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Last week, DWELL [named USModernist Radio](#) #2 in the Top Nine design podcasts!

USModernist [has a new online store](#) - with all the thoroughly ridiculous coffee cups, logowear, and mousepads you could possibly want! All proceeds benefit USModernist's ongoing documentation, preservation, and promotion work.

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This Wednesday, August 14, 7pm. The World's Fair did not stop in New York. In fact, they've been going on ever since, all around the world. The 2010 World's Fair in Shanghai, China, was the *most attended event in human history up until that time*. 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? 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).



Thirst4Architecture, This Thursday, August 15, 6-8pm, 63005 Ballentine, inside the gated Governors Club in Chapel Hill. Join **Nicole Baxter**, Realtor and interior designer, Domicile/Governors Club Realty, and [BOLD Construction](#), a Chapel Hill Luxury custom home builder, at the home of **Chris & Jana Erhenfeld**, a recently build. Appetizers and adult beverages provided. Free admission!

Thinking of coming? Please RSVP to info@boldnc.com so they'll have your name at the Governor's Club gate.

Thirst4Architecture events welcome *anyone* with a huge crush on great architecture. The 2019 [Thirst4Architecture Series](#) is sponsored by Modernist Realtor [Angela Roehl](#).

MODA PALOOZA



Only 15 seats left! Saturday, October 12, 8-5pm: Time for our wonderful twice-a-year Modapalooza bus tour, taking you to new Modernist houses around Raleigh, Durham, and Chapel Hill. Join NCModernist we visit amazing new homes by **Tonic Design, Larry Scarpa, Arielle Schechter, Heather Washburn, Nick Hammer, POD Design**, and more! [Details and tickets.](#)

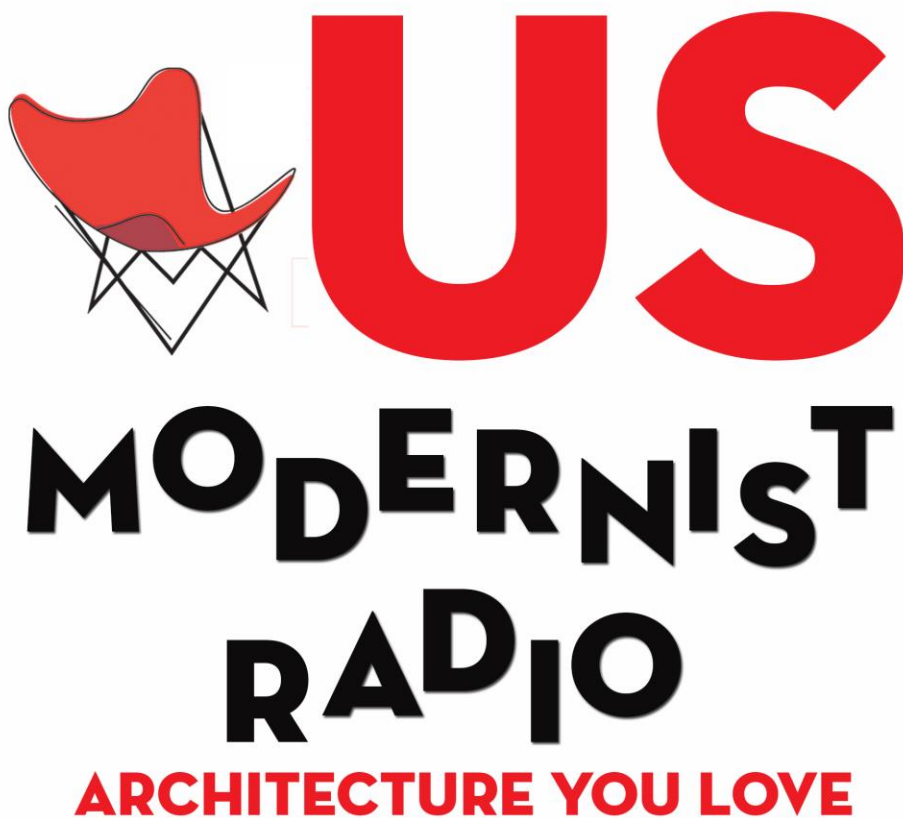


Only 2 seats left! February 19-24, 2020: Join USModernist in Palm Springs For Modernism Week! If you're into mid-century Modernist design, join us for our wildly popular trip. There's no other place in America with as many mid-century Modernist houses per square mile! Almost everything is included: round trip flight; a private swanky retro hotel; delicious meals; exclusive tours; our own private bar; amazing parties in jawdropping mid-century Modernist houses; even your own Uber! [Details and tickets.](#)





