On Saturday, April 16, the Junior League of Durham/Chapel Hill hosts Home Roam, a walking/driving Modernist home tour in the Duke Forest.
area in Durham. Includes Modernist houses designed by Arthur Cogswell, Jon Condoret, Randy Lanou, and more! Details and tickets.

NCMH has just learned that noted Florida architect William Morgan died in January. See his houses here.

China moves to ban "bizarre" architecture, i.e., the really interesting buildings by world class architects.

Meet Monique Lombardelli, masterminding the resurgence in Eichler houses.

A small F. Carter Williams office building in Raleigh was just acquired by a developer and is likely to go bye-bye. Hat tip to Cynthia de Miranda.

We're coming up on the third anniversary of demolition of the Paschal House, designed by Jim Fitzgibbon, and one of the finest examples of mid-century Modernist design in North Carolina. What replaced it, at left.
Competition: Members of AIA North Carolina's ACTIVATE NC invite all designers/architects to share ideas on contemporary housing in the inner city along South Mint Street in Charlotte, an intense and vibrant Uptown surrounded by leafy suburbs. The competition site is within walking distance of the Uptown district and is representative of an in-between zone that is neither Center City nor suburban. It may be considered a resource for connecting different parts of the city that are currently separate. Designers are invited to explore and develop the following: a) Live/work dwellings for young professionals or entrepreneurs, b) Traditional dwellings for families, c) Offices and shops, d) Urban outdoor space, and e) Indoor and outdoor environments that nourish ecological and sustainable lifestyles. This is an ideas competition generated by the need for new ways of dwelling in our growing cities. Details.

Frank Lloyd Wright spoke in Raleigh in May of 1950. At the time it was the biggest architecture lecture in history, with over 5,000 attending in then-new Reynolds Coliseum on the campus of NC State
University. We've heard that this landmark talk got recorded, and we're on the hunt for a copy. If you've ever heard of someone who taped it, or you've got any other clues, please contact George Smart at george@ncmodernist.org or 919.740.8407.

Only two seats left for NCMH Mountain Modern tour of Asheville, April 15-17! Join your fellow architectural adventurers for a weekend of Mountain Modernist houses, great food, and the beauty of downtown and greater Asheville. Details and tickets.

On USModernist Radio this week: Every year, Sarasota Mod in Sarasota FL throws a great conference on mid-century modern and this year it was focused on Paul Rudolph, an architect who made his name in exciting coastal architecture before moving on to become Dean of Architecture at Yale. Rudolph is recognized around the world for bold, progressive buildings. People are also polarized around his work. Modernists praise his visionary designs of concrete and steel, others see them as cold and impractical. Sean Khorsandi is with the Paul Rudolph Foundation and talks with George Smart about Rudolph's impact and his legacy.
Thursday, March 17, 6-8pm, NCMH’s monthly Thirst4Architecture design networking party at Beyond Blue Interiors, North Hills Mall in Raleigh. T4A design networking events are sponsored by Emilie Huin/Triangle Modern Homes, specializing in the sale of Modernist homes throughout the Triangle. Free. Directions and details.

Most people will never hire an architect. But we are all affected by architects and design. How can we make buildings and spaces better places for everyone? The 16th annual Structures for Inclusion (SFI) Conference in Raleigh, March 18-20, features the best public interest design from around the globe. SFI brings together and shares the best ideas and practices reaching those currently unserved by architecture. Details and tickets.

Thursday, April 7, 6-8pm, NCMH’s first Thirst4Architecture in Winston-Salem! Sponsored by STITCH Design Shop at one of their new Modernist houses. Free. Directions and details.
Purge, purge, purge!  Got old architecture magazines in your office, basement, or attic?  NCMH's Colossus Archive welcomes donations of mainstream architecture magazines especially Architectural Forum, House + Home, GA Houses, Residential Architect, Metropolis, Arts+Architecture, Architect, AIA Journal, Architecture, and Progressive Architecture.  Please reply to this email or call George Smart at 919.740.8407 to arrange free pickup or shipping.

MOD WATCH

Mod Watch keeps an eye on the North Carolina buildings you love.  Keep the NCMH community updated by driving by each week and sending an email if there are any changes.

RED ALERT!  The 1951 A. M. and Ruth Fleishman Residence, 2614 Morganton Road, Fayetteville NC. Designed by Greensboro's Edward Loewenstein.  Jim Brandt was the draftsman. Built by Ed Rynick.
house has recently been cleaned up and looks really good! Still, it's going to be a labor of love for the right person. Details in the Endangered Section.

Dead Mod Walking: Milton Small's masterful 3515 Glenwood building was sold last fall to the Bank of North Carolina. The Bank will replace it with a larger, typical office building, not nearly-so-masterful. Here's a recent post on the building and Milton Small by Victoria Bell. Help monitor when the demolition permit is approved online here. If you want the Small building saved, let the Bank President, Rick Callicutt, know what you think: rcallicutt@bankofnc.com. It would make a fabulous bank office building, no?