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North Carolina Modernist Houses (NCMH) is a 501C3 nonprofit educational archive that provides donors, volunteers, and advocates the information and organization they require to passionately engage the documentation, preservation, and promotion of residential Modernist architecture. Learn more at www.ncmodernist.org.
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. Click on the video above to start.
Tomorrow, Tuesday, June 12, 7pm: 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 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 by noon today (Monday). 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!

New! Thursday-Monday November 1-5: NCMH's Phoenix Tour featuring Taliesin West and Paolo Soleri’s Arcosanti. If you’re into Modernist architecture, you don’t want to miss our trip to Phoenix where Frank Lloyd Wright made his western headquarters at Taliesin. Enjoy four nights and five days of sunny mid-century architecture, from
houses to art to furnishings to lifestyles to food to more houses! Includes everything: flights, hotel, tours, transportation, and most meals. Half the seats are gone, so act now. Details.

The George Matsumoto Prize

Brinegar House by Phil Szostak, photo by Jim Sink.

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

From Curbed: Three Frank Lloyd Wright houses for sale now.

Kanye West ventures into architecture.

Join NCMH’s fun crew of Modernist fans now - or renew your membership! [Details]

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New book: **Jim Olson - Building, Nature, Art** by Jim Olson. Are you into Tom Kundig? This is the guy who hired him, and together they’ve built one of the best residential practices in the world. Jim Olson blends straight, clean architectural lines and curving natural scenery with such ease that one forgets they weren’t always in harmony. Over the course of a career spanning nearly fifty years Olson established a reputation for thoughtfully considered buildings, evident in projects that suit and enhance their locations in Mexico, Southeast Asia, and the Pacific Northwest.

DWell talks to Academy Award-winning film maker Ralph Eggleston about the design inspiration behind the impressive, Modernist house everyone’s favorite superhero family occupies.
in the upcoming movie Incredibles 2. Hat tip to Virginia Faust.

Some progress in City Council to save the Home Security Life building in Durham, designed by architect Milton Small. Watch the heartwarming love letter to Milton designed by Courtney James of Preservation Durham.
Serial Modernist: Michael LaFetra bought a Modernist house. Then another. Then another. As far as we can tell, he may be the foremost collector of Modernist houses in the country with houses designed by Quincy Jones, John Lautner, Rudolph Schindler, Frank Gehry, Richard Neutra, Paul Williams, Pierre Koenig, Ray Kappe, and more. And dropping by the studio, it’s a special reunion of Lulu and the Lounge Lizards, with Linda Smith as lead singer, Richard Tazwell on piano, David Shore on drums, and Jeff Brown on Sax. USModernist Radio is sponsored by Angela Roehl, your special real estate agent for Modernist
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!

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. The Town Board of Trustees 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.

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** and **Youn Choi** of 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.