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News this Week

- The Crabill House in Hillsborough, designed and built by Tonic Design and Tonic Construction of Raleigh, was featured this month in DWELL.
- Many of the TMH interviews with NC Modernist architects are now streamable and in HD on Vimeo -- including Kate Walker's latest with Charlotte architect Murray Whisnant, winner of the Kamphoefner Prize.
- Did you know TMH also has a channel for short videos on YouTube?



- February is Black History Month, so catch up on Pioneering Black Architects in North Carolina.
- A Moshe Safdie museum hits small-town Arkansas. Why? Walmart.
- Mies Van Der Rohe's famous Tugendhat house reopens February 29.
- Palm Springs CA has its annual Modernism Week soon.

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Architecture Movie Series

Next in the Nowell's Architecture Movie Series: Thursday, Feb 16, 730pm: *God's Architects*, Galaxy Cinema, Cary. \$9 at the door, current Mod Squad members free. Details [here](#).

Coming up Mar 15: *Philip Johnson: Diary of An Eccentric Architect*

- Modern architecture: now with its own game board.
- New architect profile: Jim Sherrill of Hickory.
- Richard Neutra's 1958 oceanview Connell house in Pebble Beach CA is endangered. With sweeping views of the Pacific, the owner applied for demolition in summer 2010. The matter is still in the hands of Monterey County and public participation and comment is still available. Get access to all the documents, at TMH's Neutra archive, under 1958. We'll continue to follow the story.



The image shows a promotional graphic for Modern Charlotte Realty. At the top, the text "modern CHARLOTTE REALTY" is displayed in a white serif font on a dark brown background. Below this, the words "FEATURED HOME" are written in a white sans-serif font. Underneath is a photograph of a modern, single-story house with large windows and a covered entrance. At the bottom, a dark brown banner contains the text "Charlotte's only modern home specialist!" in a white serif font.

Please welcome our newest sponsor -- Charlotte real estate agent **Gail Jodon** of ModernCharlotte. Despite living three hours away, Gail has been an active volunteer for TMH, helping arrange tours, keeping us informed about new Modernist listings, and working to save endangered Modernist classics like the Lassiter House by A. G. Odell.

Upcoming Events

- TMH Founder George Smart will be among the rapid-fire presenters at **PechaKucha Night** with the theme **Love of Community!** This event will take place at The Union Tavern Raleigh in downtown Raleigh, 327 West Davie St. #114, on February 22nd, 2012, at 6:40 pm (doors open at 5:40)! **PechaKucha** (pronounced roughly: pe-chak-cha) is the Japanese word for chit-chat. But think



Murray Whisnant Interview

Meet artist and architect Murray Whisnant of Charlotte, past winner of the Kamphoefner Prize for excellence in Modernist design.



Join the Mod Squad for just \$9.95/month!

Mod Squad financial support provides ongoing funding for TMH research and programming. Mod Squad members receive great benefits and join a community of passionate advocates:

- A Mod Squad Limited Edition baseball cap or coffee mug.
- Free admission to the Nowell's Architecture Movie Series, and free or reduced admission to single-house tours.

of it as a way to share powerful ideas in a fast-paced, high-energy manner: 20 slides presented for 20 seconds each, just 6:40 to get a point across. It's a format that makes presentations concise and keeps things moving at a rapid pace. **The event is free, but space is very limited and will "sell" out, so get your free tickets early.**



- **Appetite4Architecture Dinner February 21:** Talk about the affordable home of your dreams over a delicious small group dinner at Raleigh's 18 Seaboard. Dine February 21 with noted local Modernist architects Kenneth Hobgood, Erin Sterling Lewis, and Brian Shawcroft. Details and registration here. Deadline to sign up, February 14.
- Many thanks to Go Realty's Dona Aguayo and Toni Kemble for sponsoring last week's sold out A4A dinner with Frank Harmon, Ellen Cassilly, and Randy Lanou.

John Lautner DVD: *Infinite Space*

-- Exclusive member-only discounts on TMH tours and trips.
-- Special early notice on TMH tours, lectures, movies, and gatherings; invitations to special Mod Squad-only receptions, tours, and workshops.
Details are here. There's also an option to pay by the year.



Mayberry Modernism

TMH Founder George Smart speaks on "Mayberry Modernism," North Carolina's legacy of outstanding residential architecture: February 6, Fearrington Village; February 7, Center for Design Innovation, Winston-Salem; February 22, PechaKucha Night, The Union Tavern, Raleigh; June 12, Durham County Library (Downtown). To book Mayberry Modernism for your group or association, please contact George at 919.740.8407.



Support TMH's groundbreaking series of North Carolina mid-century architect [interviews](#) (like Murray Whisnant, right) through purchasing ***Infinite Space***, a stunning DVD documentary on the life and architecture of [John Lautner](#), protege of [Frank Lloyd Wright](#) and famous for the Chemosphere House (photo above by Julius Shulman) among many others. Just \$34.95 each, includes shipping anywhere in the US. Simply go [here](#), donate \$34.95 under Quick Donation, and you'll have the DVD in a week! [Want a preview? Watch the trailer.](#)

Volunteer!

- TMH needs three field volunteers, one each in Charlotte, Winston-Salem, and High Point, to take photos. What a fun way to spend a few hours driving around! [Email.](#)

Price Drops

- 1971 - The Joe F. and Glenna Matthews House, [2515 Charlock Court, Chapel Hill](#). Designed by [Sumner Winn](#). \$498,500 down from \$548,000, [here](#).
- 1995 - The Robert and Carolee Desowitz House, 45 Woodenbridge Lane, Pinehurst NC. Designed by Stagaard and Chao. Built by Yates Hussey. Went on

the market in September 2011. \$599,000 down from 625,000, [here](#).

- 2006 - The Randolph D. and Debra Zelov, Jr. House, 5432 Windmill, Raleigh. Designed by Randolph Zelov. Built by McLean. \$1.08M down from \$1.1M, [here](#). Went on the market August 2011.

New on the Market

- 2002 - The David and Frances R. Abosch House, 635 Sugarberry, Chapel Hill. Designed by Vickie J. H. Braxton. Built by James Herman. Sold 2007 to Martha A. and Edwin J. Schanfarber. Structural engineers, Southen Engineers. For sale, \$1,399,000.

Back on the Market

- 1959 - The Carter Williams House, aka Blue Haven, 6612 Rest Haven Drive, Raleigh. Designed by Carter Williams. Sold to Samuel and Lynne Harris. Sold in 2005 to third owner Jill Maurer. The home was named for its distinctive Carolina blue stone. Dick Bell was the landscape architect. Was on the market briefly during the summer of 2011. Back on for \$3,400,000 here.

Correction

- 1980 (previously listed as 1970) - The David Godschalk House, 202 Davie Lane, Chapel Hill. This is a well-executed knockoff of a Deck House designed and built by Bob Bacon of Bomar Construction. Originally for Godschalk's mother-in-law, she moved out after a year and it has been primarily a rental since. Sold to Clay and Betty Whitehead in 2008, who did \$140K in improvements. \$415,000 for sale by owner. See photos in the TMH archive [here](#). (919) 960-7671 or email the owners at mnhtnbb@earthlink.net.

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