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**In just one week, USModernist's November 2020 World's Fair Trip to Dubai and Abu Dhabi sold out!** Not only will these lucky architecture adventurers experience the incredible jaw-dropping modern architecture of these countries, but hey - it's a freakin' World's Fair! How often does that come along? [Details](#). Did you miss out? **We are taking a [waiting list](#) for a second trip!**



**Saturday, October 5, 7pm.** Every October NCModerlist has a sweet celebration called **Modstruck**, a party for our wonderful members, supporters, and sponsors held in a super Modernist house -- and this year is no exception. The Zodi House in Cameron Village has never been open to the public, even though the house has been there, quietly spectacular, for 20 years. The Zodi's have generously opened up the **Frank Harmon-**



designed house and he'll be there that night. Although the house and pool area are large, capacity is limited and we expect the event to sell out quickly! Music by Peter Lamb and the Wolves. Valet parking provided. Dress: to the 9's! Proceeds benefit NCModernist's ongoing work in the documentation, preservation, and promotion of residential Modernist architecture. [Details and tickets.](#)

## MODA PALOOZA





**We've opened up another bus! 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 **Raleigh Architecture, Tonic Design, Larry Scarpa, Arielle Schechter, Heather Washburn, Nick Hammer, POD Design**, and more! [Details and tickets.](#)

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**Thursday, September 19, 6-8pm,** TRIG, 1053 East Whitaker Mill Road #109, Raleigh. Join **Bob** for some of the most amazing Modern furniture, lighting, and accessories.

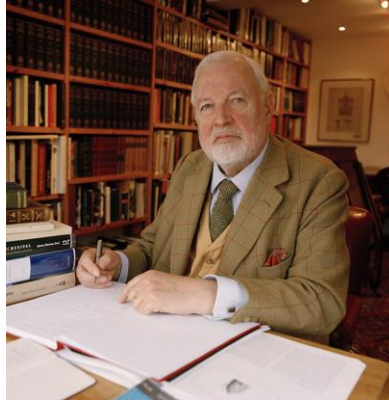
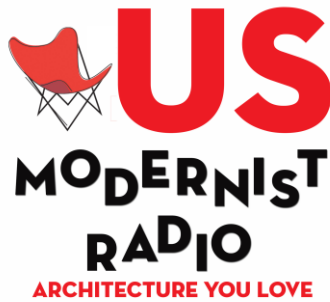


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**Thursday, October 17, 6-8pm.** Join **Robby Johnston, Craig Kerins**, and the crew of Raleigh Architecture at their new offices, 716 South Saunders Street, Raleigh. This design/build firm has been tearing it up the last few years, turning out multiple award-winning houses and soon new commercial and multi-family projects.

Thirst4Architecture (T4A) parties are free, exciting, informal events welcoming *anyone* with

a huge crush on great architecture. T4A events focus on building relationships, sharing passion about Modernist design, creating strategic alliances, and connecting people. There are no presentations -- just come join the fun and make new design friends! The 2019 [Thirst4Architecture Series](#) is sponsored by Modernist Realtor [Angela Roehl](#).



New on USModernist Radio - **Modernism is Bad, Very Bad: with Professor James Stevens Curl**. A graduate in Architecture from Oxford, **Professor Curl** is known for scholarship, penetrating criticisms, lucidity of style, and holding his nose at the stench of Modernism, of which he is definitely not a fan. He's probably rather be down at the Groaning Board hoisting a pint than talking to us, but we're thrilled to hear about his new award-winning book, **Making Dystopia: The Strange Rise and Survival of Architectural Barbarism**, in which he tears apart the Modernist movement piece by piece! However, he makes a good argument for how the wider modern movement in the 1950's (highways, cars, planes, not just architecture) has harmed the planet and the community way of life.

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*DWELL recently [named USModernist Radio](#) #2 in their top nine architecture and design podcasts!*





**Do you love architecture documentaries? We sure do.**

**Starting Monday, October 7, the NCModernist/ModHomes Architecture Movie Series** opens at the Chelsea Theatre, 1129 Weaver Dairy Road, Chapel Hill. The Chelsea is a beloved Chapel Hill art house theatre featuring fresh organic popcorn, craft beers, wine, and soft drinks! There are some great restaurants and coffee shops adjacent for pre- and post-movie gatherings. Sponsored again this year by Modernist Realtor [Sarah Sonke](#), these visually and intellectually compelling movies about Modernist architecture and architects rarely get shown in commercial theaters. **Mod Squad members get in free with preregistration!** [Details, schedule, movies, trailers, and ticket information!](#)

No one's getting rich making architecture films; in fact, bringing them to live is a huge labour of love - for which the producers would be better off working at McDonalds. Help USModernist support these three brave architecture producers so their documentaries can be finished, fully edited, formatted for various media, and released to movies series around the world (including ours!).







