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Upcoming Movie:



TMH Nowell's

Architecture Movie Series: The Pruitt-Igoe Myth (2011), 730pm, January 10, Raleigh Grande. Destroyed in a dramatic and highly-publicized implosion, the Pruitt-Igoe public housing complex in St. Louis became a widespread symbol of failure amongst architects, politicians and policy makers. This film explores the social, economic and legislative issues that led to the decline of conventional public housing and city centers while tracing the personal and poignant narratives of several of the project's residents. [Details.](#)

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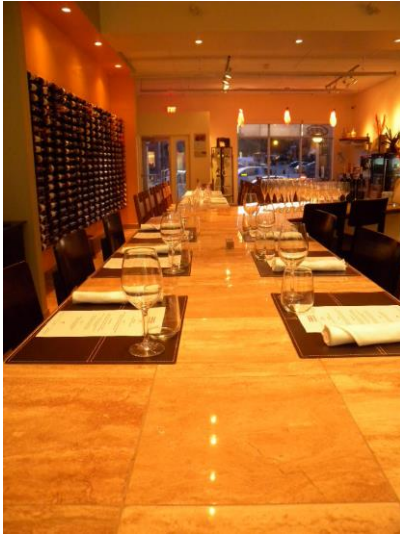
New on the Market

Keeping Modernist houses occupied is the best way to save them for the future!

Check our exclusive statewide list of Modernist houses [for sale or rent.](#)

2013 Appetite4Architecture

Dinners:



Dreaming of a new Modernist house or renovation? Here's your chance to break bread with prominent members of the architecture community in an intimate, affordable small group setting at **18 Seaboard** in Raleigh. 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. A4A events tend to sell out way in advance, so get your place now! [Details and registration](#). **Deadline for each dinner is one week prior.**

January 15, 7pm: [John Reese](#), [Mike Rantilla](#), and [Vinny Petrarca](#); Sponsored by VMZINC.

January 22, 7pm: [Adam Sebastian](#), [Will Alphin](#), and [Scott Ogden](#); Sponsored by VMZINC.

January 29, 7pm: [Ellen Cassilly](#), Phil Freelon, and Nneena Freelon. Sponsored by Steelcase.

News This Week



George Birmingham, Jr.

Designer, homebuilder, and later home inspector Birmingham created many homes around Durham. Of special interest is the unique [Modernist neighborhood of small houses on Ashley](#).



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Center Studio Architecture (Scott Harmon + David Arneson) is designing Church+Main, [9 units of Modernist condos](#) in presale now, in downtown Durham. [More info.](#) The developers are ReVamp (Scott Harmon + David Arneson) and White Oak (Roland Gammon).

Several folks at the Mod Squad party asked about the [Honoro Vera](#) wine. It was a big hit - especially when they were told it was \$10 a bottle. [Info.](#)

Support Modernist Preservation, Local and National:



Paschal House Petition: The heirs of Raleigh's **1950 Paschal House**, a masterpiece by early NCSU School of Design faculty

member [Jim Fitzgibbon](#), have **solicited a proposal this fall to deconstruct** the house, so the clock is ticking on Raleigh's most important endangered mid-century modern. Overpricing the property (as it has been for five years) keeps it vacant and vulnerable. You can help influence whether this iconic home is saved - or goes vanishes like the [Catalano House](#) did in 2001. Help save the long-empty and still-savable property through [signing the petition here](#).

Gettysburg Battlefield Cyclorama Petition: join the ten-year fight to save [Richard Neutra's](#) Cyclorama Building, [here](#).



The Phoenix City Council voted on December 5 to delay action until after Christmas about landmarking the **David Wright House**, designed by his father **Frank Lloyd Wright**. [Learn more, and sign the petition to the Council](#).

Join the movement to [save a great Neutra house](#) in Pebble Beach, California.

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