USModernist Global 5: London / Brussels / Amsterdam Architecture Tour, May 5-14, 2020. Are you ready for some heart-pounding Modernist architecture in England, Belgium, and the Netherlands? Join USModernist on our 5th architectural adventure to Europe. You just won't believe where we're going and what you're going to see. You will discover incredible architecture in three countries. This is a unique opportunity to see some of the world's best architecture - with virtually everything included! [Details and tickets.](#)



US MODERNIST RADIO

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New on USModernist Radio - **Modernism's Three Amigos: Tom Kundig, Frank Harmon, and Marlon Blackwell**. Not only are these architects the best of friends but they are also award-winning rockstars of US Modernist residential architecture.

[Tom Kundig](#) is principal with Olson Kundig Architects and came to national attention with 1998's Studio House and in 2002, the Chicken Point Cabin. Tom's honors include the Cooper Hewitt 2008 National Design Award, eleven national AIA design awards, too many Washington State AIA awards to count, and over 450 feature articles worldwide. He is the author of **Tom Kundig Houses, Tom Kundig Houses 2, and Tom Kundig Works**.

[Frank Harmon](#) worked for North Carolina's [Ed Loewenstein](#) and New York's [Richard Meier](#), teaching at Auburn University and NC State University's College of Design. He's received over 60 design awards, the most ever for a North Carolina firm. Frank is the author of the book **Native Places: Drawing as a Way to See** and writes the Native Places blog.

Marlon Blackwell is the author of **An Architecture of the Ozarks: The Works of Marlon Blackwell** and has taught at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville since 1992, serving as head of the architecture department for six years. His firm won more than 120 design awards and he received the 2012 Architecture Prize from the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

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Do you love architecture documentaries? We sure do. These visually brilliant and intellectually compelling movies about Modernist architecture and architects rarely get shown in commercial theaters. No one's getting rich with these films; in fact, for many producers, bringing them to live is a huge labor of love - for which they'd be better off financially working at McDonalds. Help USModernist support those brave architecture film producers so their documentaries can be finished, fully edited, formatted for various media, and released to film festivals (including ours!).



One such producer is **Jake Gorst**. He and **Tracey Rennie Gorst** have produced many architecture documentaries including **Frey: Part I and II**; **The Nature of Modernism: E. Stewart Williams, Architect**; **Modern Tide: Midcentury Architecture on Long Island**; **Desert Utopia: Mid-Century Architecture in Palm Springs**; **William Krisel, Architect**; **Journeyman Architect: The Life and Work of Donald Wexler**; and **Leisurama**. Now they are launching a six-part series on New England Modernism. You can [watch the trailer here](#) and pledge your support. USModernist Executive Director **George Smart** was supporter #2!



Kanye West proves, no matter how famous you are, [you gotta get your permits](#).



New to the [USModernist archives](#): [Eliot Noyes](#), the architect who brought design into corporations such as IBM and made it a competitive advantage. Today we celebrate his birthday!

Where's the most beautiful lot in the United States? [Here](#), and it has a Modernist house for sale on it. The architect was [Gregory Ain](#).

[Meet Gerhard F](#), the architect behind some the world's ugliest buildings (satire, slightly NSFW).

If there was a Modernist Hall of Fame, [these buildings would be listed](#).

On August 21, at 7pm, Preservation Greensboro offers a free walking tour of downtown Modernism. [Details](#).



You can now rent [Richard Neutra's](#) Grace Miller House in Palm Springs CA [by the night](#).

