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Sponsor Information Party (SIP) - Wednesday, May 31, 5pm. Whiskey Kitchen, 201 West Martin Street, Raleigh. Learn about NCMH's lineup of sponsorship opportunities for 2017 and 2018. If your business wants to support and connect with this area's huge Modernist community of fans, admirers, architects, designers, buyers, sellers, real estate agents, and art lovers, join us for a drink on their patio. RSVP directly to Rebekah Laney, 865-414-5800, or rebekah@ncmodernist.org, on or before May 29.
In late March, the iconic campus lake at Meredith College, Raleigh, designed by Dick Bell FASLA, drained due to the erosion of pipes and plumbing. Meredith’s beloved lake at the McIver Amphitheater is now a large, ugly, muddy hole. It will take $500,000 to implement repairs. Meredith has a matching gift lined up for the first half, and you can help raise the other
$250,000. This is one of Raleigh's most beautiful venues, the site of many wonderful NC Symphony and WRAL concerts, joyous Meredith graduations, and many other events over the last 50 years! Details.

The George Matsumoto Prize

Submissions close 5pm May 31: 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. The Prize meaningfully and powerfully engages the public with the architecture they love and showcases exceptional Modernist architects and designers in North Carolina.
Open to anyone, as long as the house is in North Carolina. Details.

The Asheville Satellite Tour of the MA Atlanta Design Festival happens on June 3-4, featuring Modernist houses: Windswept - SPARC Design; The Privé at Ciel (shown above) by Jason Weil; Mayflower - Carlton Edwards Architects; Walnut Cove - Samsel Architects; and Shelburne Woods - Rusafova Markulis Architects. Tickets available here.

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.
NCMH Piedmont Modernist Tour, Winston-Salem / Lewisville / Greensboro NC, Saturday, June 10, 10am-3pm. Tickets are only $20/person with a special deal for families. Discover the best recent and brand new Modernist houses in the Triad featuring the work of STITCH (Adam Sebastian, Ben Schwab, Pete Fala) and Lewisville’s Buddy Glasscoe. 9 houses total! Buy advance tickets now, cuz prices go up June 1. Details.
Want to join our fun crew of Modernist fans? Sign up for the NCMH Mod Squad!
New: The Frank Lloyd Wright/Fallingwater Tour, Thursday-Friday, September 14-15. Have you always wanted to see Fallingwater, Frank Lloyd Wright's masterpiece? It's the most famous Modernist house in America! Do the Wright thing and join NCMH on our annual trip this fall. Just a few miles away, there's another remarkable Wright house, Kentuck Knob, and a world-class outdoor sculpture garden? Join NCMH and our merry band of architectural adventurers as we make the pilgrimage to Fallingwater. This trip is a once-in-a-lifetime experience! Details.
New Book Available July 11: Architecture Matters, by Aaron Betsky. Architecture matters to cities, the planet, and human lives. How architects design and what they build has an impact that usually lasts for generations. The more we understand architecture—the deeper we probe the decisions and designs that go into making a building—the better our world becomes. Aaron Betsky, architect, author, curator, former museum director, and currently the dean of the Frank Lloyd Wright School of Architecture, guides readers into the rich and complex world of contemporary architecture. Combining his early experiences as an architect with his extensive experience as a jury member selecting the world’s most prominent and cutting-edge architects to build icons for cities, Betsky possesses rare insight into the mechanisms, politics, and personalities that play a role in how buildings in our societies and urban centers come to be. In approximately fifty themes, drawing on his inside knowledge of the architectural world, he explores a broad spectrum of topics, from the meaning of domestic space to the spectacle of the urban realm in an accessible and enjoyable way.
Now on US Modernist Radio: Host George Smart reports from February's Modernism Week in Palm Springs, the Mecca for all things Mid-Century Modernist! He spoke poolside from the Hotel Skylark with keynote speakers from the week. Annalisa Capurro & Brooke Hodge; Mark Davis/Aluminaire. US Modernist Radio is sponsored by Sarah Sonke of ModHomes Realty. Listen on iTunes.

Past shows.

Volunteers Needed in LA: From the comfort of your laptop, car, or both, be a volunteer USModernist field research agent in Los Angeles. Research classic MCMModernist houses online and/or in your car to solve the missing pieces of USModernist, the largest open digital archive for Modernist houses in the world. We're looking to complete our archives on Los Angeles-based architects Gregory Ain, Craig Ellwood, Raphael Soriano, Richard Neutra, John Lautner, Quincy Jones, and more all found here. Field research agents volunteer about two hours a week, or about four hours every other week. This can be as simple as taking an afternoon
to drive around, or a few hours at night to surf the web. Warning: hunting for and researching Modernist houses is seriously addictive, if you're really into architecture. You'll work with NCMH's Chief of Research, Catherine Cramer. Do you have the passion, curiosity, and available time? Send an email with your name, phone number, address, and which architects you're most interested in. Thanks!

New Book Now Available: House and Home: Cultural Contexts, Ontological Roles, by Thomas Barrie. This book challenges predominant definitions of house and home and argues that domesticity fundamentally satisfies the human need to create and inhabit a defined place in the world. Consequently, house and home have performed numerous cultural and ontological roles, and have been assiduously represented in scripture, literature, art, and philosophy. This book presents how the search for home in an unpredictable world led people to create myths about the origins of architecture, houses for their gods, and house tombs for eternal life. Turning to more recent topics, it discusses how writers often used simple huts as a means to address the essentials of existence; modernist architects envisioned the capacity of house and home to improve society; and the suburban house was positioned as a superior setting for culture and family. Throughout Tom Barrie's book, house and
home are critically examined to illustrate the perennial role and capacity of architecture to articulate the human condition, position it more meaningfully in the world, and assist in our collective homecoming.

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.
NCMH's Executive Director George Smart speaks on Mayberry Modernism, North Carolina's legacy of amazing Modernist houses, at three North Carolina locations this summer. Free, just show up!

West Regional Library (Cary) Monday July 10th 7-8:15 PM
Eva Perry Regional Library (Apex) Monday, July 24th 7-8:15 PM
Northeast Regional Library (Raleigh) Thursday July 20th 7-8:15 PM