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New Building Tour: **Saturday April 20, 10am to 2pm**, The Home Security Life Building Tour, 505 West Chapel Hill Street, Durham. One of the most exciting mid-century buildings in Durham! This amazing Modernist office was designed by renowned architect G. Milton Small Jr., a student of the internationally known architect Mies Van der Rohe of Chicago. Here's the



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building's history. The HSL building is open to the public to tour for the first time! [Details and tickets](#).

Our State NORTH CAROLINA

This past weekend, NC Modernist led a tour for [Our State Magazine](#) of Modernist houses in the Triangle. Over 100 attended, seeing houses designed by **Ellen Cassilly, Katherine Hogan and Vinny Petrarca, Phil Szostak, Robby Johnston and Craig Kerins, Henry Kamphoefner and George Matsumoto, Coby Linton, Erin Sterling Lewis and Matt Griffith, and Will Alphin**. Many thanks to editor **Elizabeth Hudson** for amazing coverage of Modernist design in the March issue! We'll have direct links to the articles in April.

The George Matsumoto Prize

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Residential architects and designers with NC Modernist houses: **are you ready to rumble?** It's Matsumoto time! The 2019 George Matsumoto Prize is North Carolina's highest honor exclusively for Modernist residential architecture. This year NCMH welcomes [Nichiha](#) as the exclusive 2019 Matsumoto Prize sponsor. The state's best Modernist houses are chosen by a blue-ribbon jury of architects, plus the public gets to vote on their favorites! The competition is open to any Modernist house located in North Carolina with a CO

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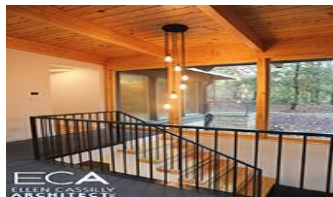
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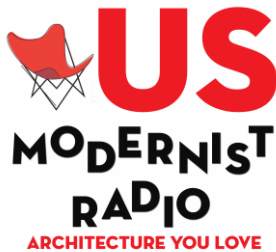
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New on USModernist Radio: AIA New York Cocktails + Conversations / The Martini Whisperer. New York City architects **Abby Suckle** and **William Singer** are the authors of Cocktails and Conversations: Dialogues in Architectural Design. AIA New York's Center for Architecture has a great Friday night format: invite people to to hear a famous architect paired with a master bartender who creates a custom cocktail to share with a thirsty audience. Architects have included: **David Adjaye, Jeanne Gang, Peter Gluck, Frank Harmon, Tom Kundig, Daniel Libeskind, Eric Owen Moss, Billie Tsien,** and **Tod Williams**, among many others. Host **George Smart** spoke with Abby and William at the Long Island Bar, 110 Atlantic Avenue, in Brooklyn.



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Joining them were master bartenders **David Moo** and **Toby Cecchini** (inventor of the Cosmopolitan), the brain trust behind all the cocktail creations.



About a month later, George and co-host **Tom Guild** met Australian **Phillip Jones**, the **Martini Whisperer**, poolside at the swanky Hotel Skylark in Palm Springs. For over a dozen years Jones worked as a fine dining manager and ran restaurants and events companies around the world. Then he created a website for lovers of Martinis, craft spirits and cocktail culture with an Australian point of view. In 2015 he gave the first ever TED talk on the Martini. And as he was leaving the Eau du Vie bar in Melbourne one fateful night

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Wednesday, April 10, 6pm: Cameron Village Regional Library hosts a presentation and book-signing event for award-winning architect [Frank Harmon](#) as he shares his new book [Native Places: Drawing as a Way to See](#). Quail Ridge Books will provide and sell copies. The event is free and open to the public.



MARVIN MODERN



Thirst4Architecture Party, Thursday, April 11, 6-8pm, Fitch Lumber, 309 North Greensboro Street, Carrboro. Right across from Weaver Street Market. Featuring a new Modern line of Marvin Windows! Free drinks and food! Thirst4Architecture welcomes Modernist fans, homeowners, architects, artists, designers, realtors, engineers, contractors, property investors, building managers, materials and furniture dealers – or *anyone* with a huge crush on great architecture. The 2019 [Thirst4Architecture Series](#) is sponsored by

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New book out May 14: **Bauhaus** by **Frank Whitford**. First published in 1984, this new edition comes on the 100th anniversary of the famed German arts institute and examines the activities of its teachers and students. **Frank Whitford** taught at University

College London, and then in Cambridge, where he is still attached to Wolfson College. Well known as a broadcaster and lecturer, he was for many years Tutor in Cultural History at the Royal College of Art, London. His other books include Klimt and Bauhaus; Oskar Kokoschka, A Life; Expressionist Paintings and the prize-winning Japanese Prints and Western Painters.

DID YOU KNOW

The Flintstone House rankles neighbors, because rankling is what neighbors do best. All about Mission 66. The Sputnik house for sale in Houston. Expensive Modernist summer rentals. Super famous designer **Tom Ford** bought this over the top Paul Rudolph townhouse formerly owned by super famous Halston. The "forgotten" Frey House in Palm Springs for sale. Hat tips to **Daniel Perrin** and **Virginia Faust**.



From the Architects Newspaper: In a preliminary vote

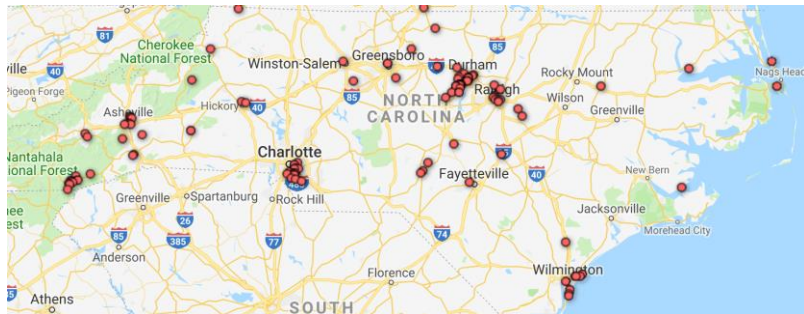
held on March 12, Pittsburgh's City Council voted against designating the Postmodern **Venturi Scott Brown**-designed Abrams House as a historic landmark. While the official vote is tomorrow, Tuesday, the six-to-one count doesn't bode well for the house's future. The home, commissioned by **Irving and Betty Abrams** and finished in 1979, was purchased by William and Patricia Snyder, owners of the adjacent Giovannitti House designed by Richard Meier next door. The two-bed, two-and-a-half bath had already been partially gutted before the nonprofit Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation mounted a campaign to recognize the building as a protected landmark. If no action is taken, this rare example of Postmodernism in Pittsburgh could soon be gone. Note: the late **Betty Abrams** graciously showed almost 100 NC Modernist fans around her amazing house over five years. We miss you, Betty!



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