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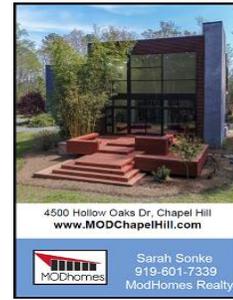
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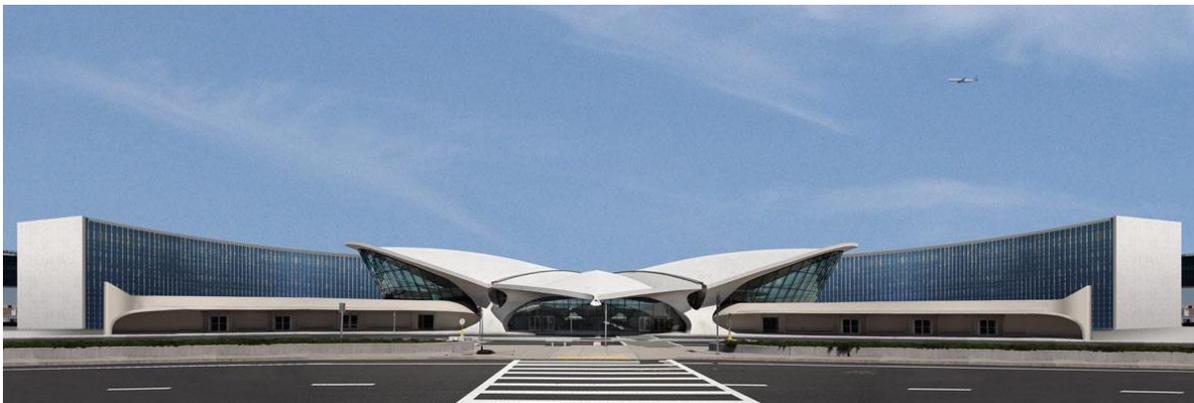
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**New Tour February 18-24, 2020: Palm Springs For Modernism Week!** If you're into mid-century Modernist design, join us for our wildly popular annual trip to Palm Springs for Modernism Week. There's no other place in America with as many mid-century Modernist houses per square mile - hundreds and hundreds of them. February is the best time to go - with perfect weather, the town shares its iconic Modernist legacy from houses to art to furnishings to lifestyles to fashion to food! Almost everything is included: flight, swanky retro hotel, delicious meals, exclusive tours, and our own private bar, amazing parties, even your own Uber! [Details and tickets.](#) [Mod Squad](#) members get a discount. **Only 15 seats left!**



**New Tour November 6-10, 2019: Modernist New York City!** From Louis Kahn to Eero Saarinen - what can we say? It's fabulous New York City, and USModernist dives deep into New York's Modernist architecture! You'll get event admissions, exclusive tours, a dinner/reception/party nearly every night, an unlimited two-day NYC bus and subway transit pass, a free year membership/renewal in the Mod Squad (\$125 value), and much more! The last

night, you'll stay in the brand new TWA Hotel, attached to the wonderfully restored TWA Terminal (above) designed by Saarinen. [Details and tickets](#). [Mod Squad](#) members get a discount.

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# **MCMANSION HELL'S**

## **KATE WAGNER**



**TUESDAY, JULY 23**

**MINGLE 6:00-6:30PM**

**TALK 6:30-7:30PM**

**GENERAL ADMISSION: ADVANCE - \$29 PER PERSON  
AT THE DOOR - \$39 PER PERSON**

**VIP TICKETS: \$99 PER PERSON**

**MOTORCO 723 RIGSBEE AVE, DURHAM, NC 27701**

**FOR MORE INFO VISIT: [HTTP://WWW.NCMODERNIST.ORG/WAGNER.HTM](http://www.ncmodernist.org/wagner.htm)**

If you love to hate the massive houses that popped up everywhere from the 1980's through the recession of 2008, then you're a fan of McMansion Hell, **Kate Wagner's** hilarious blog on how

people attempt to appear super-wealthy by piling on one ridiculous house feature after another. She has been featured in The Washington Post, Fast Company, Archinect, Slate, Business Insider, The Hairpin, Der Spiegel, and the 99% Invisible and USModernist Radio podcasts. [Details and advance discount tickets!](#)



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*If you don't know who John Davidson is, your Mom certainly will!*

