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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.
From George Smart, Executive Director: Please, pay no attention to the man behind the curtain - because back there is an incredible team of staff and key volunteers who make our yellow brick road magical all year long. I could not be more proud of the many accomplishments Rebekah Laney, Frank Harmon, Virginia Faust, Daniel Perrin, Angela Roehl, Catherine Westergaard Cramer, Carie Chesarino, Michael Locke, Iva Kravitz, Cindy Stratton, and Tom Guild made this year, from producing 30 USModernist Radio shows to documenting over 1,000 houses, from scanning over 1 million pages of architecture magazines to organizing wildly popular trips all around the state, nation, and world. Our small intrepid team punches above our weight class - and we love doing it for you. Get to know the team here.

New: Saturday, April 13, 8am-5pm, Modapalooza Modernist Bus Tour. Enjoy a great day touring new
and recently-renovated Modernist houses and buildings in the Triangle without the hassle of driving! Modapalooza includes the delightful company of fellow Modernist architecture fans, breakfast, snacks, drinks, a delicious lunch, and free wifi in our luxury restroom-equipped, air-conditioned buses. You'll also meet many of the architects, designers, and builders! Details and tickets.
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. Email Rebekah Laney, rebekah@ncmodernist.org.

New: NCMH's Fallingwater tour is September 13-
**Join the NCMH Mod Squad!** Membership provides support for NCMH to document, preserve, and promote Modernist residential architecture throughout the state and the nation. Benefits vary by level. [Check it out!]

**14! Voyage with fellow architecture fans to Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater,** his internationally-acclaimed masterpiece of residential Modernist design. You'll also experience **three** more Wright houses (Kentuck Knob, Duncan House, and Lindholm House). Plus the flight, hotel, transportation, tours, and meals are all included. Act quickly, this always-popular tour is sellout fast! [Details and tickets.]

**New on USModernist Radio:** We love realtors, and we also know many who would rather tear mid-century Modernist houses down than find new caring owners. That's ok, because there are realtors like today's guests who are passionate advocates for Modernist houses. **Martie Lieberman** is a real estate agent with fans all over the world for mid-century modern and unique architectural houses. Martie was the force behind a resurgence of interest in the preservation of modern houses in Sarasota, Florida, and she created the Sarasota Architectural Foundation (SAF). **Chris Menrad** has been part of the Palm Springs real estate community for over 10 years. The stock trader-turned-real estate agent represents some of the most stunning mid-century modern houses on the market. He came to Palm Springs in 1999 and bought a Modernist house by architect **Bill Krisel** plus he has restored five mid-century modern houses in Palm Springs.

about the show and see past episodes.

Remember the old AIA Tower in downtown Raleigh? It's now an **amazing escape room** with three levels of challenge. Find out more [here](#). When you register, use the discount code NCMH; you get a 15% discount, and NCMH gets a 15% donation. it's not easy to repurpose a 1938 water tower but these folks have done it!
New book out February 12: **Arthur Elrod: Desert Modern Design**, by Adele Cygelman. Elrod was design king of the desert in the 1950s,’60s, and ’70s, the most successful interior designer working in the Palm Springs area. He was charming, handsome, and worked tirelessly for his A-list clientele, such as Lucille Ball and Walt Disney. Perhaps his most famous work was done in his own home, known as the Elrod House in Palm Springs, built by architect [John Lautner](https://www.johnlautner.com/) in 1968. His rise paralleled the growing modernist movement in desert architecture, and he worked alongside the leading California architects of the day including E. Stewart Williams, William F. Cody, Paul R. Williams, [Buff & Hensman](https://buffandhensman.com/), A. Quincy Jones, Wexler & Harrison, Palmer & Krisel, [Howard Lapham](https://www.holapham.com/), [Richard L. Dorman](https://www.designrulz.com/interior-designer/richard-l-dorman/), [Edward Fickett](https://www.edwardfickett.com/) and, most famously, [John Lautner](https://www.johnlautner.com/).

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Year end wrap ups by [Daniel Perrin](https://www.dwell.com/):

DWELL on the [Wright houses](https://www.archdaily.com/665979/the-lodges-at-stonehill-a-victorian-version-of-the-wright-house) that went on the market.


Dezeen’s [biggest stories](https://www.dezeen.com/category/best/), [top ten houses](https://www.dezeen.com/2018/12/12/best-houses/), and [other top ten lists](https://www.dezeen.com/2018/12/12/best-overall/).
ModHomes Architecture Movie Series, **Double Feature, Tuesday, January 8, 7pm**, at the Alamo Drafthouse, Raleigh. **Glenn Murcutt: A Spirit of Place** explores the life and art of Australia’s most famous living architect. Murcutt’s extraordinary international reputation rests on international awards (including the prestigious Pritzker Prize) putting Australian architecture on the world map. And yet, by choice, he has never built outside his own country.

But first, it’s **Rendered Small**, the story of the private collection of American folk art buildings that have been meticulously curated and displayed by Steven Burke & Randy Campbell in Hillsborough, North Carolina. Stay for Q&A after the movie with collectors Steven & Randy plus producers **Marsha Gordon and Louis**
Cherry.

The Alamo Drafthouse has a full bar, over 50 draft beers, a restaurant menu (the food is great), and service at your movie seat or in their huge lobby. Mod Squad Terrazzo Level members get in free until capacity is reached, so get there early and relax! General public, $11/person. Hang out afterwards in the lobby and catch up with friends! Sponsored by Sarah Sonke of ModHomes Realty, NC State University Libraries, and in situ studio. Details.
Thursday, January 17, 6-8pm, join Carole Marcotte at Form and Function, her supercool building and store at Five Points, 1700 Glenwood, Raleigh, renovated by Tonic Design.

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Sunday, January 27 at 3pm. Frank Harmon speaks and has a booksigning at Scuppernong Books, 304 South Elm Street, Greensboro.
ModHomes Architecture Movie Series, Tuesday, February 5, 7pm, at the Alamo Drafthouse, Raleigh. **Big Time: Bjarke Ingels** explores the hottest architect on the planet right now. With major projects spanning the globe, he’s the new Frank Lloyd Wright (minus the arrogance). The Alamo Drafthouse has a full bar, over 50 draft beers, a restaurant menu (the food is great), and service at your movie seat or in their huge lobby. **Mod Squad Terrazzo Level** members get in free until capacity is reached, so get there early and relax! General public, $11/person. Hang out
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Thursday, February 28, 6-8pm, join Will Alphin of re.design.build, at the new 926 Tower Street Project, Raleigh. It's the first of four new Modernist houses on that street. Thirst4Architecture is our free monthly party for anyone with a huge crush on Modernist architecture - sponsored throughout 2019 by Modernist realtor Angela Roehl. Details.

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!