Monday, December 19, 2016

The Year in Review: North Carolina Modernist Houses kicked off 2016 with its second trip to Palm Springs. The pilgrimage was one of many successful tours including Fallingwater, Denmark/Norway, Charlotte NC, and Asheville NC. Next year we will again be in Palm Springs, 30-strong, plus voyages to London, Amsterdam, Brussels, Wilmington NC, and Auldbrass. 2016 heralded: saving the Fleishman House, designed by Ed
Loewenstein; saving singer James Taylor’s childhood house, designed by George Matsumoto, John Latimer, and Arthur Cogswell; celebrating the fifth year of the George Matsumoto Prize, whose design legacy continues to inspire a new generation of Modernist architects; passing the 1 million page mark for scanned architecture magazines in the USModernist Library; the Mod Squad party at Form and Function; adding over 500 Palm Springs houses to the USModernist Masters Gallery; giving away nearly 200 CAD systems to rural high school students; 14 wildly popular Thirst4Architecture events around North Carolina; two Modapalooza Tours; the sixth year of the Moho Realty Architecture Movie Series; and NCMH Executive Director George Smart received the AIA Institute Honors for Collaborative and Professional Achievement at the AIA National Conference in Philadelphia. See the entire year of NCMH events here.

Looking for a wonderful last minute gift? Sign up your loved ones for the NCMH Mod Squad!
Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater in gingerbread. Hat tip to Rebekah Laney.

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While shopping at Amazon this holiday season, remember that you can support NCMH by using Amazon Smile. Select NCMH (Triangle Modernist Archive) as your charity and Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price from every item you buy!

Thanks to Emilie Huin and RED Collective for sponsoring our great Thirst4Architecture parties during 2016. Check out the 2017 schedule.
New Video Interview: Jason Hart of Carrboro and Boston.

Another Lustron bites the dust. Six more keep on truckin'. Hat tips to Virginia Faust.

A Brief History of Brutalism: Loved by Critics and Hated by (Almost) Everyone Else. Hat tip to Virginia Faust.

Snohetta (architects of the Jim Hunt Library) creates a Modernist gallery for some of the oldest artwork in human history.
Virginia Tech builds a AIA-award-winning prefab house. Hat tip to Virginia Faust.

US Modernist Library seeks copies of California Arts and Architecture magazine from the 1920's, 1930's, and 1940's. Got these in your library, attic, or basement? Contact George Smart, 919.740.8407 or george@ncmodernist.org.
Endangered Alert: The Hayes House in Southern Pines is on NCMH's Most Endangered list. Nestled in the pines of this quiet North Carolina resort town, the Hayes House was designed by Thomas Hayes, architect of many Modernist houses in the Sandhills, as his own home. It has been vacant almost two years and is for sale on a large lot. This is a really great house ready for a new loving owner.
Sponsorship Information Session, Wednesday, January 11, 6pm, at the Wild Turkey Lounge at the Angus Barn, Raleigh. Want to support NCMH’s mission of documentation, preservation, and promotion through your business? Want to reach more wonderful, design-oriented clients? Sponsors of NCMH reach thousands of people who share your passion for Modernist architecture. To learn more, join us for drinks at the classic Wild Turkey Lounge. Free! RSVP with name(s), company, and phone number to Rebekah Laney, rebekah@ncmodernist.org.
Moho Realty Architecture Movie Series Presents

Thursday, January 12, 730pm, Jim Hunt Library, NC State, Raleigh. The story of mid-century modern architect William F. Cody is told through the iconic architecture of Palm Springs. Reveals his conceptual
designs starting in 1947 and onward into the 70’s just before a devastating stroke ended his career. The documentary explores the art behind his structures and how his buildings are now considered masterpieces. $10 per person. Free for Mod Squad members, high school students, and NCSU students. Discounts available for OLLI students, Wake Tech students, and Friends of the NCSU Library members. Details.

Audio Advice

Thirst4Architecture, Thursday, January 19, 6-8pm. Audio Advice is the largest premium home electronics provider in North Carolina. They’ve got some seriously great equipment. 8621 Glenwood Avenue, Raleigh. These exciting, informal happy hours are free and open to the public. We welcome Modernist homeowners, architects, artists, designers, realtors, engineers, contractors, property investors, building managers, materials and furniture dealers – or anyone with a huge crush on great architecture. 2017 T4A’s are
Thursday, February 2, 730pm, Jim Hunt Library, NC State, Raleigh. Over the course of his sixty-year career, William Krisel has brought modernism to the masses, designing more than 40,000 individual housing units.
across the U.S. Krisel’s influential work has become synonymous with mid-20th century Southern Californian design. The documentary explores his roots in 1930s China, his ground-breaking designs for modern living, and interviews with scholars, contemporaries, and family. $10 per person. Free for Mod Squad members, high school students, and NCSU students. Discounts available for OLLI students, Wake Tech students, and Friends of the NCSU Library members. Details. Trailer.

Come early at 7pm and visit with Gwynn Thayer and Todd Kosmerick of NCSU Special Collections as they share plans and photos from mid-century Modernist houses and buildings.

Thirst4Architecture, Thursday, February 16, 6-
8pm. Our annual Oyster Roast hosted by Eidolon Designs! 414 Dupont Circle, Raleigh. These exciting, informal happy hours are free and open to the public. We welcome Modernist homeowners, architects, artists, designers, realtors, engineers, contractors, property investors, building managers, materials and furniture dealers – or anyone with a huge crush on great architecture. 2017 T4A's are sponsored by realtor Lesley McAdams. Details.