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Monday, January 6, 2020



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A Magical Evening at the Kirk and Anne Douglas Estate  
Wednesday, February 19, 2020



Just six weeks away! Join USModernist for a fabulous evening benefit party February 19 under the stars at the famed Kirk and Anne Douglas House, designed by architect [Donald Wexler](#). Turn back time for a night of celebration and relaxation at one of the most famous – and beautiful – midcentury homes in Palm Springs! Under the palms, we will shake the martinis and enjoy wonderful architecture, sparkling conversation, and delicious drinks and appetizers - all for a deserving cause. You'll tour the iconic property and meet architecture fans and preservationists who love what you love. [Details and tickets.](#)



There are so many ways you can be part of USModernist and NCModernist! In every issue of the newsletter, we will post some of greatest needs and wildest dreams.

1. Are you up early or way late searching the web? Why not put those off-hours research skills to use helping us locate and document Modernist houses across America? Volunteer as little or as much as you want, and be part of the website that are now the largest open digital

mid-century modern archives in the world! Contact archivist Carie Chesarino at

carie@ncmodernist.org.

2. Do you know Art Garfunkel? Early in his career, he studied design, and we'd like to get him on the USModernist Radio podcast. Contact George Smart at [george@usmodernist.org](mailto:george@usmodernist.org).

3. Someone you know collects magazines, perhaps hundreds or thousands of them, in their attic, basement, or storage unit. If any of those magazines are about architecture, we can help. Contact George Smart at [george@usmodernist.org](mailto:george@usmodernist.org).

4. What are the most exciting new restaurants and bars in the Triangle? We're looking for 2020 host venues for our wildly popular Thirst4Architecture program. Contact Rebekah Laney at [Rebekah@ncmodernist.org](mailto:Rebekah@ncmodernist.org).

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## **The Palm Springs School of Architecture**

**A Collaboration between Cal Poly Pomona and College of the Desert**

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Be among the first to learn about the developing partnership for the Palm Springs School of Architecture 5-year degree program to be located on the newest College of the Desert campus in Palm Springs.

The Program Master Architect and Site Planner Architects will be on hand to present some initial design concepts, and unique features of the site. The COD and Cal Poly Pomona teams will share exciting architectural concepts and big ideas like "A Year in the Desert".

Jointly presented by College of the Desert, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, and the Palm Springs Center for Creativity / Architectural Alliance, the event will feature a visual presentation and panel discussion among experts moderated by Alan Hess.

There's a new architecture school going up in Palm Springs. Learn more at a special program during [Modernism Week](#).

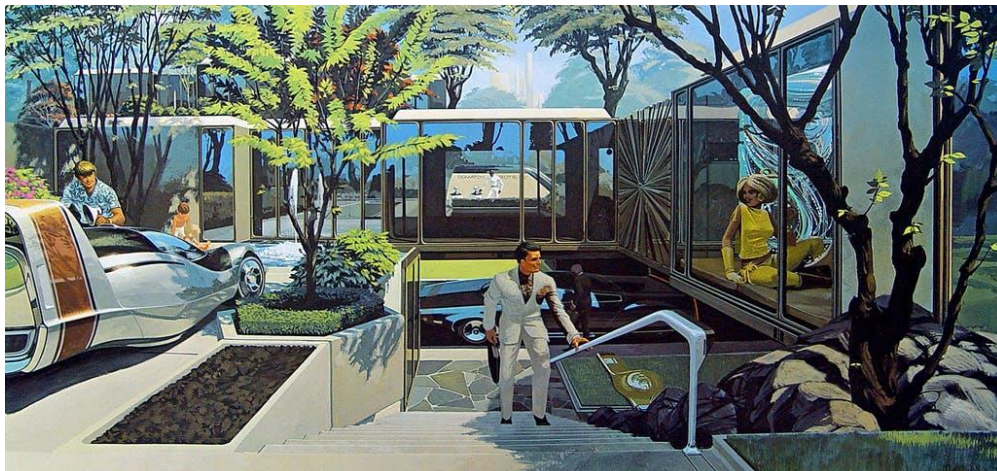


New USModernist Tour May 1-3: Washington DC! Including Hollin Hills Homes and Gardens, open only once every two years. [Details and tickets](#). Only 12 seats left - [Mod Squad](#) members got access to them first.





The [2020 Iconic Houses Conference](#) brings together staff and supporters of Modernist house museums across the world.



