

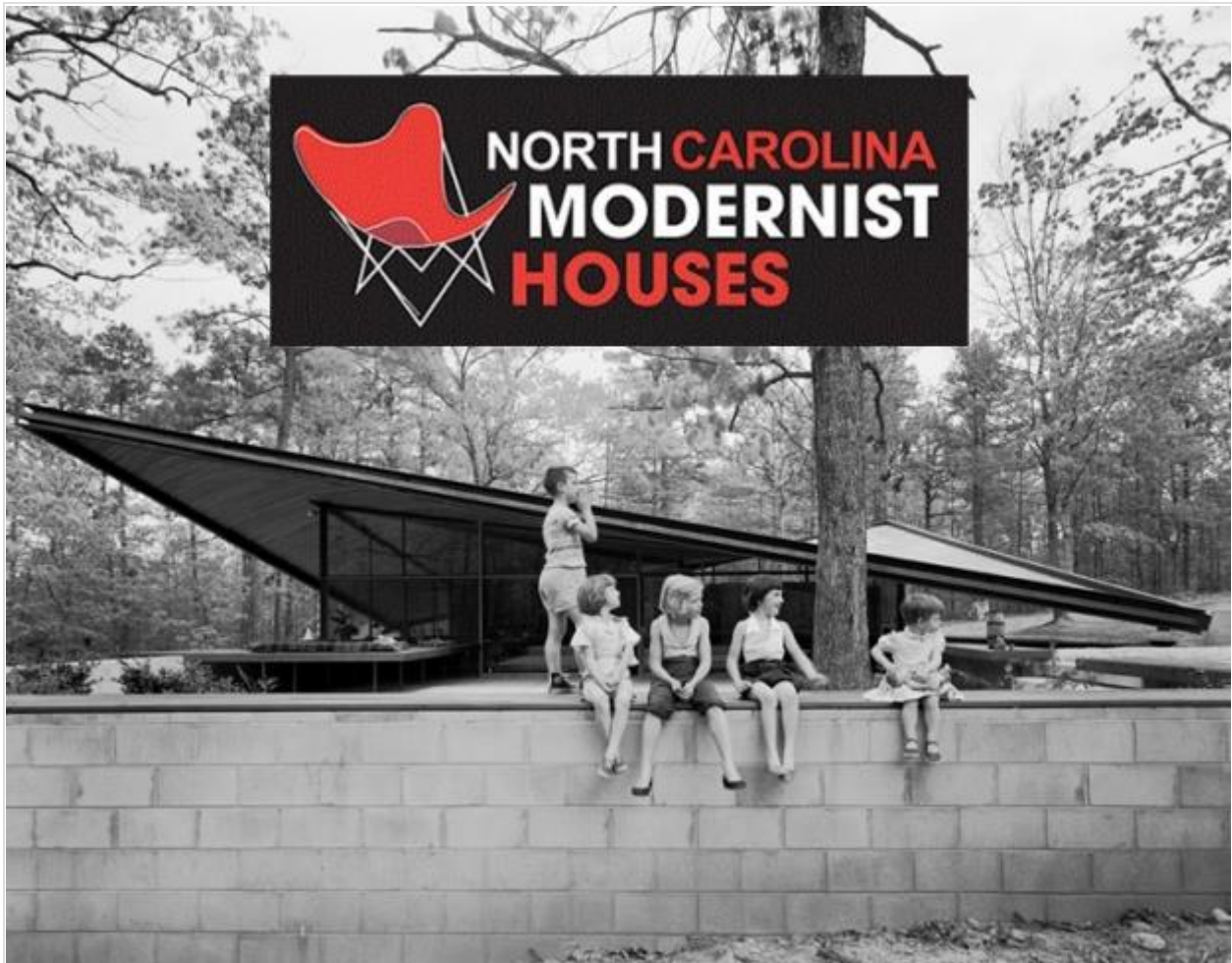
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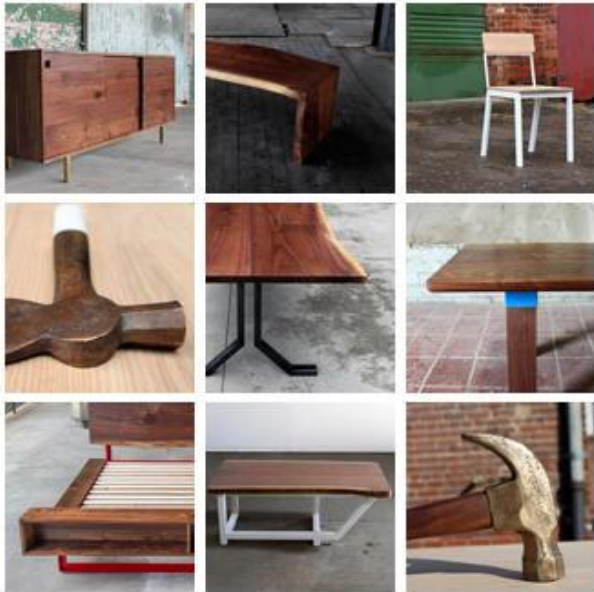
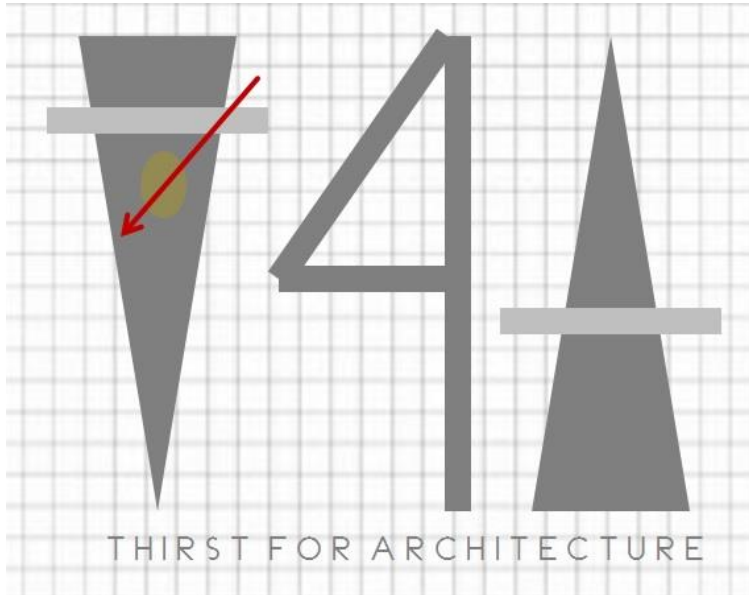
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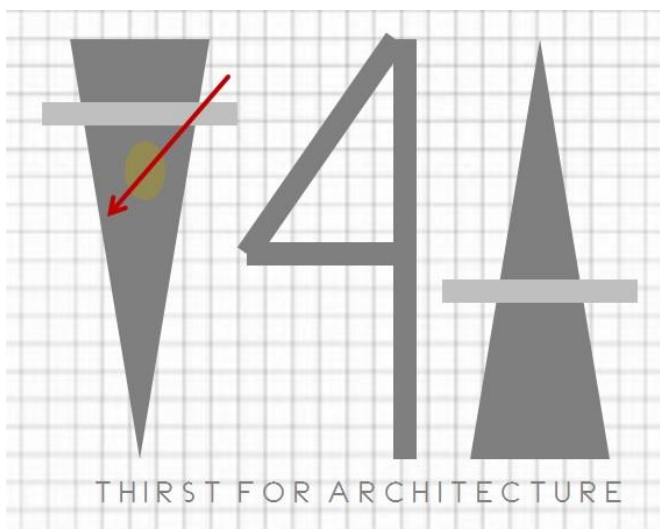
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Are you fan of **Santiago Calatrava**? Wednesday, January 7, 730pm. January's **NCMH MODTriangle Architecture Movie** is **The Socialist, the Architect, and the Twisted Tower** at Full Frame Theatre, American Tobacco Complex, Durham. Learn the story of one of Sweden's most famous buildings, the tower in Malmo. Brought to you by **Sarah Sonke** of ModTriangle, specializing in Modernist real estate sales and auctions. Tonight's event sponsor is Center Studio Architecture, specializing in modern downtown Durham development. \$10 per person, Mod Squad members are free subject to capacity, so get there early! Details.



