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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.
September 1, 10am-2pm: Visit the 1959 Williams House, aka Blue Haven, the family home of famed Raleigh architect Carter Williams. One of the most remarkable Modernist houses in Raleigh ever built, it was nicknamed for its distinctive Carolina blue stone. Dick Bell was the landscape architect. This very special Modernist house has not been open to the public in almost a decade! Details and tickets.

September 20: The Thirst 4 Architecture Party at Leo Gaev Metalworks in Carrboro, September 20, has been postponed. Stay tuned for details on rescheduling.
April 30-May 10: Modernist Denmark, Norway, and Sweden. Truly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see some of the world's best architecture and the stunning natural beauty of Denmark, Sweden, and Norway - with virtually everything included! 11 days and 10 nights of the heart-pounding Modernist architecture you love. Is the flight connection somewhere ghastly like Newark or JFK? No, you'll fly to Europe directly from RDU. Only 15 places left. Details and tickets.

Saturday, October 27: NCMH's BBQ Train is SOLD
Is your business (food, art, architecture, construction, furniture, fixtures) looking for customers who love good design? Up to 200 people attend our monthly design parties. The next one could be at your office or studio - or at a client location showing off your work. Dates available starting in December. Email Rebekah Laney, rebekah@ncmodernist.org.

Today USModernist Radio welcomes guest co-host Kate Wagner of McMansion Hell along with author of the book The Creative Architect, Pierluigi Serraino, the Fox Mulder of architecture, with information on a secret 1950’s psychological study involving IM Pei, Richard Neutra, George Nelson, Victor Lundy, Louis Kahn, Eero Saarinen, and Philip Johnson among others. Yes, folks, there are architecture X-files!

Pierluigi Serraino is an architect and author with expertise on postwar American architecture, modernism, architectural photography, and digital design. He has been published in Architectural Record, Architecture California, the Journal of Architectural Education, and Architectural Design (UK), among others, and has authored several books, among them Modernism Rediscovered (2000) and NorCalMod: Icons of Northern California Modernism (2006).

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The George Matsumoto Prize

Last week, NCMH announced an international blue-ribbon jury for the 2019 George Matsumoto Prize, the state’s highest honor exclusively for Modernist residential architecture. The 2019 jury includes:

Jane Frederick, FAIA, of Frederick and Frederick, Beaufort, SC
Tom Pfifer, FAIA, of Thomas Pfifer and Partners, NYC
Michelle Addington, Dean of Architecture at the University of Texas Austin
Kristen Ring Murray, FAIA, of Olson/Kundig, Seattle, WA
Harry Wolf, FAIA, of Wolf Architecture, Porto, Portugal
Kelly Lynch, Neutra/Lautner Homeowner

Founded by NCMH in 2012, the George Matsumoto Prize honors the architect who designed many exemplary mid-century Modernist houses in North Carolina. The Prize is a unique design competition featuring an online public voting category as well as nationally renowned jury. The Prize will be awarded in July 2019. Details, including submission guidelines.

35 architectural adventurers went with NCMH to explore Kinston and have dinner at Chef and the Farmer.

Curbed maps the most important places to see in the Modernist center of Columbus Indiana. Hat tip to Virginia Faust.

From Soapbox, a curated set of Brutalist lectures and videos - hat tip to Catherine Cramer.
and promote Modernist residential architecture throughout the state and the nation. Benefits vary by level. Check it out!

From the NYT: He fixed up 18 Eames Chairs. Hat tip to Kathryn Wagner.

Frank Lloyd Wright's Hollyhock House in Los Angeles to offer a virtual reality tour option. Hat tip to Virginia Faust.

Secret cities: How the US built three towns during WWII without anyone knowing why.

The national AIA comes out in support of school safety and against asbestos. Meanwhile, the US Environmental Protection Agency comes out for *more* uses of asbestos.

The most beautiful gas stations in the world. Hat tip to Virginia Faust.

From Dezeen: Where's the newest place needing Modernist preservation? It's ... Dubai! Yes, buildings that went up 50 years ago are actually becoming endangered now as the Emirate continues to grow.
We stumbled across this amazing Modernist artist in Florida, John Pirman.

Join the NCMH volunteer team and become part of the movement documenting, preserving, and promoting residential Modernist design in North Carolina!
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!
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Learn about the work of USModernist through our new video - shot in Palm Springs last February during Modernism Week - with special guests Alan Hess and Mark Davis.