Remembering [Modernist illustrator Syd Mead](#). His visions of the future were hopeful and compelling.

Frank Gehry's [Eisenhower Memorial in DC](#) is about done and will be opened in May. It took 21 years and many compromises, an unusual mix of Modernist and Classical elements.



Movie villains [have the best architects!](#)

AIA's 2019 [Small Project Awards.](#)

12 flavors of Modernism, [explained.](#)

Changing how you [buy and shop for houses.](#)



12 buildings [to look forward to in 2020.](#) Here's one by Norman Foster going up in NYC.

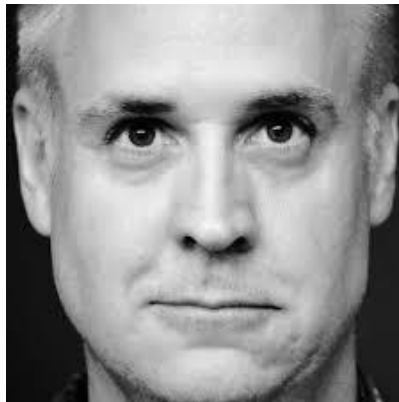
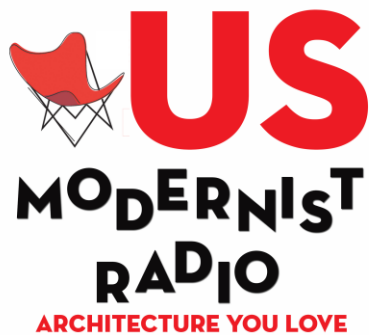




Critic Alexandra Lange [reviews the 2010s in architecture!](#)

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



Now on USModernist Radio: #125/Bob Borson of Life of an Architect. Welcome to 2020! In our ongoing quest to seek out other architecture podcasts, we've talked with hosts such as Frances Anderton, Donna Sink, Steve Chung, Josh Cooperman, David+Marina, and Debbie Millman. Today we talk with Bob Borson, creator of the most visited privately maintained architectural blog in the world, [Life of an Architect](#), which as of two years ago is also a podcast. We first encountered Bob's blog in 2012 when he put out a wonderful series of hilarious architecture Christmas cards! USModernist Radio is sponsored by [Angela Roehl](#) and [Nichiha.com](#). [Listen to past shows.](#)



Travel on a USModernist-Curated Modernist Architecture Tour All Year Long! In 2016, USModernist created wildly popular specialty European tours - exclusive to Modernist architecture - but they were only offered once a year. Now, through an alliance with Firebird, one of Europe's largest specialty travel agencies, you can experience unique USModernist-curated European Modernist architecture itineraries whenever you want. You will see - and visit - incredible architecture, art, and designer furnishings - truly thrilling opportunities to see the Modernist architecture you love. [Details.](#)

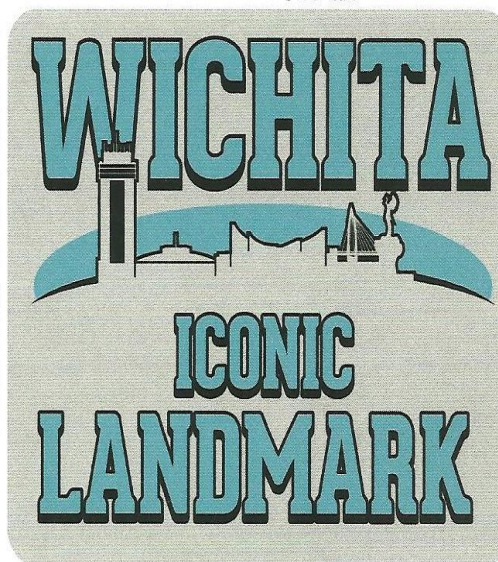


Attention air travelers! Starting October 2020, the TSA will only accept drivers licenses that have the REAL ID designation, which is a star. Where the star appears is up to each state. Lines to get this are going to be huge in early 2020, so we suggest get 'er done now. Did you know you can make appointments with most DOT's online and save a huge amount of wait time? Be sure to check the documentation you'll need to bring with you.



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Are you a hodler? If you know what that means, you probably are! Hodlers are those who hold onto the digital currency Bitcoin, waiting for the price to rise. Thanks to a widely publicized spelling error on the internet, "holders" became "hodlers." You can take a tax deduction for [donating to nonprofits \(hint, hint\)](#) just as you can for checks or credit cards.



