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**Dynamic Duo:** To more fully reach NCMH’s mission of documentation, preservation, and promotion of Modernist houses, we’ve expanded staff with two new part-time development associates. You have met Tara Barthelmess and Rebekah Laney at the Matsumoto Awards; you’ll be seeing them at many NCMH events. Tara primarily works with retail and service company sponsors wishing to be part of the NCMH website. Rebekah primarily works with corporations, foundations, and individual donors wishing to participate in Project BauHow, The George Matsumoto Prize, and the NCMH Legal Defense Fund.

- **Dan Carroll** chose architect **Milton Small** for his awesome geo-mapping project at NCSU. See the left side of the Small page.
- At the **Matsumoto Prize Awards** on July 17, the new **Red Chair Society** inducted ten people for their outstanding support. We also thank **Ormando Harris** for photography, **Alva Horton** for creating and managing the voting site and Facebook; CAM-Raleigh for their wonderful facility; **Rebecca Newton** for providing the music of Kurt Melges; **Will Alphin** and **Vincent Whitehurst** of Foundation for providing the bar, bartender, and the 'hooch'; **Frank Harmon** for facilitating the jury; **Adam Sebastian** and **Bailey Allred** for presenting Project BauHow; and **Ivy Simon** of Palette and Parlor who ran the amazing Modernist Musical Chairs.
- **Mike Welton** of **Architects and Artisans** posted last week on the winners of the **George Matsumoto Prize**.
- Here’s the history of Dorton Arena by WUNC-TV. Hat tip to Theresa Rosenberg.
- Japan’s famous Modernist landmark, Hotel Okura, will be soon be demolished. Hat tip to Wendy Hillis.
- NCMH and architect Jason Hart were featured in the debut of Susan Prochnow’s new show Triangle Home TV which aired last Saturday on Fox50. Look for it again August 2, 6:30-7am; August 3, 12:30-1pm; August 5, 12-12:30pm; August 10, 12:30-1pm. Don’t want to wait? YouTube.
- Bucket List Alert: Two seats have opened up on NCMH’s sold-out Frank Lloyd Wright/Fallingwater tour September 13-14! Contact Linda at 919.309.9808 or 919.282.4612.
- NCMH thanks Harry Pariser, former owner of the recently-sold Pariser House in Uniontown PA, for donating the domain www.neutrahome.com. This now points to NCMH’s Richard Neutra archive.
- Historic Charlotte is open for nominations for its 2014 Blast for the Past Preservation Awards for Residential Preservation and Public/Commercial Preservation in Mecklenburg County. Email historiccharlotte@gmail.com for nomination info.
- Ding! Time’s about up for 3515 Glenwood, Raleigh’s "Mad Men" office building designed by Milton Small. The owner is very likely to soon apply for a demolition permit.
- NCMH and Preservation Durham urge your support of H.R. 2807, aka the Conservation Easement Incentive Act, to make permanent a tax incentive for donating conservation preservation easements for historic buildings. Conservation easements allow private landowners to preserve the natural and historic features of their buildings and land. Land protected by conservation easements remains on the tax rolls yet is protected from development forever. This bill has bipartisan support - talk to your House Representative today!
- There will be no NCMH Monday newsletter on August 25.
- Retired: NCMH’s old domain www.trianglemodernisthouses.com and the email address george@trianglemodernisthouses.com. Not to worry, all the archives were transferred a year ago and the domain will live on as a pointer to www.ncmodernist.org.
UPCOMING EVENTS

This Wednesday, July 30, at 6:30pm, North Regional Library, 7009 Harps Mill Road, Raleigh. Free. Wake County Libraries features NCMH’s George Smart speaking on Mayberry Modernism: North Carolina’s Modernist Legacy.

Thursday, July 31 from 5-8pm. One of Raleigh’s oldest houses, the Crabtree Jones House, was moved in February. Preservation North Carolina offers a tour with beer from Big Boss Brewery and gourmet grilled cheese sandwiches from American Meltdown. The Tour is also available on Sunday, August 3 from 1-4pm. Suggested donation $10. Event and direction details. House details.
Tour: Saturday, August 16, 10am-1pm: The Arthur Cogswell House, designed by celebrated architect Arthur Cogswell FAIA. Winner of a 1971 AIA North Carolina Design award (one of several Cogswell received), it was one of the first courtyard houses in the state with a pool. Architect/builder Phil Szostak will be on hand as well as realtor Emilie Huin and Cogswell's daughters. Advance discount tickets, details, and directions.
Hillsborough's Secret Building Museum, Sunday, August 17, 3-530pm, a champagne reception for the NCMH Legal Defense Fund in support of the Cherry-Gordon House. Steven Burke and Randy Campbell’s home – a grouping of five modern Greek Revival buildings they have designed on the site since 1994 – is a private museum, of sorts, not routinely open to the public. It contains the nation’s largest collection of American folk art buildings, over 1,000 models of houses and stores, Ferris wheels and carousels, gas stations and factories, Grant’s Tomb and Independence Hall, theaters and schools, an ice rink and a bowling alley, bridges and castles and churches. Made mostly from the 1860s until about 1950 by largely anonymous persons, the buildings of real or imagined communities tell much about our culture, history, and architecture. This event is a rare opportunity to see the nationally unique collection and to experience, in small scale with large delight, our architectural history. Details and tickets. Sponsored by Phoebe Lawless and the fine folks at Scratch Bakery of Durham. Special Guest: the Cherry/Gordon House, live via Twitter!
2014 Thirst4Architecture (T4A) Networking Happy Hours
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Thirst4Architecture Happy Hour, Thursday, August 21, 6-8pm,
McConnell Studios, 324 Dupont Circle, Raleigh. For the third year, Matt McConnell opens up his massive studio to us for a evening of great music, food and conversation. Enjoy the incredible metal, glass, wood, and ice sculptures and some great door prizes. Special hosts: NCMH development associates Tara Barthelmess and Rebekah Laney! Details.
Only 200 tickets left!

Saturday, September 6, 9am-12N. Sponsored by Preservation Durham and NCMH. Featuring seven amazing Duke Forest Modernist houses from mid-century to 2013. Duke University developed the Duke Forest neighborhood, just south of campus, for faculty and staff in the 1960's. Many houses are still owned by Duke-related families. While the Duke Forest neighborhood includes a mix of architectural styles, there are more mid-century Modernist houses than anywhere else in Durham. See Modernist houses by Bill Waddell, Deck Houses, Kenneth Scott, Arthur Cogswell, Randy Lanou, Harwell Hamilton Harris, and Alden Dow. Special guests Bill Waddell, Erik Mehlman, and Dail Dixon. Advance discount tickets, details, and directions.

VOLUNTEER!

NCMH needs you to call your cousin or high school sweetheart or even your archenemy in Hickory and persuade them to become a research volunteer. Why? Because Hickory has tons of mid-century Modernist houses needing more documentation. Please have them email or call George Smart at 919.740.8407 to join our documentation team! Warning: habit-forming.
There are five NC houses on the Endangered List.

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