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To reflect our growing national audience of subscribers (over 50% from outside NC), the NCModernist Newsletter is now the USModernist Newsletter!

Not to worry, North Carolinians - we are still on top of state and Triangle architecture news and events - just scroll down below to the NCModernist section.



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Last week, Polymath Park in Acme PA announced they are acquiring [Frank Lloyd Wright Jr.'s](#) 1965 Birdwing House in Minnetonka MN. The Modernist house, which was slated for demolition, will be disassembled, moved, and reassembled in the Polymath Park complex. Once complete, you'll be able to stay there overnight!



The most famous mid-century house in the world - this week - will be the Brady House, made famous from the TV series The Brady Bunch nearly 50 years ago. The kids from that show (now in their 50's and 60's) all star in a HGTV renovation series, a Very Brady Renovation, which [premieres on Monday night](#). Mike and Carol Brady, and of course Alice, would be so proud! The house itself, already a tourist drive-by attraction for decades, is likely to get even more famous.



Wichita KS citizens are gearing up a court battle to save the 1969 Century II, a performance arts space designed by John Hickman and Roy Varenhorst, students of

[Frank Lloyd Wright](#). Leader Celeste Bogart Racette appears before the City Council tomorrow, and there's a public rally scheduled for September 17. You may contact Celeste at mcr112@yahoo.com.



The Paul Rudolph Estate announced a representation agreement last month regarding the intellectual property rights to the architectural works of legendary Modernist [Paul Rudolph](#). The Estate authorized the Paul Rudolph Heritage Foundation to act as its exclusive worldwide representative with regard to intellectual property rights of the Works of Paul Rudolph.



New to the USModernist Archives: superstar architect [Bjarke Ingels](#).



One thing Modernists and Classicists generally agree on is that tearing down Penn Station was a colossal mistake. Now there's a movement to [rebuild Penn Station](#) to its original grandeur, updated for the digital era. Hat tip to Justin Shubow and the National Civic Art Society.



Hey, speaking of Bjarke Ingels, do you know anyone who lives in Ingels-designed Via57 in New York City? We'd like to talk with one of the residents for a future article. Email george@usmodernist.org.

17 domes that [do it right](#).

Vote for your favorite entry in [the AIA Film Challenge](#) by Sep 27.

Did you know USModernist maintains a section called [Resources](#)? There you can find Powerpoint presentations on Modernist buildings around the world by the prolific Jean-Paul Bonfils, the [Charlie Kahn interviews](#) with internationally-known architects; and the [Diamonstein-Spielvogel Video Archive](#) featuring interviews Barbaralee Diamonstein-Spielvogel conducted with prominent artists, musicians, architects, designers, photographers, directors, actors, writers, and art collectors during the 1970's.

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



New on USModernist Radio - Architectural Photographer Ezra Stoller: Pierluigi Serraino + Erica Stoller

Returning podcast guest Pierluigi Serraino is an architect and author whose book *Modernism Rediscovered* contributed to the huge re-emergence of interest in the architecture we all know and love. He has written books on Eero Saarinen, *NorCalMod: Icons of Northern California Modernism*, *California Captured* with past podcast guests Emily Bills and Sam Lubell, and his newest book *Ezra Stoller: A Photographic History of Modern American Architecture*.

Erica Stoller is the director of ESTO, an agency representing architectural photographers and managing a massive archive of related images related to the architecture photography of her father, Ezra Stoller. One of very best photographers of mid-Century Modernism, his work lives on in the esto archive used by scholars, photo researchers, and publishers worldwide. In addition to running ESTO, Erica is a photographer and an artist, making wall sculpture of repurposed industrial materials like plastic plumbing tubes, foam insulation, parachute cord, cable ties, bead chain, wire rope and metal connectors.

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US ARCHITECTURE TOURS + EVENTS





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? The answer is: twice! We're going again in April 2021.

On Wednesday, October 10, 7pm, attend a free tour overview at George Smart's house, 5409 Pelham Road, Durham, where we will share the itinerary and details of this truly once in a lifetime experience. Those who attend will get a lovely middle-eastern dinner and first access to register. RSVP to george@usmodernist.org with your name(s), email(s), and phone number(s).

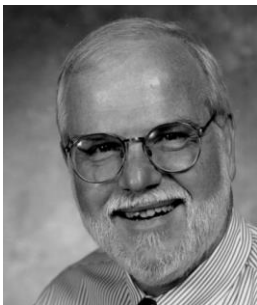


NC MODERNIST HOUSES

NC NEWS



Update on the **Milton Small** Home Security Life Building (former Police HQ) in Durham: the City received three proposals for redevelopment, only [one of which saves the building](#). The second [wraps a ridiculous building around it](#), and the [third destroys the building entirely](#). The City Council will make the final decision this fall. [Email the Council](#) and let them know you want the building saved!



A public memorial to celebrate the life of [Steve Schuster](#) will be hosted by family and friends on Sunday, November 3, at CAM in Raleigh, 409 West Martin Street, time TBA.



[WTVD featured](#) Gwynn Thayer of NCSU Special Collections in a story about [Leif Valand](#) and some newly discovered plans.

