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USModernist is the largest online open digital archive in the country for mid-century Modernist houses. Learn about USModernist through our video - shot in Palm Springs last February during Modernism Week - with special guests Alan Hess, Mark Davis, and Trevor O'Donnell.

News and Events

The George Matsumoto Prize

Public voting for the 2018 George Matsumoto Prize People’s Choice for new North Carolina Modernist houses starts today at 9am EST and runs through 5pm EST Tuesday, July 2. This year’s houses from cities across the state will amaze and inspire you! See them all here, and vote for your favorite.

Voting is limited to one vote per e-mail address. Addresses that are or appear to be machine-generated or fraudulent will not be
counted. However, if you want to vote more than once, say from a home email and a work email, that's fine. NCMH's decisions on vote eligibility are final. Vote counts will not be released; only the recipients of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. The award ceremony is July 26 at McConnell Studios in Raleigh.

Endangered Alert: **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.

Latest Status: The Scarsdale Committee on Historic Preservation, which hears demolition requests first, turned the new owners down last week. However, the Committee only makes 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, modifying, or keeping the house intact. What can you do? Write the Mayor of Scarsdale, Dan Hochvert, who sits on the Board of Trustees.
The re-inventing of Central Prison and Morehead School in Raleigh, 81 acres of possibility. Article by Mike Welton.
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.

Nate Cormier is a Principal working Los Angeles-based Rios Clementi Hale Studios. He discusses the new public space in downtown Palm Springs, a wonderful area that will include the Big Marilyn as well as Frey and Kocher's Aluminaire House. Michelle Delk is a Partner, Landscape Architect and ASLA Discipline Director with Snøhetta, an architecture and design firm that has garnered international acclaim for projects including the Biblioteca Alexandrina in Alexandria, Egypt, the expansion of the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, Norwegian National Opera and Ballet in Oslo, and the Jim Hunt Library in Raleigh NC. She discusses the design of the Willamette Falls Riverwalk in Oregon and how landscape architecture inspires us in ways most people don’t realize.

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Mai al-Kawari is a student from the New York School of Interior Design traveling the country this summer visiting and documenting Modernist Houses! NCMH is supporting her trip and hosting a reception at 7pm on Tuesday, June 12 at 5409 Pelham Road, Durham NC. Come visit with fellow Modernist fans and watch as the sunset casts golden colors over the
lake. Mai will share plans for her journey across America! To register, go here and donate $17 per person. Ticket includes a delicious catered Moe's taco buffet (chicken, fish, and vegetarian) plus delightful refreshments. To support Mai's trip without attending, use the same link and donate any amount other than $17. Thanks for your support!

**Audio Advice**

**Thursday, June 21, 6-8pm**, Audio Advice, 8621 Glenwood Avenue, Raleigh. See the latest in audio and video, home theatre, and entertainment technology! We're talking home theatre setups with image and sound that is jaw-dropping. On screens throughout the store, there will be architecture videos so you see and hear the full depth of the 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!

With three new membership levels to accommodate any budget, join the NCMH Mod Squad for as little as $36/year! Your membership provides capacity for us to document, preserve, and promote Modernist residential architecture throughout the state and the nation. Benefits vary by level. Check it out!
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.
Thursday, August 16, 6-8pm. Join architects Doug Pierson, Youn Choi, and POD Architecture and Design, 201A East Main Street, Carrboro. Their office is inside the old Carrboro train station! Thirst4Architecture is our free monthly party for anyone with a huge crush on Modernist architecture - sponsored throughout 2018 by Modernist realtor Angela Roehl. Details.
Vacancy, not development, is the enemy of mid-century Modernist houses. Preserve and protect the architecture you love by buying or renting before the bulldozers come a few years from now. Visit our exclusive statewide list!

The exhibition *Design Duet* is up at the Gregg Museum at NC State in Raleigh through September 9. In the early 1960s, Robert Black and Ormond Sanderson’s Strawvalley complex presented furniture, lighting, and design by such well known architect/designers as Mies van der Rohe, Harry Bertoia, Eero Saarinen, Marcel Breuer, and Le Corbusier. Black and Sanderson were not only among the first to introduce modern design to southern consumers, but they were also major artists in their own right.