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On April 4, the Raleigh City Council delayed re-voting on language that

would eliminate all modern houses and renovations in all of Raleigh's historic districts. The Council re-votes the issue tomorrow April 18 at 1pm in the Council Chambers. If you can't make it, write the Council members and encourage them to adopt the RHDC Development Guidelines according to how they originally voted in March.





Thirst4Architecture, Thursday, April 20, 6-8pm. TRIG Modern, 1053 East Whitaker Mill Road, Raleigh. Trig Modern will soon be the <u>only retail</u> <u>dealer</u> in the United States for the Scandinavian <u>Ply Collection</u> -- light, elegant, molded plywood seating options. This exciting, informal happy hour is free and open to the public. T4A events 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 <u>Lesley</u>





<u>Sale or Rent</u>. Keeping Modernist houses occupied is the best way to preserve them! Check this exclusive statewide list.

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Wednesday, April 26, 5pm. The AC Hotel in North Hills has a fabulous new rooftop bar called Level 7. NCMH has a fabulous new lineup of <u>sponsorship opportunities</u> 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 a drink at a special Sponsor Information Session at Level 7 Rooftop Bar, AC Hotel, Raleigh. RSVP directly to Rebekah Laney, 865-414-5800, before April 24.



## JEAN JENKINS MIDDLETON (1930-2017)

Jean Middleton was one of the <u>first women drafting</u> <u>professionals in North Carolina</u>. When she and her husband Harry divorced in the early 1960's,

Middleton wanted to make a living with a pencil in

her hand, so she enrolled at Durham Tech in drafting. Just short of a degree, she was hired by City Planning (CPAA) under <u>Don Stewart</u> and Bob

Anderson in Chapel Hill until about 1973. "The male architects who brought guests into the office frequently would ask me to make them coffee -- while I was at my drafting desk. Out on the jobsite, the men treated me badly at first. They would go out of their way to curse,



urinate in my general vicinity, and argue when I pointed out their mistakes, probably trying to prove that women had no business on the job site. But we both learned to respect each other-- and I learned a new, very colorful vocabulary." One of the reasons Middleton left CPAA was when she learned a man who barely worked was being paid more and bonused more than she "because he had a family to support." Middleton had five children.

She interviewed with John Latimer and Max Isley and several other firms, one of which told her "he couldn't allow a woman in the office." Isley offered her a job and there she did the drawings for several significant houses, staying until 1979.

The next stage of Middleton's career was as in-house architect and construction manager for Eastowne Office Park in Chapel Hill, which grew from one building to many in the early 1980's. When the project was sold, she found similar work in 1983 overseeing new stores for The Record Bar, a well known North Carolina music store which went national. "I had to lie about my age because everyone there was so young! It was a wild time." While there, she was part of the infamous <u>corporate firewalk retreat</u> in September 1985. Her last position before retirement was as designer and construction manager for Alston Technical Park, home of Organon Teknika, the American Social Health Association, and other R&D corporations. She retired in 1996 and volunteered with North Carolina







Rail Trails for decades, culminating in a special award in late



2009.

April 29-30, May 6-7, 12-5pm each day. Among many energy-efficient houses, there are three Modernist houses on the Triangle Green Home Tour by <u>Arielle Schechter</u>, <u>BuildSense</u>, and <u>Sarah Howell</u>. Free admission. <u>Details</u>.

From DWELL: the <u>ultimate father-daughter design project</u>, by **Mike Welton.** 



<u>New today on US Modernist Radio</u>: Our second show from February's Modernism Week 2017 in Palm Springs: **Bill Earls/Devon Chivvis** on the Harvard Five (Noyes, Breuer, Johansen, Johnson, and Gores), and documentary producer **Bert Simonis** on the life and architecture of



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## desert Modernist Hugh Kaptur.

## Six <u>dreamy Palm Springs homes</u> for sale right now. Hat tip to **Catherine** Westergaard Cramer.



NCMH Modern Winston-Salem Tour, **Saturday, June 10**, 10am-3pm. Do you live in Greensboro/High Point/Winston-Salem and want a <u>self-drive</u> <u>ticket</u>? 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**. <u>There are also two tickets left</u> for the bus version departing from Raleigh. Your unused Hilton points can support NCMH's work documenting, preserving, and promoting Modernist houses. <u>Visit</u> <u>PointWorthy</u>, signup for a free PointWorthy account, link your HHonors, then click to donate points.



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Want to join our fun crew of Modernist fans? Sign up for the <u>NCMH Mod Squad</u>!

 Submissions open May 1: The <u>George Matsumoto Prize</u> 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. The Prize meaningfully and powerfully engages the public with the architecture they love and showcases exceptional Modernist architects and designers in North Carolina. 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. <u>Pop and Contemporary Art Auctions in LA</u>: an explosion of opportunity as baby boomers sell, by Mike Welton.



Coming this fall to Raleigh, rare Modernist Townhouses, 533 and 537 New Bern Avenue. Designed by **Linda Lavis** of JDavis Architects.

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, Freedom by Design will auction "napkin" sketches to bid on to raise money for Life Experiences, Inc. Click <u>here</u> to see them all.



The Durham City/County Planning

Department and Preservation Durham are collaborating to update documentation about structures and neighborhoods. A series of community meetings are planned where residents can learn how to input information into the **Open Durham** website to assist in collecting robust data for the inventory and sharing their stories about Durham. The dropin-style workshops are from 6-8pm as follows:

- April 27: Durham County Library North Regional Branch, 221 Milton Road
- June 15: Durham County Library Southwest Branch, 3605 Shannon Road
- September 14: Durham County Library South Branch, 4505 S. Alston Av
- November 16: Durham County Library East Branch, 211 Lick Creek Lane

Contact Senior Urban Designer Lisa Miller with the Durham City-County Planning Department at (919) 560-4137 ext. 28270.



On Thursday, April 27, the <u>Branch Museum in Richmond VA</u> hosts NCMH's George Smart speaking on <u>Mayberry Modernism</u>, North Carolina's legacy of amazing Modernist houses.



Saturday-Sunday, May 6-7, 12n-4pm each day: Preservation Durham's annual Spring Preservation house tour, this time in the West End neighborhood and the Burch Avenue neighborhood. With a nod to the

Pauli Murray Project as it receives national recognition as a historical landmark, we'd like you to join us on a tour of places around the West End where people have gathered, lived, loved and built their lives as regular citizens and influencers alike. <u>Tickets and details.</u>



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 <u>McAdams</u>. Free! <u>Details</u>.



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.

