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## Monday, September 16, 2019

Note: there will be no newsletter next Monday, September 23.



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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 cities, 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 9, 7pm, attend a free tour overview at 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](mailto:george@usmodernist.org) with your name(s), email(s), and phone number(s). Hat tip to Randy Lyders for correcting our date.



October 24-27: USModernist's George Smart will be moderating two discussion panels at this year's WestEdge Design Fair in Santa Monica: The Collectors, with Laura Muller, Kevin Isbell, and Jules Wilson; and Epic Spaces and Favorite Places with John McClain, Tom Fettle, Alison Pickart and Massimo Buster Minale. [Details and tickets.](#)

US NEWS





In one of the [best, most powerful speeches to a City Council we've seen](#), Celeste Bogart Racette goes to bat for the Frank Lloyd Wright-inspired Century II in Wichita KS. She nails it.



Do you know anyone who lives in Via57 in New York City, designed by [Bjarke Ingels](#)? We'd like to talk with one of the residents for a future article. Email [george@usmodernist.org](mailto:george@usmodernist.org).



The New York State Pavilion, designed by [Philip Johnson](#) for the 1964 World's Fair, just got a \$16.5 million FEMA grant to repair electrical damage sustained under Hurricane Sandy and for future flood-protection measures.



New to the USModernist archives: [John Hejduk](#), one of the [New York Five](#).



The [Eames](#) House in Los Angeles issues a [special edition Eames table](#) made from trees in the yard that had to be cut down.

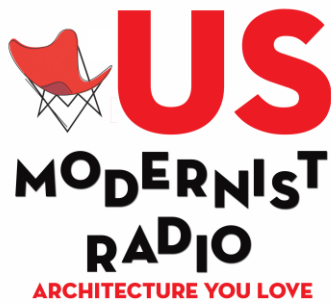


[Modern Richmond Week](#) starts today!

Mapping the Modernist magic that is [Columbus, Indiana](#).

Hat tips to **Daniel Perrin**, **Catherine Cramer**, and **Virginia Faust**.

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Now 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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# NC MODERNIST HOUSES

NC NEWS





Promising news 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](#). Last week, the Durham General Services Department Staff [recommended that one to the Council](#). Still, the Council makes the final decision, starting with a [work session](#) (see item 14) this Thursday the 19th at 1pm and a final vote on October 7. If you can't attend, [email the Council](#) and let them know you support the staff recommendation!

## NC ARCHITECTURE TOURS + EVENTS



This Thursday, September 19, 6-8pm, TRIG, 1053 East Whitaker Mill Road #109, Raleigh. Join TRIG's 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 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](#). Only 9 places left! Many thanks to our vodka sponsor, Bedlam!



## MODA PALOOZA MODA PALOOZA MODA PALOOZA

Saturday, October 12, 8-5pm: Sold out! [Details and tickets.](#)



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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](#).





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](#)

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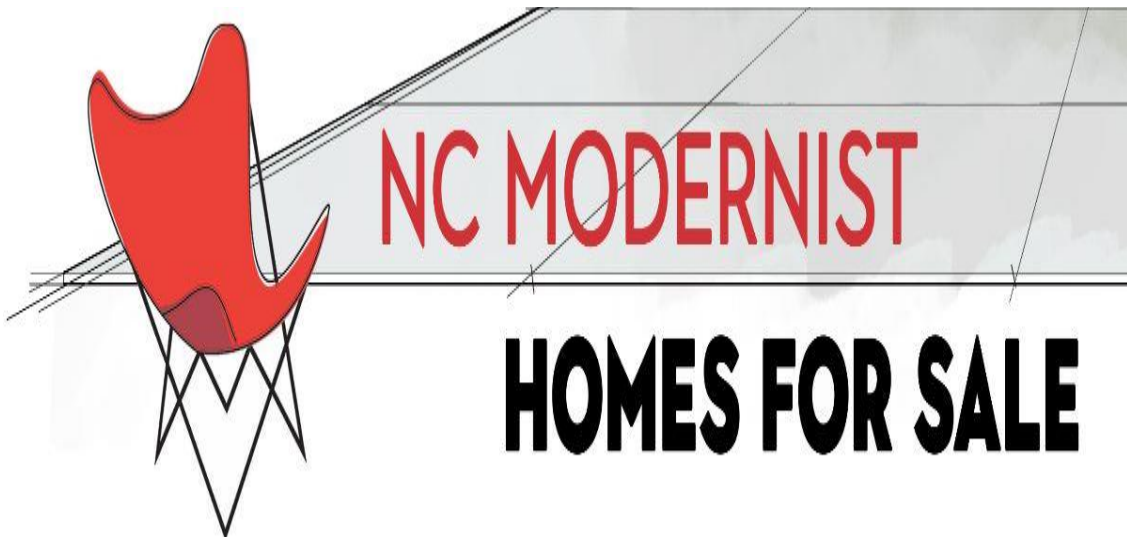


**Starting Monday, October 7**, the NCModernist/ModHomes Architecture Movie Series opens at the Chelsea Theatre, 1129 Weaver Dairy Road, Chapel Hill. The Chelsea is a beloved Chapel Hill art house theatre featuring fresh organic popcorn, craft beers, wine, and soft drinks! There are some great restaurants 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 "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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