal:** Have dinner before one of TMH’s movies at Bombay Beijing, right across the street from the Galaxy Cinema, and you’ll get [one free admission](#) for each $15 spent. Save your dinner receipt and present at the TMH box office inside the theatre.

**A4A: Appetite4Architecture!** Registration deadline for the first dinner is January 15. Dreaming of a new Modernist house? Long admired the work of a local architect or designer? Thinking about architecture as a career? Here’s your chance to break bread with prominent members of the Triangle's design community in an intimate, affordable small group setting. A4A dinner events are rare opportunities to enjoy easy, informal discussions in an upscale dining environment. You will have direct access to some of the area’s best residential architects and professionals. Explore architecture, homebuilding, the economy for design, furnishings, real estate - or anything else on your mind! There are no presentations or powerpoint slides -- just great conversations with award-winning cuisine. All A4A dinners are at **18 Seaboard** in Raleigh and begin at **6:30 pm**. They include three sumptuous courses (appetizer, entree, dessert) from a pre-selected menu plus coffee/water/tea, tax, and gratuity. Vegetarian options are available. Details and registration [here](#).
Coming up January 31 * Ellen Cassilly, Randy Lanou, and Frank Harmon. February 21 * Kenneth Hobgood, Erin Sterling Lewis, and Brian Shawcroft. March 6 * Vinny Petrarca and Phil Szostak. Details and registration here.

**NEWS**

The Lustron House goes on exhibit in Ohio.

From Architects+Artisans: The House Steve Jobs Grew Up In, by Frank Harmon.

←NEW: a huge archive of all the houses by the man, the myth, the glasses: Le Corbusier. Many thanks to the man, the myth, the angst: Jody Brown (Coffee with an Architect) -- who contributed 100+ pages of research.

From the New York Times: Andrew Geller, Modernist architect, is dead at 87. See his work here.

WANNA HELP? We need research volunteers. Are you good at meeting deadlines? Good at searching on the internet? Love riding around searching for obscure houses? Send an email with your name, phone number, and interests. Expect a phone call within 48 hours. THANKS!

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Kind regards,

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