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The George Matsumoto Prize

Thanks to everyone who voted in the Matsumoto Prize - and welcome to our Monday newsletter! We hope you'll enjoy updates on Modernist news, tours, and preservation. To unsubscribe, see instructions at the bottom of the page.



On **Thursday, July 26, 6-8pm**, join NCMH for Thirst4Architecture plus the <u>George Matsumoto Prize Awards</u>, at McConnell Studios, 324 Dupont Circle, Raleigh.

Thirst4Architecture is our free monthly party for anyone with a huge crush on Modernist architecture - sponsored throughout 2018 by Modernist realtor <u>Angela Roehl</u>. <u>Details</u>.



Is your design-oriented business (art, architecture, construction, furniture, fixtures) looking for customers who get Modernism? Up to 200 people each love coming to our monthly design parties. The next one could be at your place - or at a client location showing off your work. T4A events are generally the third Thursday of each month. Dates are available starting in December. Email **Rebekah Laney**,

rebekah@ncmodernist.org. Details.



New: Saturday, October 27. The BBQ Train! It's NCMH's second foodie outing - this time to the biggest BBQ festival in North Carolina! The Barbecue Festival is recognized as one of the Top Ten Food Festivals in America by Travel & Leisure Magazine, has been declared a Library of Congress Local Legacy Event, and won more than fifty awards including mention as One of Ten Great Places to Celebrate Food by USA Today.

Are we going by bus? Noooooooo. All aboard! Join the NCMH crew as we travel to Lexington on our own **private airconditioned, wifi-equipped, restroom-equipped Amtrak car!** Wait a minute - Amtrak doesn't stop in Lexington! One day a year it does, and this is the day. <u>Details</u>



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and tickets.

Saturday, August 18: The <u>Chef and the Farmer</u> trip to Kinston is sold out.



Only 2 seats left! 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. <u>Tickets and details</u>.





Anyone listening to USModernist has probably gotten in a car, or a plane, to pilgrimage to some amazing building. In fact, it's a sure sign you're a Modernist fan if you go to a city just for the architecture. Author **Sam Lubell** is an expert on Modernist buildings and houses you can visit. He writes for Wired, the



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The LAX Theme Building, abandoned for years, will live again as a USO Center for the entire airport.



California Governor **Jerry Brown** just appointed architect and historian **Alan Hess** to serve on the California Historical

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Resources Commission. Alan is a prolific author and he appears in almost every Modernist architecture documentary.

<u>Eames chairs</u> in the California State Capitol. Hat tip to **Virginia Faust**.

Going to Germany? Now you not only can visit the Bauhaus, <u>you</u> <u>can stay there</u>. Hat tip to **Daniel Perrin**.



Karl Larson passed away June 30. He was an avid historian dedicated to preserving and sharing the history of Raleigh NC. When the blog Goodnight Raleigh started in 2007, Karl became a regular contributor under the name Raleigh Boy. The historic and personal photographs he published touched and educated thousands. He later led a successful fund-raising campaign to restore a part of NC State University's history, Joe Cox's Color Wall in the D. H. Hill Library. Overall, Karl was highly regarded as an ambassador for the local history community.

If you crossed architecture with crop circles, <u>you'd get this</u>. Hat tip to **Virginia Faust**.

The best architecture to <u>visit this summer</u>. Hat tip to **Daniel Perrin**.

Kate Wagner of McMansion Hell zeroes in on the worst McMansions in every state, not an easy task. <u>First up, Texas</u>!



Deal of the week: Want a Modernist fixer-upper in Charlotte designed by noted architect <u>Murray Whisnant</u>? Help <u>Preservation North Carolina</u> spread the word and get this Modernist house some love - and a new owner. Just \$279k!

RIP <u>Jack Laxer</u>, one of the 20th century's best architecture photographers. Hat tip to **Virginia Faust**.

Remembering <u>Constance Adams</u>, architect who designed space stations and Mars colonies. Hat tip to **Catherine Cramer**.



New book coming August 7: **Mod Mirage: The Midcentury Architecture of Rancho Mirage** by **Melissa Riche**, photos by **Jim Riche**, and foreword by **Brad Dunning**. No longer overshadowed by neighboring Palm Springs, Mod Mirage reveals in photos and stories the historic homes and communities of Rancho Mirage that make up its significant midcentury heritage. Mod Mirage documents the architecturally innovative homes and communities that were built on and adjacent to the historic Thunderbird and Tamarisk Country Clubs from 1950 to 1970, in what is now the community of Rancho Mirage, California. Some of the midcentury's most distinguished architects, including <u>William Cody</u>, <u>Donald</u> <u>Wexler, William Krisel, E. Stewart Williams</u>, **and William Pereira** designed many of these structures, many of which are hidden behind country club gates and not easily accessible to the public.

AIA New York Tours this Summer

July 15 - Modern Architecture on the Upper East Side July 21 - Modern Architecture & Adaptive Re-Use in the West Village & Meatpacking District July 22 - Remembering the Future: Architecture at the 1964/65 New York World's Fair August 4 - Midtown Modernism 1: East 42nd Street, the United Nations and Vicinity August 5 - Roosevelt Island: 1970s "New Town in Town,"

Cornell Tech & Four Freedoms Park



Remember the Tafel House? Your letters helped give it a stay of execution when current owners asked for a demolition permit. Good news - <u>it's back on the market</u>. **Edgar Tafel** was one of the last and most prominent members of <u>Frank Lloyd</u> <u>Wright's Fellowship</u>. Tafel's 1950 Alpern House at 8 Overlook Drive in Scarsdale NY was completely restored in 1997 by architect Linda Yowell and is in great shape (see photos).



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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 <u>Angela</u> <u>Roehl</u>. <u>Details</u>.



Thursday, September 20, 6-8pm. Join **Leo Gaev** and his crew in Carrboro for our first gathering of the fall. Thirst4Architecture is our free monthly party for anyone with a huge crush on Modernist architecture - sponsored throughout 2018 by Modernist realtor <u>Angela Roehl</u>. <u>Details</u>.



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 <u>exclusive statewide list</u>!



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