Monday, February 20, 2017

27 architecture fans from NCMH head out to Palm Springs tomorrow for our annual trek to Modernism Week. We'll taping interviews with MW's...
keynote speakers poolside at the swanky Hotel Skylark (above) for US Modernist Radio. We’ll be dining Saturday night with special guest Dion Neutra whose newest book is The Island Projects of the Neutra Practice. Want to go with NCMH to Palm Springs next year? Get on the waiting list here, or better yet, join the Mod Squad (they get first dibs on tickets).

The US Modernist Radio Podcast starts up a second year on March 6 with a great show on Modernist Evil Lairs, like the very real John Lautner's Elrod House, top, featured in the Bond film Diamonds are Forever, and the fictional Vandamm House, bottom, from the Hitchcock film North by Northwest. While you wait, catch up on some of our previous shows!
Meet Julian Abele, the architect behind the Duke University campus, by Mike Welton.

Win a jaw-dropping mid-century modern house in Palos Verdes CA. An entire house with an incredible Pacific view for the cost of a raffle ticket. An expensive raffle ticket, but still.... Hat tip to Catherine Westergaard Cramer.
New book: *Silver Lake Bohemia* by Michael Locke and Vincent Brook. Way before the 1960's, Silver Lake in Los Angeles was the center for art, architecture, social activism, and free-wheeling lifestyles. The area continues to be a magnet for iconoclastic writers, architects and protest.

Want to take an online master architecture class with Frank Gehry? It's $90. Hat tip to Virginia Faust.

The Grand Gateway in Waiting: Envisioning the New-Old Penn Station, because the more modern Madison Square Garden was an incredibly poor replacement. Hat tip to Justin Shubow.
You are invited to: **Raise a Glass to George Matsumoto: An Informal Memorial**, Monday, March 13, 4-5pm, Players Retreat, 105 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, North Carolina. Hosted by: **David Hill**, Interim Head of the School of Architecture, NC State College of Design; and **George Smart**, Executive Director, North Carolina Modernist Houses. **George Matsumoto** FAIA (1922-2016) served on the original faculty of the School of Design at North Carolina State University from 1948 to 1961. During his time at NC State, Matsumoto won more than thirty awards and created some of North Carolina’s most well-known and respected Modernist houses. In 2012, NCMH created the **Matsumoto Prize** in his honor to encourage young architects and prospective clients to continue the Modernist movement in North Carolina. George spent time with his students and fellow faculty in Raleigh’s much-loved Players Retreat - and it is here we raise a glass to his life and legacy. Parking is available along Oberlin or the lot across the street.
The Aluminaire, designed by Albert Frey and A. Lawrence Kocher in 1931, was recently called the "most hated house in New York" by the New York Post. But New York's loss is Palm Springs' gain as it is now in Palm Springs for Modernism Week. After a brief return to storage, Aluminaire will be reassembled directly across the street from the Palm Springs Art Museum and opened to the public with funds raised by the Aluminaire House Foundation. Watch the video of the departure, narrated by Paul Goldberger. As a special bonus, check out the original 1932 MOMA press release.
A BENEFIT CONCERT
PROCEEDS BENEFIT: RESEARCH AT DUKE ALS CLINIC

THE EVENING WILL CELEBRATE ARCHITECT PHIL FREELON, DIAGNOSED WITH ALS* IN 2016.

THURSDAY APRIL 20TH, 2017
TICKETS: CAROLINA THEATRE
7:00PM

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Sponsor Information Party, Wednesday, March 15, 6pm, at the bar at 21C Museum Hotel in downtown Durham. If you are looking to put your name or company in front of thousands of design-loving people, NCMH is your best return on investment to reach them. Our happy hour, movie, award, education, preservation, and other high-profile, widely-promoted events connect with the public who share your passion for Modernist architecture. Join us for drinks and learn about the benefits of sponsorship. Free! RSVP with name(s), company, and phone number to Rebekah Laney, rebekah@ncmodernist.org.
Next Thirst4Architecture, Thursday, March 16, 6-8pm. Beyond Blue Interiors at North Hills, 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.

Thirst4Architecture, Thursday, April 20, 6-8pm. TRIG Modern, 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.
The NCMH Modern Coast Tour, Saturday-Sunday April 22-23, Wilmington and Wrightsville Beach NC. Enjoy a great springtime weekend touring some amazing new and mid-century Modernist houses at the beautiful NC coast, without the hassle of driving! Includes the delightful company of fellow Modernist architecture fans, plus all your meals, hotel, snacks, drinks, and free wifi in our luxury restroom-equipped, air-conditioned bus. Featuring Modernist houses designed by Scott Ogden, Kevin Pfirman, Oxenfeld/Newkirk, Michael Moorefield, John Parker, Ballard McKim and Sawyer, and Michael Ross Kersting. Details and tickets.