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News and Events

Endangered Alert NY: Edgar Tafel was one of the last and most prominent members of Frank Lloyd Wright's Fellowship. Tafel's 1950 Alpern House at 8 Overlook Drive in Scarsdale NY was completely restored in 1997 by architect Linda Yowell. Although still in good shape (see photos), the house sold May 18 and the new owners applied immediately for demolition. The Scarsdale Committee on Historic Preservation, which hears the request first, meets today. The Committee has no power except to make recommendations to
the Town Board of Trustees who can, at most, delay demolition by ten months. **That's important time to explore other options** such as moving the house, modifying the new design, or keeping the house intact.

What can you do? Write Adam Lindenbaum, Chair of the Scarsdale Committee on Historic Preservation. Better yet, write the Mayor of Scarsdale, Dan Hochvert, who sits on the Board of Trustees.

WRAL featured the Shipwreck House in Wilmington, designed by architect Michael Ross Kersting, past winner of quite a few George Matsumoto Prize People's Choice Awards.

**The George Matsumoto Prize**

Speaking of the George Matsumoto Prize, North Carolina's highest honor exclusively for Modernist houses, public viewing and voting of this year's entries for the People's Choice category begin next week. Look for the link in next week's newsletter!

From Curbed: **The smallest house, ever.**
Beautiful and unusual chapels around the world. Hat tip to Virginia Faust.

The Sarasota Architectural Foundation (SAF) announce the Ralph Twitchell and Paul Rudolph’s historic 1950 Cocoon House will open for public tours beginning in July. Details. Photo by Ezra Stoller.

Phoenix architect Al Beadle, compiled by Alison King of Modern Phoenix. And from Richmond, a feature on architect Fredric Cox Jr. Hat tip to Daniel Perrin.
USModernist Radio goes to Palm Springs each February for the incredibly popular Modernism Week. It’s a fascinating array of sunshine, architecture, lectures, parties, tours, and exhibits. USModernist Radio’s George Smart was there with keynote speakers and other special guests who make Modernism Week a blast.

Cory Buckner is an architect, artist, and author from LA. She is one of the world’s experts on A. Quincy Jones Modernist houses loved by celebrities such as Jennifer Aniston and Ellen Degeneres. Los Angeles Magazine named Cory as one of Six Women who Changed The Face of LA Architecture and her architecture firm specializes in Modernist design. She was the force behind preserving Crestwood Hills in LA, a neighborhood
full of Modernist houses that by now would likely have been extinct if not for her efforts. Producer Leo Zahn premiered "Sinatra in Palm Springs – The Place He Called Home” at Modernism Week, exploring Frank Sinatra’s primary home for almost 50 years. From his houses to where he ate to where he entertained, the film features interviews with Barbara Sinatra, Mel Haber, Tom Dreesen, Nelda Linsk, Bruce Fessier, Trini Lopez, Michael Fletcher, and others who knew and lived and played with Frank Sinatra.

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Thursday, June 21, 6-8pm, Audio Advice, 8621 Glenwood Avenue, Raleigh. See the latest in audio and video, home theatre, and entertainment technology!

Thirst4Architecture is our free monthly party for anyone with a huge crush on Modernist architecture - sponsored throughout 2018 by Modernist realtor Angela Roehl. Details.
Friday, June 22, 8:30am, 21C Hotel, Durham. NCMH is proud to sponsor Creative Mornings, a free breakfast lecture series for the Triangle creative community. Stop by the NCMH table for a delightful morning beverage and a free gift!

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Thursday, July 26, 6-8pm, Thirst4Architecture plus the George Matsumoto Prize Awards, at McConnell Studios, Dupont Circle, Raleigh. Thirst4Architecture is our free monthly party for anyone with a huge crush on Modernist architecture - sponsored throughout 2018 by Modernist realtor Angela Roehl. Details.
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