Thanks Everyone for a Great 2012!

What a year! As we approach 2013, I would like to express deep gratitude for everyone’s continued participation and support for TMH. We continue to document, preserve, and promote Modernist houses only with the incredible goodwill of people like you. Your generosity, your contributions, your volunteering allowed TMH to host dozens of events during 2012. Your involvement, whether as a Mod Squad member, a sponsor, going on house tours, or searching for your dream home, all enables TMH to thrive. The highlight of the year was launching the George Matsumoto Prize, an architecture competition which attracted national attention and showcased come ofr North Carolina’s incredible new Modernist houses.

During 2012 North Carolina lost eight talented Modernist architects: Jim Brandt, Owen Smith, Byron Franklin, Alan Ingram, Bert King, Bob Oxenfeld, Jim Sherrill, and Don Stewart. Our prayers and thoughts go out to their families and
clients. Their legacy lives on through their houses, churches, schools, offices, and other projects, and we continue to honor them and their houses.

George Smart, Executive Director

**News This Week:**

New Kate Walker interview with Marley Carroll of Charlotte.

Thanks to Dion Neutra, there are two new videos in the Richard Neutra archive, plus two others you probably haven't seen.

There are only five seats left for the TMH Chicago Architecture Trip April 26-28.

**New Profile:** Matthew Nowicki - the genius behind Raleigh's Dorton Arena. Nowicki was an architect and faculty member at NCSU whose life was cut short in a 1950 airplane crash in Egypt. While he did not design any houses (that we know of), Nowicki's achievement at Dorton Arena put Raleigh on the map for Modernist architecture.

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**Area**

TMH welcomes new sponsor Hewett and Area, his Modern furniture store that specializes in locally made furniture, reasonable prices, and fast turnaround time for custom orders. Locations in both Durham and Greensboro. 919.908.8755.

Get the new TMH Logo Magnet for your fridge or car. Regularly $6, now just $4, including shipping to anywhere in the US. Details and ordering.
Finally, a new archive about the houses of Captain Kirk’s favorite Modernist architect ....Kaaaaahhn!

Merry Christmas from famous architects. First the Bob Borson version; the our own Jody Brown’s version. Hilarious!

The Owen Smith House Tour, Saturday, February 2, 9am-Noon, 122 Perquimans Drive, Raleigh. One of Raleigh’s Largest Mid-Century Moderns, Open to the public for the first time since 1960. Admission $6.95 per person, Mod Squad members just $1. Details, directions, and tickets!

Dion Neutra’s new book on his family’s projects, “The Neutras, Then & Later” is available here for only $30. The 192 page coffee table book is a real beauty. This is the first time a major architectural practice has been tracked by recording the fate of its built structures. Visit TMH's extensive archive of Richard Neutra's houses here.
TMH/Nowell's Architecture Movie: The Pruitt-Igoe Myth (2011), 7:30pm, 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 by 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 poignant narratives of several residents. Details and the movie trailer.

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.
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. 4000+ people have signed urging salvation of this National Register of Historic Places icon which the National Park Service is determined to destroy.
Join the movement to **save the 1958 Connell House by Richard Neutra** in Pebble Beach, California. As of December 2012, the Monterey County RMA-Planning Department informed TMH that the owner's permit request to demolish has **not been granted** because it incomplete. Once complete, however, it will be subject to environmental review pursuant to CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) and given a public hearing before the Planning Commission. Add your voice to the support to save the house from destruction.