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Monday, September 30, 2019

Get your company, studio, or practice involved in the wildly growing mid-century Modernist movement documenting, preserving, and promoting residential Modernist design across the US! Become a sponsor!

USModernist has an 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.
Featured Tour: Modern Carolina Coast, 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 NCModerndest'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 NCModerndest's work.
in the documentation, preservation, and promotion of residential Modernist architecture. Details and tickets.

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 the UAE, 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 with your name(s), email(s), and phone number(s).

October 24-27, Santa Monica CA: USModernist's George Smart will moderate two discussion panels at this year's WestEdge Design Fair:

The Collectors, with Kevin Isbell, Laura Muller, and Jules Wilson. Details and tickets.
Epic Spaces and Favorite Places with John McClain, Tom Fettle, David Thompson, Alison Pickart and Massimo Buster Minale. Details and tickets.

US NEWS

New on USModernist Radio - One of the best 80's films is, the envelope please, Ferris Bueller's Day Off.

Here's the plot: near the end of the school year, high school senior Ferris Bueller (played by Matthew Broderick) fakes being sick to stay home. His parents believe him, though his sister Jeanie (played by Jennifer Grey, the baby you don't back into a corner) is not convinced. Ferris
persuades his best friend Cameron (Alan Ruck) to help lure Ferris’ girlfriend (Mia Sara) out of school and let them use his father’s prized 1961 Ferrari.

Spoiler: that Ferrari tumbles out of a really cool Modernist house, much to the chagrin of Cameron and his dad. Our pal Bob Langford, who pretty much knows every line in the movie, drops by to help examine this cultural icon with guest Meghann Salamasick. She and her husband Chris are the owners of that now-famous Modernist house. Later in the show, with apologies to Wayne Newton, it’s George and Bob and Tom serenading Meghann. USModernist Radio is sponsored by Angela Roehl, your special real estate agent for Modernist houses. Listen via iTunes. Listen on Android devices and PC’s. View past and future show descriptions. DWELL recently named USModernist Radio #2 in their top nine architecture and design podcasts!

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.
It's World Architecture Day soon! This was the winning poster for WAD, designed by Huda Gharandouqa of Jordan.
In New York City, it's also Archtober, sponsored by the AIA NY Center for Architecture. Happy Archtober! Are there Archtober cards? Hallmark, are you aware of this?

The **Fab Four** of Modernism.

The overlooked architecture of [Chicago's South Side](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chicago%27s_South_Side).

The first [3D printed houses for rent](https://www.livingfabric3d.com/) will be available in the Netherlands this year!

A house that Frank Lloyd Wright designed is up for auction soon.

Hat tips to Daniel Perrin, Monica Hunter, Leilani Carter, Catherine Cramer, and Virginia Faust.
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. The Durham General Services Department Staff recommended that one to the Council. Still, the Council makes the final decision with a final vote on October 7. If you can't attend, email the Council and let them know you support the staff recommendation!
FACE OF A NATION
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE WORLD’S FAIR?
OCTOBER 3RD at a/erture cinema

6:30 PM - FILM SCREENING
7:30 PM - PRESENTATION and Q&A
by creator & star MINA CHOW

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Only 11 tickets left! **Saturday, October 5, 7pm.** Every October NCModernist has a sweet celebration called **Modstruck**, a party for our wonderful members, supporters, and the public held in a super Modernist house -- and this year is no exception. The Zodl House in Cameron Village has never been open to the public, even through the house has been there, quietly spectacular, for 20 years. The Zodls 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](#). **Deadline to purchase: tomorrow, Tuesday, at 5pm ET.** Many thanks to our vodka sponsor, Bedlam!

![Thirst4Architecture Logo](image)

**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**.

![AIA Triangle Tour Logo](image)

**Saturday, October 26.** [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 "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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