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Tomorrow, Tuesday, July 23, 6pm, Motorco, Durham. 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. [Details](#). Tickets available at the door!

We regret to announce that the John Davidson benefit concert for [Project Bauhow](#), scheduled for August 24, has been cancelled.

Thirst4Architecture Events



Free admission, music, drinks, and food! Thirst4Architecture events welcome *anyone* with a huge crush on great architecture. The 2019 [Thirst4Architecture Series](#) is sponsored by Modernist Realtor [Angela Roehl](#).



The George Matsumoto Prize

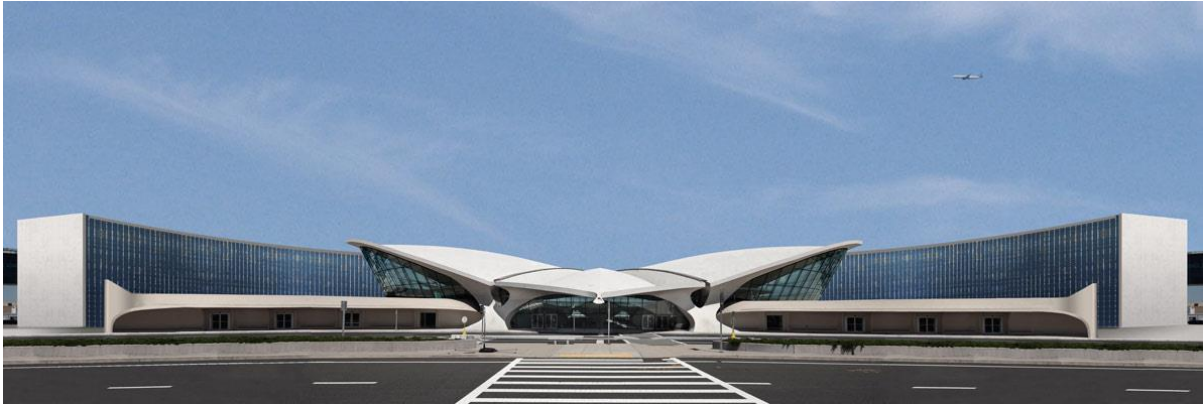
Featuring the 2019 [George Matsumoto Prize Awards](#), powered by:



Thirst4Architecture, Thursday, July 25, 6-8pm, hosted by McConnell Studios, 324 Dupont Circle, Raleigh. Free music, food, drinks, and the incredible annual open house by artist Matt McConnell. See what the studio has been up to this past year - and what they are creating for the future.



Thirst4Architecture, Thursday, August 15, 6-8pm, 63005 Ballentine, inside Governors Club in Chapel Hill. Join [BOLD Construction](#), a Chapel Hill Luxury custom home builder, at the home of **Chris & Jana Erhenfeld**, a recently completed Modernist home built by BOLD. What's more, BOLD will showcase several of recent Modern builds plus preview of their upcoming Modernist neighborhood! Snacks and light appetizers provided by Domicile Realty and adult beverages by REALTOR and Interior Designer **Nicole Baxter**.



USModernist's trip to New York City is sold out! [Details.](#)



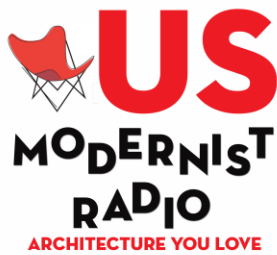
Only 6 seats left! February 19-24, 2020: Join USModernist in Palm Springs For Modernism Week! If you're into mid-century Modernist design, join us for our wildly popular trip.

There's no other place in America with as many mid-century Modernist houses per square mile! Almost everything is included: flight; private swanky retro hotel; delicious meals; exclusive tours; our own private bar; amazing parties in jawdropping houses; even your own Uber! [Details and tickets.](#)



The World's Fair did not stop in 1964 in New York. In fact, they've been going on ever since, all around the world. The World's Fair in Shanghai, China, was the *most attended event in human history*. And in November 2020, USModernist is taking 30 people to the World's Fair in **Dubai and Abu Dhabi**. Not only will you experience the incredible modern architecture of these countries, but hey - it's a freakin' World's Fair! How often does that come along?

Wednesday, August 14, 7pm. Attend a **free dinner and tour overview** at Executive Director **George Smart's** house, 5409 Pelham Road, Durham, where he will share the itinerary and details of this truly once in a lifetime experience. Those who attend will get first access to register. RSVP to george@usmodernist.org with your name(s), email(s), and phone number(s).



New on USModernist Radio: 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!