Kickoff 2015 on Thursday, January 8, 6-8pm at [KONTEK Systems](#), hosted by **Frank Konhaus** and **Wes Newman**, 318 Holland Street, Durham, in their [John Warasila](#)-designed downtown headquarters. The event will include an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of one of KONTEK's coolest AV projects downtown. The T4A series is sponsored by [Emilie Huin](#) of 501 Realty.

THE NEWS

From ArchDaily: A [Frank Lloyd Wright](#) design, UK's first, [blocked by planning inspector](#). Yes, he died in 1959 but there are many of his designs that never got built.

An [insane Modernist teardown](#) in Minneapolis. Plus the top places to [listen to architecture lectures](#) online. Hat tips to **Virginia Faust**.

The [John Lautner-designed](#) Bob Hope House in Palm Springs CA is half price! Only \$25M. Hat tip to **Catherine Westergaard**.



Raleigh Landmarks Now Revocable: Last Monday,

the Raleigh City Council, over the unanimous objections of the Raleigh Historic Development Commission, approved **Joanna Johnson's** request to remove Raleigh Historic Landmark status from her Matsumoto/Weber Modernist house, 606 Transylvania, in Country Club Hills. Johnson claimed the most abstract of "hardships," stating that the protections of Landmark status (which she sought out and obtained in 2009) just might make it hard to sell her house one day. This claim is based on how many examples where Landmark status hurt value? None. Zero. This reversal sets a dangerous precedent as it **makes Landmark status temporary**. With more demolished Modernist houses in Country Club Hills being replaced by McMansions, such as the Paschal House (5 McMansions!), her house at 606 Transylvania is now a completely unprotected teardown target on almost a full acre of land. So, folks, if you want to buy this great house one day, now's the time to let Johnson know. She reportedly loves the house, so having caring buyers in the wings is the best chance of saving it.

Through December 20th, the **311 West Martin Street Gallery** and Studios sells small Modern paintings for just \$45 each, with half the proceeds benefiting NCMH. Visit them at 311 West Martin Street, Raleigh, or contact Carol Joy Shannon at (919) 436-6987.

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Dead Mod Still Walking: Please help NCMH monitor for when **Milton Small's** [3515 Glenwood building](#), top photo, receives the demolition permit online [here](#). The Raleigh Planning Commission has already approved a three-story 72,963 square foot replacement, second photo.

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