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## TOP STORIES

# The George Matsumoto Prize



It's Matsumoto voting time! Public voting for the [2019 George Matsumoto Prize](#) People's Choice for new North Carolina Modernist houses runs through 5pm EST Wednesday July 3. This year's houses from across the state will amaze and inspire you! [See them all here](#), and vote for your favorite!

The George Matsumoto Prize is North Carolina's highest honor exclusively for Modernist residential architecture. NCModernist created the Matsumoto Prize in 2012 honor of [George Matsumoto](#), one of the founding faculty members of North Carolina State University's College of Design. Matsumoto created some of North Carolina's most well-known and well-loved Modernist houses. The Matsumoto Prize encourages young architects, designers, and prospective clients to



continue the Modernist movement. This year's Prize is underwritten by:



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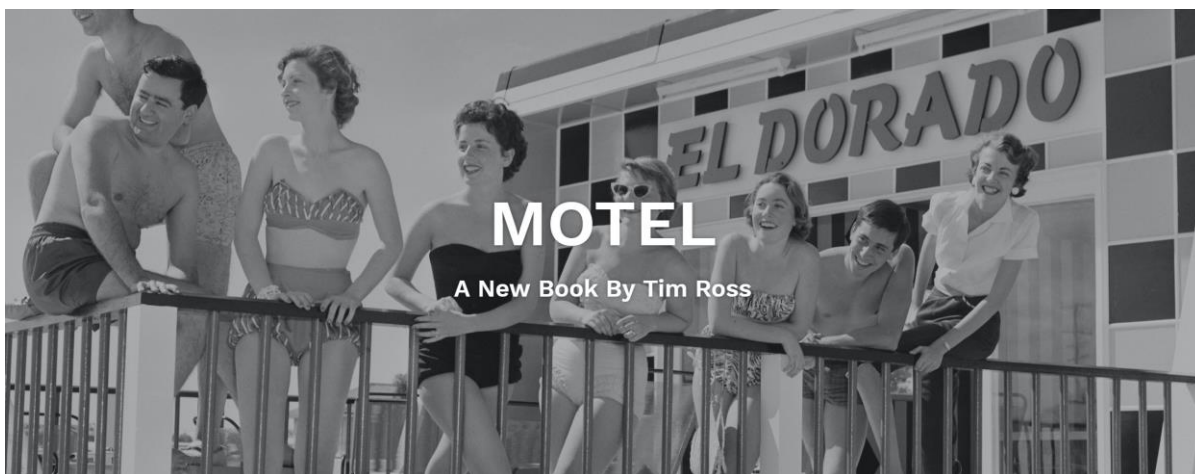
## McMansion Hell's Kate Wagner Live!

Tuesday, July 23, 6pm at Motorco in Durham

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If you love to hate the massive houses that popped up everywhere from the 1980's through the recession of 2008, then you're a fan of McMansion Hell, **Kate Wagner's** hilarious blog on how people attempt to appear super-wealthy by piling on one ridiculous house feature after another. She has been featured in The Washington Post, Fast Company, Archinect, Slate, Business Insider, The Hairpin, Der Spiegel, and the 99% Invisible and USModernist Radio podcasts. Plus afterwards, there's axe-throwing. Seriously. [Details and advance discount tickets.](#)



**New Book:** [Motel: Images of Australia on Holiday](#) by **Tim Ross** captures the heyday of Australia's motels via a deep trawl through the National Archives Of Australia, presenting a fascinating slideshow of Australians on holidays between 1950 and 1989. A pictorial love letter to a somewhat bygone era, it captures the accessible glamour and car-friendly convenience of the road-side motel, from Gold Coast 'palaces' to out-of-the-way comfort stops. Listen to **Tim Ross** on [USModernist Radio](#).





**This Saturday June 15, 10am-1pm.** It's called the House on Wildcat Creek. Architect [Dustin Ehrlich](#) designed this Modernist house in Chapel Hill for his parents, which is now for sale. [Details and advance discount tickets.](#) \$15 at the door day of event. All proceeds benefit NCModernist's documentation, preservation, and promotion programs. **SPECIAL:** Buy a ticket to Wildcat Creek, get in free to the Larson house, below!



**New Tour: Saturday June 22, 10am-1pm.** One of our favorite houses (and the scene of one of NCModernist's fantastic [Mod Squad](#) parties), it's the 1973 Arthur and Florence Larson Residence, [1 Learned Place](#), Durham.