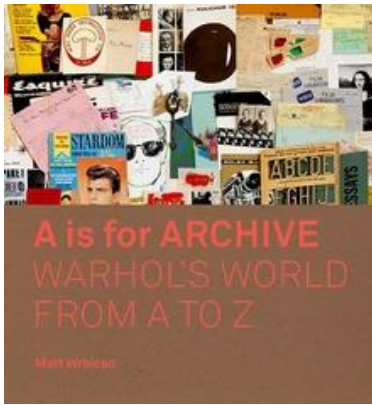


Opening in August TBA at the NC Museum of Art in conjunction with NC State's multi-site exhibit **Art's Work in the Age of Biotechnology: Shaping Our Genetic Futures**. From Teosinte to Tomorrow will be a 100 x 100' stand of tropical field corn cut into a maze with an interior room where visitors will encounter a raised bed of teosinte, the wild grass thought to be the ancestor of modern corn (there is still debate!). The NC State University Libraries' exhibit designer Molly Renda, is collaborating with William H. Dodge and Hanbury on the maze design and basing the pattern on photographs and drawings made by Josef Albers during the years he and Anni Albers traveled extensively in Mexico (1930s–60s). The Albers' deep connection to Mesoamerican art, together with their importance to the growth of art and design in North Carolina, made these reflective works an apt foundation from which to build.



For sale: six brushed satin nickel halogen uplights, ten years old. They all work perfectly and are sold as a set. Originally purchased at \$200 each, you can have them all for \$45 each. Includes mounting hardware. Model: PLC Lighting 21065SN, UPC: 736211184382, Lamp Type: Halogen 120v, Width 9.75, Height 4.5, Glass Frost, Bulb Type 120v. All funds benefit NCModernist. Contact George Smart, george@ncmodernist.org.

Hat tips to **Daniel Perrin** and **Virginia Faust**.



New Books:

Coming out August 27: [A is for Archive: Warhol's World](#) from A to Z, by **Matt Wrbican**.

Coming out September 10: [New Nordic Houses](#), by **Dominic Bradbury**.

Coming out September 17: [White Houses](#), by **Philip Jodidio**.

Upcoming NC State College of Design / AIA Triangle Lectures:

All lectures begin at 6pm in the Burns Auditorium, Kamphoefner Hall, NCSU College of Design, Raleigh NC.

September 16: **Lawrence Scarpa, FAIA**, Principal, Brooks + Scarpa Architecture Landscape Urban Design

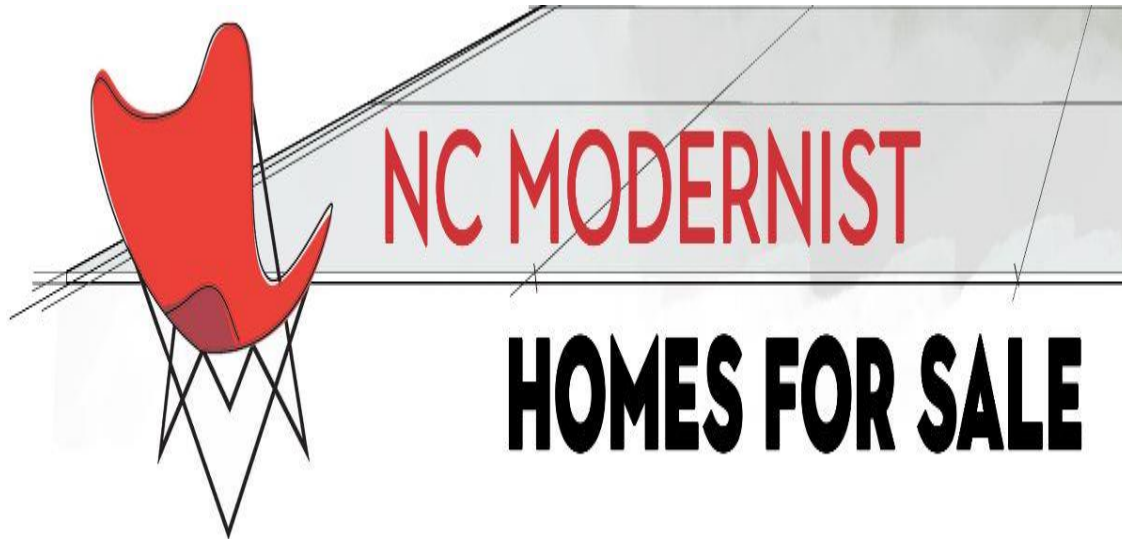
September 23: **Frank Harmon, FAIA**, Principal, Frank Harmon Architects

September 30: **Patrick Rand, FAIA**, Professor of Architecture, NC State University School of Architecture

October 7: **Heather Roberge**, Principal, Murmur, Chair, UCLA Department of Architecture and Urban Design

October 21: **Mimi Hoang, AIA**, Principal, nARCHITECTS

November 4: **Margaret Griffin, FAIA**, Principal, Griffin Enright Architects



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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