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Last week, the Cherry/Gordon House in Oakwood made TV and news headlines, with the story eventually getting picked up by the Associated Press and going national. First, the Raleigh City Council has decided to take the Board of Adjustment to court for mishandling the case related to the house. All the facts here. Wednesday night, NCMH's George Smart appeared on the cable talk show Monkey Time to discuss the history of Modernism in Raleigh and the Oakwood controversy.

Then on Friday, NCMH's George Smart, owners Louis Cherry and Marsha Gordon, and 35 supporters of the house from across Oakwood, Raleigh, and the Triangle held a press conference at the house to announce the NCMH Legal Defense Fund, or LDF. The LDF provides technical assistance, funding for legal representation, and other support services. From preserving historically significant Modernist houses to standing for due process for new Modernist houses under threat, the LDF actively advocates for North Carolina's great legacy of Modernist residential...
architecture. You can contribute to the fund and get some great incentives from NCMH and Prime Energy, too!

For a minimum donation of $100 per person, you'll be invited to a 4pm April 13 LDF Fundraiser at the cool Modernist home of Mack Paul, designed by Brian Shawcroft. Meet and talk with Oakwood house owners Louis Cherry and Marsha Gordon -- and show your support! Details here.

Modernist News From Preservation Durham: Last Tuesday, the Durham City Council approved negotiating financial incentives for the development of a 26-story tower at Main & Corcoran Streets, as well as the renovation of the Jack Tar Motel, aka the Oprah Building, listed on the National Register of Historic Places as an excellent example of mid-century modern architecture.
**Rental of the Year:** How would you like to live in the lower level of this Modernist house? 5 Miles from UNC and Duke, 2 minutes from I-40, fully furnished with large living, dining area with fireplace, One bedroom with large closet, ceramic tile bath with storage, full kitchen, private entrance with small patio. No pets. All utilities included, $650 per month. Seeking professional nonsmoker. By appointment only, 919-489-2022, leave message.

**Jeremy Farber** of Durham's Maplewood Building Company was the **NAHB Remodeler of the Month** for March.
The 160m-tall Shukhov television tower in Moscow, standing almost 100 years without renovation, faces a demolition decision before the end of March. A prime example of Soviet constructivist architecture, Russia's answer to the Eiffel Tower and has influenced engineers and architects, including Lord Norman Foster, whose Gherkin skyscraper in London also employs such a diagonal grid. The hyperboloid structure is built from a diagonal grid of straight steel beams yet seems to pulsate as it rises skyward, each of its six sections growing smaller in the form of an upside-down spyglass.

**Preservation Tax Credits** are without question one of the most powerful incentives we have to encourage the adaptive reuse of existing structures. But they are not always easy to understand.

**Preservation North Carolina** has a new booklet which explains the credits and shows any examples across the state, [here](#).

**ACTIVATE14** is a founding sponsor of **Activate14**, a series of four design events down at the AIA North Carolina Center for Architecture and Design. The series will focus on design-based solutions for challenges facing cities in North Carolina. Events will include talks, breakout sessions, drawing, auctions, food, music, art, children's events, and more! The series kicks off with a design build competition for a structure to be built on the grounds of the Center on June 14. [Details](#).

**NCMH THANKS**
Erin Sterling Lewis, for heading to her second talk about architecture to NCMH’s Project BauHow schools. She’ll be in Washington NC soon as Washington HS.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Friday, March 28, 12-1:30pm, **Documenting Modernism at the NCSU College of Design**, Belk Rotunda, Brooks Hall. NCSU Special Collections will display rare documents relating to mid-century design education at the College.
- Preservation North Carolina presents:

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Historic Preservation Happy Hour

*Anyone with an interest in preservation is welcome
*April 1, 4:30--6:30pm
*At the Busy Bee,
  225 S. Wilmington Street, Raleigh
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• **The Rothstein House Tour**, an amazing Modernist house designed by Milton Small. April 5, 9-12N. Advance discount tickets available through 5pm Monday, March 31. [Details and tickets.](#) $10 on the day of the tour, if any tickets are left. Super discount for Mod Squad members!
• April 12, 1-5pm. Get advance tickets for the Preservation Chapel Hill Tour (six Modernist houses from Jon Condoret, above to George Karchergis). Details and tickets. Discount for Mod Squad members! Advance tickets available through 5pm Monday, April 7.

• Do you love the Flat Tops of Southern Shores NC? They are having a tour of five houses on April 12 on the Outer Banks. Details.
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- Thursday, April 17, 6-8pm. Join Bob and Ann Marie for April's T4A at TRIG Modern, their exciting downtown Raleigh furnishings gallery, 328 West Jones Street, Raleigh. T4A events connect hundreds of people within the Modernist-architecture-loving public, welcoming Modernist homeowners, architects, artists, designers, realtors, engineers, contractors, property investors, building managers, materials and furniture dealers – or anyone with a huge crush on great design. T4A events focus on building relationships, creating strategic alliances, and connecting people to each other. Come join the fun and make new design friends and contacts. TRIG Modern also features the exhibition Architectural Reflections by Abie Harris from April 4 to June 2. Free! Details.

- A fabulous May tour of Frank Lloyd Wright houses in the NYC area, thanks to our friends at the Darwin Martin house in Buffalo. Details.

- Speaking of NYC, MOMA has a Frank Lloyd Wright exhibit through early summer. Hat top to Virginia Faust.
**AIA Triangle Golf Tournament**, Friday, May 2, Lonnie Poole Golf Course, Raleigh, to support the AIA Triangle Scholarship Program. Players will have a day of great golf, lunch, prizes, adult beverages and an afternoon reception. To date more than $28,000 in scholarships have been awarded. [Register](#) by April 18 to get the lowest registration rate- all are invited. Sponsorships are also available. [Details](#).

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**HOUSE ALERTS**

The Pariser House by [Richard Neutra](#) in Uniontown PA has sold. NCMH toured it in 2012. Details coming soon.

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