Architecture documentaries visually capture the spirit and stories of great Modernist buildings in ways not possible through books and photos. USModernist Radio welcomes architect **Dion Neutra** and producer **Devon Chivvis** to our poolside studio at the swanky Hotel Skylark. Neutra stars in **PJ Letofsky's** new documentary about Richard Neutra, *Neutra: Survival Through Design*, that premiered at Modernism Week; and **Devon Chivvis** shares the latest progress on her exciting new documentary, *The Harvard Five*, about the Modernist architects that settled in (and unsettled the locals) in New Canaan, Connecticut. **John Johansen**, [Marcel Breuer](#), **Landis Gores**, [Phillip Johnson](#) and [Eliot Noyes](#) transformed Modernist design and influencing a generation of architects. Spoiler alert: she grew up in a Noyes house!

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Correction to last week: Charlotte NC does NOT have its own [72-acre tiny house resort](#). The location is actually Lake Lure NC, about two hours away.

The Getty announced the 2019 winners of the [Keeping It Modern Grants](#).



We just learned that [Doris Stanley](#) died last November. She was one of the first female draftswomen practicing in North Carolina. Stanley worked two years in newspaper advertising for the Bangor Daily Commercial before coming to Durham in 1950. When the Durham employment office asked about her skills, she mentioned drafting and took a job with [William Sprinkle](#). Together they designed several hundred houses around Durham. “The first day I put paper to pencil, I thought I’d died and gone to heaven,” she told interviewers Lynn Richardson and [Frank DePasquale](#) in 2007. [Project list](#). [Her last video interview](#).



Internationally known architect **Cesar Pelli** [died last week at 92](#). These are his famous Petronas Towers in Malaysia.



In a few days, you can [book an AirBnB](#) in the Oscar Meyer Wienermobile!

A new video of [Raleigh's Union Station](#), designed by Clearscapes. Produced by **Keith Isaacs** and Breadtruck Films. Hat tip to **Jeff Durkin**.

A new video of the [Golden Belt campus](#) in Durham, designed by Alliance Architecture. Hat tip to **Jeff Durkin**.



Paul Williams Demolition Alert: It's not Modernist, but the new owners of 722 West Kenneth in Los Angeles have filed to destroy the house by master architect **Paul Williams**. Meetings are being held, letters are being written, feathers are being ruffled, so stay tuned.



Denver Modernism Week

Denver Modernism Week is coming up August 16-25. [Details.](#)



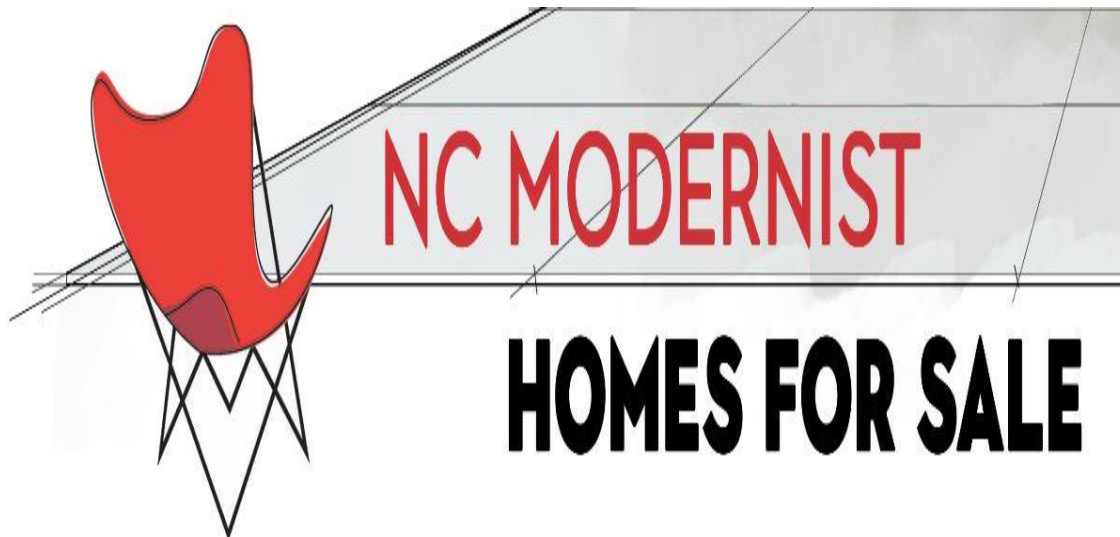
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Hat tips to **Daniel Perrin**, **Lili Corbus**, **Leilani Carter**, and **Virginia Faust**.



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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