Architect [Jon Condoret](#) said it was his favorite project of all time! Originally 4825 sf. Renovation by architect **Fu-Tung Cheng**, built by Landmark Renovation. 2008 landscape entry design by **Judy Harmon**. Expansion to 6040 sf and master bedroom renovations in 2011, designed by owners in consultation with [Bill Waddell](#) and [Vinny Petrarca](#) and built by Krichco. And there's an indoor pool.



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**Saturday June 22, 10am-4pm. The Pleiades Modernist Houses**, 800 Block of Mangum Street, Durham. Have a starry, starry day touring the Pleiades, a new project by one of Raleigh's hottest Modernist design firms, RACo, led by **Robby Johnston** and **Craig Kerins**. There are eight cool houses, similar on the outside, different on the inside, with a mini park right in the development's backyard. You'll get the cook's tour of four of them with a guide from RACo taking small groups every 45 minutes!

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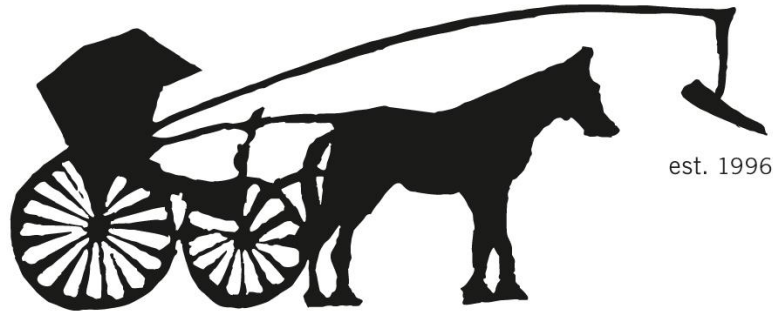


**Saturday, July 20, 3pm to 930pm, Kinston Arts District / Chef and the Farmer Dinner, Kinston NC.** You've watched Chef **Vivian Howard** and her husband **Ben Knight** on the PBS show *A Chef's Life*. You've heard about their world-famous restaurant, the Chef and the Farmer, a center point for a revitalized downtown Kinston with interesting galleries, stores, and pubs to visit. Join the NCModerlist crew as we travel to Kinston on our air-conditioned, wifi-equipped luxury bus! You'll experience great food and the fun company of fellow Modernist travelers interested in art, architecture, and a wonderful multi-course dinner with wine at the Chef and the Farmer. [Details and tickets.](#) **Registration ends Monday, June 24!**

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**Thirst4Architecture, Thursday, June 20, 6-8pm, [Horse & Buggy Press and Friends](#), 1116 Broad Street, Suite 101, Durham.** Join Horse & Buggy Press designer, letterpress printer, and book publisher Dave Wofford—and special guest artists [Ben Galata](#), [Abie Harris](#), Jack Barnes, [Holden Richards](#), [Rachel Goodwin](#), [Claire Ashby](#), [Preston Montague](#), [Hana Lee](#), and [Victor Gordon](#)—for an informal reception at the [studio/gallery](#) which is housed in a [mid century modernist gem](#) on Broad Street. In addition to beautiful work for sale in the gallery, the interior space features many aesthetically inspired custom touches created in its conversion to a design studio and storefront gallery. Adult beverages will be on hand and there are three restaurants nearby to grab dinner and continue conversations after the event. Free!



# The George Matsumoto Prize



**Thirst4Architecture, Thursday, July 25, 6-8pm**, hosted by McConnell Studios, 324 Dupont Circle, Raleigh. Featuring the 2019 [George Matsumoto Prize Awards](#), powered by [Nichiha](#).



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THIS WEEK ON USMODERNIST RADIO



**New:** Palm Springs has a huge architecture event called Modernism Week every February. It's a fascinating array of architecture, lectures, parties, tours, exhibits, and the occasional plastic surgery gone awry. Host **George Smart** was there earlier this year talking with nearly all the speakers, authors, and special guests who make the week (actually 11 days) a blast!

Today USModernist welcomes two California architects building new Modernist houses and one expert sharing how Modernism started: **Joel Turkel** founded Turkel Design and created NextHouse, a series of prefab modern homes still marketed by the fine folks at Deck House. In 2014, in an exclusive collaboration with Dwell Magazine, Joel launched the Axiom Series, a line of modern houses that combine sleek modern design with all the benefits of prefab construction. Now he lives in one!

