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Connect with Mr. Modernism's Instagram feed and get daily doses of incredible Modernist houses from NCMH's Executive Director George Smart.

Monday, April 10, 2017
Thirst4Architecture, Thursday, April 20, 6-8pm. TRIG Modern, 1053 East Whitaker Mill Road, Raleigh. Trig Modern will soon be the only retail dealer in the United States for the Scandinavian Ply Collection -- light, elegant, molded plywood seating options. This exciting, informal happy hour is 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.
Happy 125th birthday, Richard Neutra!

Pop and Contemporary Art Auctions in LA: an explosion of opportunity as baby boomers sell, by Mike Welton.
NCMH Modern Winston-Salem Tour, **Saturday, June 10**, 10am-3pm. Do you live in Greensboro/High Point/Winston-Salem and want an inexpensive self-drive ticket? This local, convenient option is now available, including discounted family ticket packs! Discover the best recent and brand new Modernist houses in the Triad featuring the work of Adam Sebastian, Ben Schwab, Pete Fala, and Buddy Glasscoe. There are also a few tickets left for the bus version departing from Raleigh. Read more about both tours in the Triad Business Journal.

**Submissions open May 1: The George Matsumoto Prize for North Carolina Modernist residential architecture is a unique design competition featuring $6,000 in awards, a blue-ribbon jury of internationally-known architects, critics, and designers, and online public voting. NCMH created the Matsumoto Prize in 2012 honor of George Matsumoto, one of the founding faculty members of North Carolina State University's College of Design. Matsumoto created some of North Carolina's most well-known and well-loved Modernist houses. The Matsumoto Prize provides motivating honors and incentives for a new generation of architects; contributes to wider public recognition of Modernism in all its forms (architecture, art, furniture, and fashion); and recognizes the significant economic and aesthetic impact of Modernist design across North Carolina. The Matsumoto Prize is the only juried architecture competition in North**
Carolina that focuses exclusively on Modernist houses, provides financial awards, involves a national jury plus public voting, and connects to a major architectural archive. The Prize meaningfully and powerfully engages the public with the architecture they love and showcases exceptional Modernist architects and designers in North Carolina. Past jurors include Tom Kundig, Marlon Blackwell, Larry Scarpa, Frank Harmon, Jeanne Gang, Eric Gartner, Joshua Prince-Ramus, Alison Brooks, Nathan Crowley, David Jameson, Harry Bates, Harry Wolf, Helena Arahuete, Maryann Thompson, Brion Jeannette, Peter Gluck, Bev Thorne, and Ray Kappe. This year the jury includes: Carl Abbott FAIA, Carl Abbott Architect; Paul Goldberger HAIA; Susan Saarinen ASLA, Saarinen Landscape Architecture; Ron Radziner FAIA, Marmol Radziner; Harry Wolf FAIA, Wolf Architecture; Robert Miller FAIA, Bohlin Cywinski Jackson; and Curt Fentress FAIA RIBA, Fentress Architects. Details.

Photo: 2016 1st Place Jury Award, by Will Alphin.

Remember Ed Loewenstein’s Fleishman house in Fayetteville, recently
saved (in the nick of time) by David and Rebecca Wendelken? They are full on into restoration, with a blog. Thank you both so much!

Thanks to all the architects, homeowners, and tour participants who turned out for the 8th Modapalooza tour of new Modernist houses this past weekend. Next Modapalooza: Sep 23. Tickets will be available this summer.

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Napkin Sketch Auction Fundraiser: Freedom by Design at NCSU is the community service branch of AIAS striving to design and build for those with financial, physical or mental disabilities. Starting on April 7, 2017,

Your unused Hilton points can support NCMH's work documenting, preserving, and promoting Modernist houses. Visit PointWorthy, signup for a free PointWorthy account, link your HHonors, then click to donate points.

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Freedom by Design will be auctioning off a "napkin" sketches to bid on to raise money for Life Experiences, Inc. NCMH's George Smart, who has no architectural training whatsoever, has a very practical napkin available, click here to see them all.

ArchDaily and Metropolis recommended US Modernist Radio as part of their 11 design podcasts to start listening to now!

Update: On April 4, the Raleigh City Council delayed voting on language that would eliminate all modern houses and renovations in all of Raleigh's historic districts. The Council votes the issue April 18 at 1pm. If you can't make it, write the Council members and encourage them to adopt the RHDC Development Guidelines according to how they voted in March.
New Book available April 18:  The Work of MacKay-Lyons Sweetapple Architects by Robert McCarter, Juhani Pallasmaa, Kenneth Frampton. The work of Nova Scotia’s MacKay-Lyons Sweetapple Architects embodies two interrelated primary principles: economy and place. Economy as an ethical imperative leads to creating a great experience with minimal form, material, and cost. Reinforcing this imperative is the architects’ engagement of coastal Nova Scotia and its climate, landform, and material culture. The practice has evolved plan types that allow the architects to engage the land and climate of their native Nova Scotia, and is also focused on the importance of the interior spatial experience. They believe that what really matters in architecture is not fashion and form but the material culture of building and the making of places.

Now on US Modernist Radio:  Reviving Modern, with documentary producer Michael Miner and Liz Waytkus of DOCOMOMO-US, the foremost modern preservation organization in the US. Listen/download on ITunes or on your PC at Libsyn. Coming up April 17: Bill Earls/Devon Chivvis on the Harvard Five, and Bert Simonis on the architecture of Palm Springs’ Hugh
Wednesday, April 26, 530pm. The AC Hotel in North Hills has a fabulous new rooftop bar called Level 7. NCMH has a fabulous new lineup of sponsorship opportunities for 2017 and 2018. If your business wants to learn more about supporting and connecting with the huge Modernist community of architects, designers, buyers, sellers, real estate agents, and art lovers, join us for drinks at a special Sponsor Information Session at Level 7 Rooftop Bar, AC Hotel, Raleigh. RSVP directly to Rebekah Laney, 865-414-5800 or rebekah@ncmodernist.org with name, company, and phone before April 24.

On Thursday, April 27, the Branch Museum in Richmond VA hosts NCMH's George Smart speaking on Mayberry Modernism, North Carolina's legacy of amazing Modernist houses. Coming this summer: George speaks at three Wake County libraries.
Thirst4Architecture, Thursday, May 18, 6-8pm, Leo Gaev Metalworks, 102 Lloyd Street, Carrboro, celebrating ten years in the Triangle! This exciting, informal happy hour is 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. Free! Details.
Thirst4Architecture, Thursday, June 15, 6-8pm, Ellen Cassilly Architects hosts their newest completed building at GRUB, 1200 West Chapel Hill Road, Durham. This exciting, informal happy hour is 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. Free! Details.