Did you know NCModernist maintains a [databases section](#)? Here you can find statewide digital resources, including city directories, newspaper archives, National AIA Architect Directories, NC State's Architecture Archives, the NCSU Architects and Builders Database, and real estate searches for Wake, Durham, Orange, New Hanover, Mecklenburg, and Buncombe counties.

NC ARCHITECTURE TOURS + EVENTS



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



Saturday, October 5, 7pm. Every October NCModernist has a sweet celebration called Modstruck, a party 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](#). Only 13 places left!

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SOLD OUT! Saturday, October 12, 8-5pm: The Modapalooza bus tour takes you in comfort (and free wifi) to eight new Modernist houses around Raleigh, Durham, and Chapel Hill, complete with breakfast and lunch and snacks! Join NCModernist as we visit amazing houses by Raleigh Architecture, Tonic Design, Larry Scarpa, Arielle Schechter, Alden Dow, Alan Mascord, Heather Washburn, Nick Hammer, and more! [Details and tickets](#).

We are taking a waiting list: email george@ncmodernist.org with the number of seats you want, the names of the participants, and their emails.



THE RALEIGH
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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: The Modern Coast Tour, November 22-23: Wilmington and Figure Eight Island are home to some of the state's best Modernist houses from the 1950's through today. Join NCModernist's merry band of architecture fans as we tour some amazing Modernist houses and enjoy the coast! Everything's included: breakfast and lunch both days; luxury bus transport with wifi; hotel, with wifi; and a wonderful outdoor Oyster Roast / BBQ dinner on Friday night.

You'll see new and classic coastal Modernist houses designed by [Oxenfeld and Newkirk](#), [Scott Ogden](#), [Michael Ross Kersting](#), [Ginny Woodruff](#), [Kevin Pfirman](#), Heywood Newkirk, and a recently restored Fayetteville house by [Ed Loewenstein](#). Proceeds benefit NCModernist's work in the documentation, preservation, and promotion of residential Modernist architecture. [Details and tickets.](#)



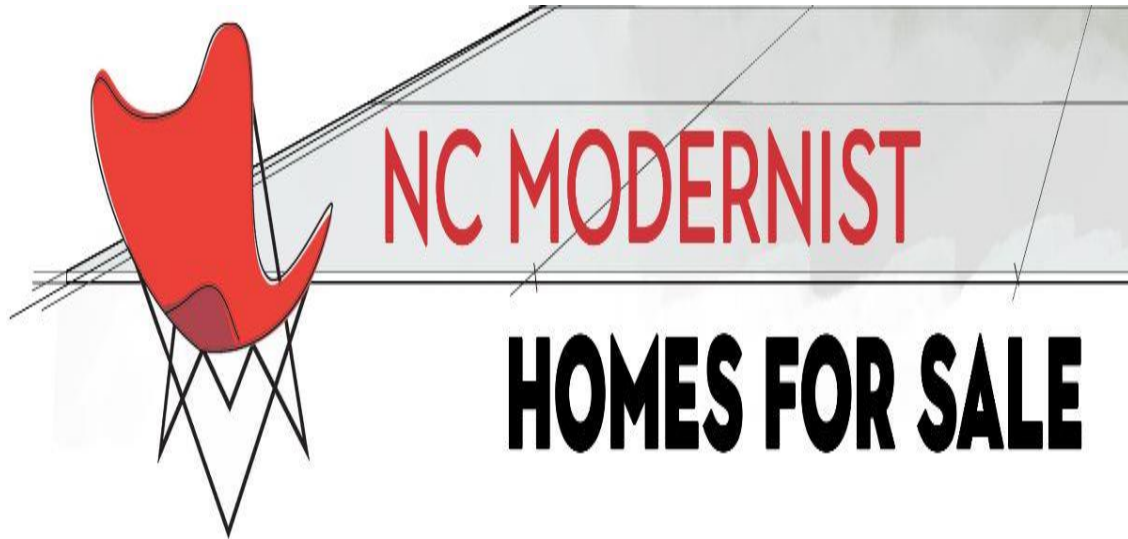
Starting Monday, October 7, the NCModernist/ModHomes Architecture Movie Series opens at the Chelsea Theatre, 1129 Weaver Dairy Road, Chapel Hill. The Chelsea is a

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!](#)

Our first feature is Sinatra in Palm Springs, followed by phone Q&A with producer Leo Zahn.



Sinatra in Palm Springs explores singer Frank Sinatra's deep attachment to the Coachella Valley, his primary home for almost 50 years in Palm Springs and Rancho Mirage. Steeped in affection and appreciation for the deep bond between Sinatra and these beguiling desert towns, the film tells the story of a man whose generosity and compassion for his fellow citizens had no bounds. He loved the desert and its people. Revealing interviews bring to life tumultuous times with Ava Gardner, his 1954 move to Cathedral City/Rancho Mirage, his marriage to Barbara, and life at the Sinatra compound. Featuring interviews with Barbara Sinatra, Mel Haber, Tom Dreesen, Nelda Linsk, Bruce Fessier, Trini Lopez, Michael Fletcher and many others who knew and lived and played with Frank Sinatra.



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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