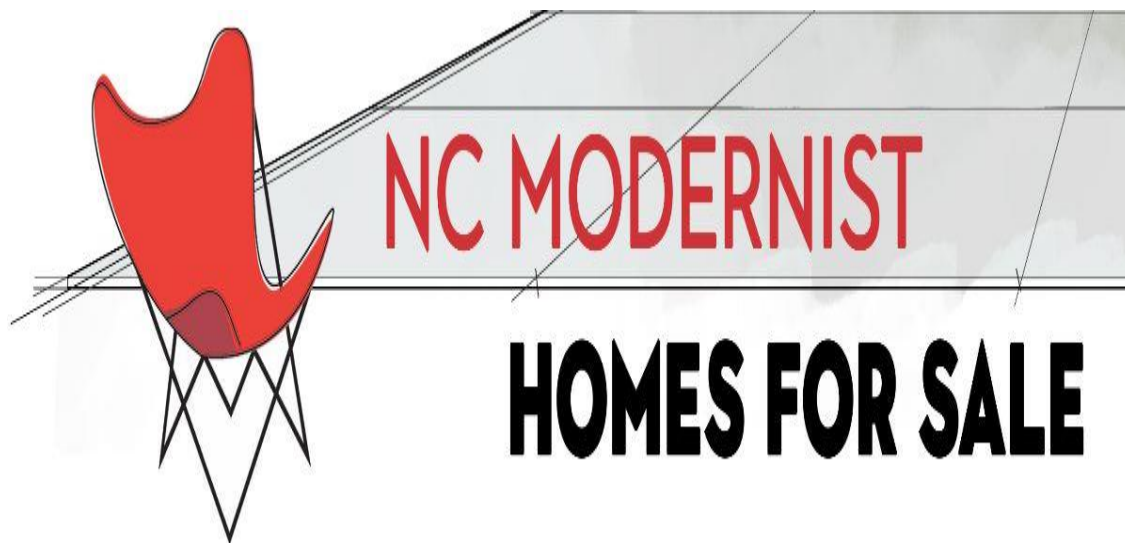
**Anthony Poon** is an architect, concert pianist, artist, and author. He created new ways to build and promote Modernist home developments while maintaining design integrity and construction quality. His entertaining talk at Modernism Week was about architects in popular culture - TV and movies. There are many more than you might think!

Wrapping up, we talk with **Jacques Caussin**, associated with Modernism Week from the very beginning and this year's speaker on how Modernism got started and made itself popular in the US.

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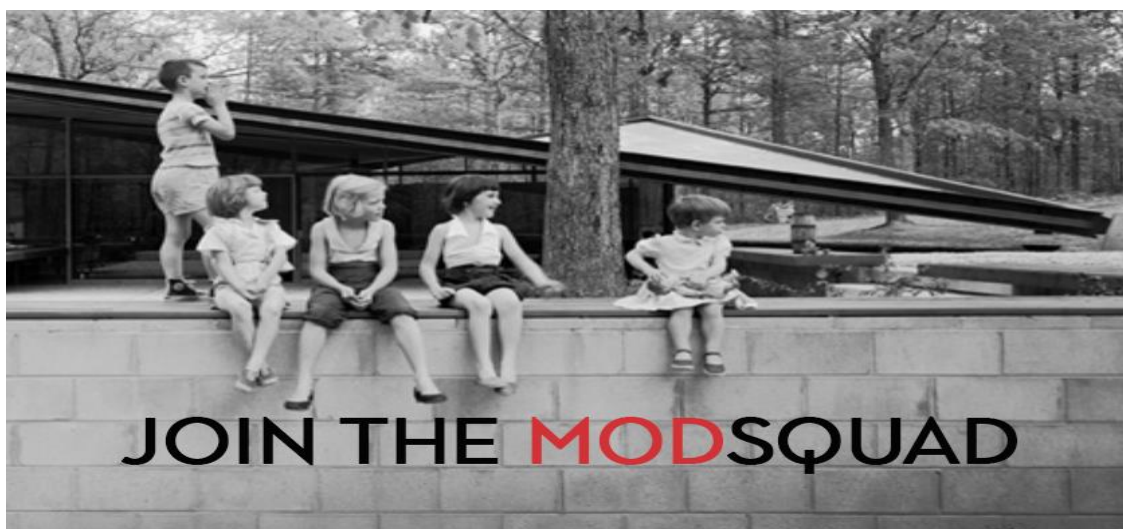


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