Mina Chow is an architect, professor, and filmmaker in Los Angeles. A film honoring American design excellence, *Face of a Nation* documents the rise and fall of American participation at World's Fairs. The story investigates controversy surrounding US participation for the last 25 years - asking important questions about the country's role in the world and perceptions of the American image. Mina and her film are the inspiration for our [2020 Dubai World's Fair tour](#). Watch her trailer above and [pledge your support!](#)



**Devon Chivvis** is a third-generation Modernist. She grew up in a magically beautiful Modernist home in New Canaan CT designed by [Eliot Noyes](#), just as her mother and

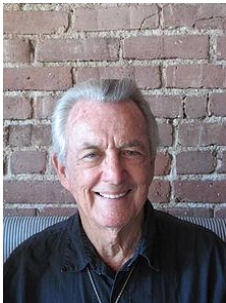


grandmother did in an earlier Noyes house. Noyes was part of The Harvard Five, a group of New England architects which included **Philip Johnson, Landes Gores, Marcel Breuer, and John Johansen**. Devon combines her genuine love of architecture and her thoughtful award-winning expertise in filmmaking to create a Harvard Five documentary. Watch her brilliant, endearing trailer above and [pledge your support!](#)



**Jake and Tracey 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. Watch the trailer above and [pledge your support.](#)

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Our good buddy, Los Angeles architect **Dion Neutra**, is 90-something and recovering in the hospital. He would like a little company. Reach him at [dion@neutra.org](mailto:dion@neutra.org) or send cards and letters to Dion Neutra, La Crescenta Home Health, 3050 Montrose Avenue, Room 7A, La Crescenta CA 91214. In lieu of flowers, send vodka or chocolate!



There will be a public memorial for **Phil Freelon** at the Durham County Human Services Building, Saturday, September 28th, 3:30pm. Due to the large attendance expected, doors will open at 2:30pm. 414 E. Main Street, Durham.



For just \$200,000, [a killer MCM](#) by architect [Jim Sherrill](#) in Hickory NC.



**Tom and Heather Papinchak**, owners of the visionary preservation project Polymath Park, receive a [Frank Lloyd Wright Spirit Award](#).

The great **Santiago Calatrava** [forgets that tourists have luggage](#). Fines apply.

How can you tell if you're an architect? [Here's how](#).

## The George Matsumoto Prize



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NCModernist is thrilled to announce the blue-ribbon jury for the [2020 George Matsumoto Prize](#), 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 in houses so important to North Carolina's design heritage. [Submissions are open now!](#)

The 2020 Jurors are:

**Toshiko Mori FAIA, Toshiko Mori Architect**

**Barbara Bestor FAIA, Bestor Architecture**

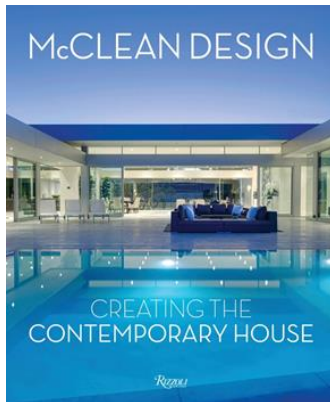
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**Alan Hess, Modernist Author and Architectural Historian**

**Harry Wolf FAIA, Wolf Architecture**



### **New Book Available Now**

[McClean Design: Creating the Contemporary House](#), by **Paul McClean**.

### **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

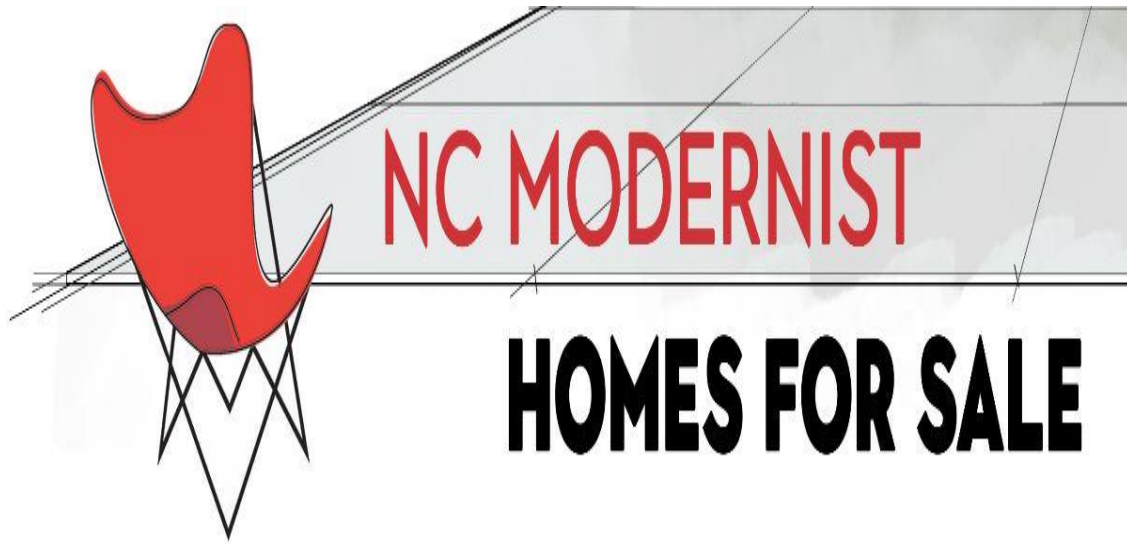
November 4: **Margaret Griffin, FAIA**, Principal, Griffin Enright Architects



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 \$100**. 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](mailto:george@ncmodernist.org).



Hat tips to **Daniel Perrin** 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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