**Tonight - Monday, January 6, 730pm**, the NCModernist/ModHomes Architecture Movie Series 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. Also

sponsored by [NCSU Libraries](#) and [Hill Country Woodworks](#). [Details, schedule, movies, trailers, and ticket information!](#)

Double Feature: First, NC State's Entry into the AIA Film Challenge (2019, 5 min) with Professors Tom Barrie and David Hill: During a design studio, eleven graduate students researched veteran homelessness and support services, compiled and analyzed best practices of micro housing, and made a video about building micro house villages for veterans statewide.



Main Feature: Renzo Piano: The Architect of Light (2018, 80 min): a very special building, the Botín Center in Santander, Spain. The architect, a contemporary genius, Renzo Piano. The director, another contemporary genius, Carlos Saura. Carlos Saura and Renzo Piano will unfold their view on the relationship between architecture and cinema and show us the magic surrounding this gigantic building as imagined by Renzo Piano. The Botín Center, through time, will modify the soul of the city forever.



# MODA PALOOZA



New Tour: Saturday, April 18. Enjoy a great day touring brilliant new and recently renovated Modernist houses and buildings around Durham, Carrboro, Chapel Hill, and Pittsboro without the hassle of driving! Modapalooza includes the delightful company of fellow Modernist architecture fans, breakfast, snacks, drinks, a delicious lunch, and free wifi in our luxury restroom-equipped, air-conditioned bus. You'll also meet many of the architects, designers, and builders - like Arielle Schechter, Paul Snow, Louis Cherry, Jason Hart, Heather Washburn, Dail Dixon, Doug Pierson and Youn Choi, and Jenny Hoffman. [Details and tickets.](#)



## LUCY DANIELS FOUNDATION

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Thursday, January 16, 6-8pm. Thirst4Architecture (T4A) at the Lucy Daniels Building, designed by [Frank Harmon](#), 629 Oberlin Road, Raleigh. Parking in the rear of the building and along the street. Frank Harmon will be signing copies of his book, which will be available for sale. Hosted by the Lucy Daniels Foundation.



# Martin Evans

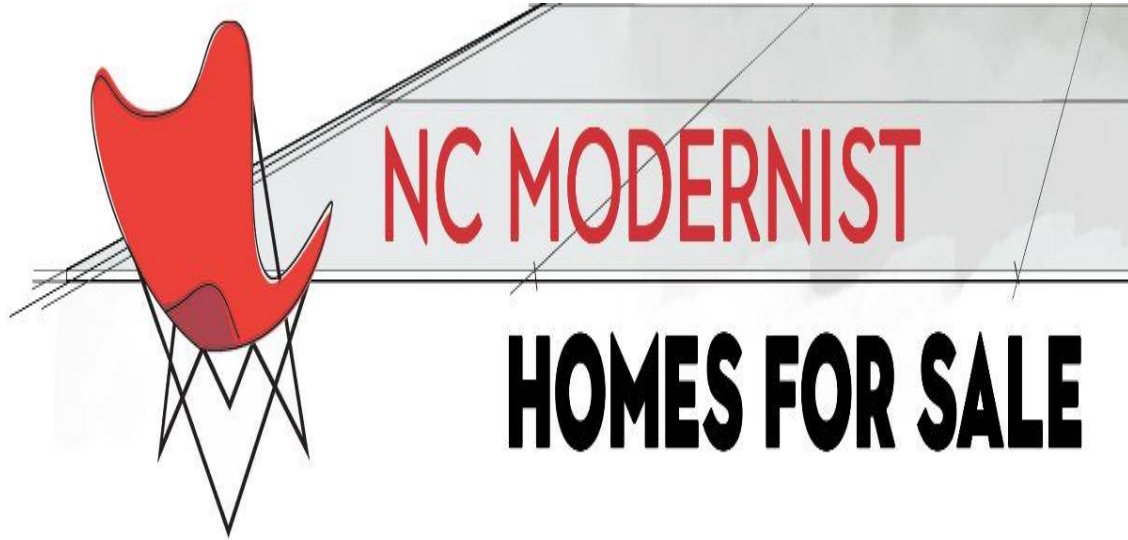
## PhotoImaging

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Thursday, February 13, 6-8pm, The Nest, 414 Fayetteville Street, 4th floor, Raleigh. Co-hosted with Martin Evans PhotoImaging.

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 2020 [Thirst4Architecture Series](#) is sponsored by Modernist Realtor [Angela Roehl](#).



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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