Imagine a lakeside summer concert on the grass, your picnic basket and plastic cup (sorry no glass) of wine in hand, as you listen to the music of singer, actor, host, and all-around great guy **John Davidson**. You've seen him on TV all your life as host of the Tonight Show, \$10,000 Pyramid, Hollywood Squares, and the John Davidson Show. Over a 50-year career he's worked with everyone in Hollywood, including **Carol Burnett, Johnny Carson, Gavin McLeod, Karl Malden, Sally Field, and Lucille Ball**. Plus, he's cut 13 albums! [Details and advance discount tickets!](#) **After the show, meet John, take a photo, and get an autograph!**

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From Curbed: Eight [Frank Lloyd Wright](#) buildings have been selected as UNESCO World Heritage Sites. The selected works include: [Unity Temple](#) (constructed 1906-1909, Oak Park, Illinois), [Frederick C. Robie House](#) (constructed 1910, Chicago, Illinois), [Taliesin](#) (began 1911, Spring Green, Wisconsin), [Hollyhock House](#) (constructed 1918-1921, Los Angeles, California), [Fallingwater](#) (constructed 1936-1939, Mill Run, Pennsylvania), the [Herbert and Katherine Jacobs House](#) (constructed 1936-1937, Madison, Wisconsin), [Taliesin West](#) (began 1938, Scottsdale, Arizona) and the [Solomon R.](#)

[Guggenheim Museum](#) (constructed 1956-1959, New York, New York). More coverage by **Blair Kamin** in the [Chicago Tribune](#).

*Wright, who died in 1959, responded to press inquiries by saying, "It's about time. What took you people so long?" 8-)*



**Ken Topper** has opened up [Richard Neutra's](#) Lovell Health House in Los Angeles to public tours! Contact him at [lovellhealthhousetours@gmail.com](mailto:lovellhealthhousetours@gmail.com).



We've got **four seats** for the Chef and the Farmer dinner in Kinston July 20! You've watched **Chef Vivian Howard** on the PBS show A Chef's Life. You've heard about her world-famous restaurant, the Chef and the Farmer, a center point for a revitalized downtown Kinston NC with interesting galleries, stores, and pubs to visit. You'll experience great food, wine, and the fun company of fellow Modernist travelers interested in art, architecture, and a wonderful dinner at Chef and the Farmer. [Sign up here and save](#) \$25 per person (you'll get the rebate within a week!) All proceeds benefit NCModernist's documentation, preservation, and promotion projects for Modernist architecture. **Discount ends 5pm Wednesday, July 10, or when the seats fill.**

Preservation Durham's upcoming talk [tells you all about North Carolina Historic Tax Credits.](#)

[Modernist Architects Believed Their Designs Would Make You Healthier.](#)

[Affordable housing](#) by Frank Lloyd Wright?

The [shipping container office](#) in Edinburgh.

Hat tips to **Daniel Perrin, Rebekah Laney, and Virginia Faust.**

## Thirst4Architecture Events



Free admission, music, drinks, and food! Thirst4Architecture events welcome *anyone* with a huge crush on great architecture. The 2019 [Thirst4Architecture Series](#) is sponsored by

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# The George Matsumoto Prize

Featuring the 2019 [George Matsumoto Prize Awards](#), powered by:



**Thirst4Architecture, Thursday, July 25, 6-8pm**, hosted by McConnell Studios, 324 Dupont Circle, Raleigh.



**Thirst4Architecture, Thursday, August 15, 6-8pm**, 63005 Ballentine, inside Governors Club in Chapel Hill. Join [BOLD Construction](#), a Chapel Hill Luxury custom home builder, at the home of **Chris & Jana Erhenfeld**, a recently completed Modernist home built by BOLD. What's more BOLD will showcase several of recent Modern builds plus preview of their upcoming Modernist neighborhood! Snacks and light appetizers provided by Domicile Realty and adult beverages by REALTOR and Interior Designer **Nicole Baxter**.



**US**  
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**New on USModernist Radio:** Palm Springs has a huge architecture event called Modernism Week every February. It's a fascinating array of architecture, lectures, parties, tours, exhibits, and the occasional plastic surgery gone awry. Host George Smart was there earlier this year talking with nearly all the speakers, authors, and special guests who make the week (actually 11 days) a blast!

Authors **Michael Stern** and **Alan Hess** join George poolside at the swanky Hotel Skylark to discuss their new book: Hollywood Modern: Houses of the Stars. They uniquely capture the

glamour of each star and how their personality, even their appearance, matches the house they chose. From the Johnny Carson House in Malibu to the ultramodern Gary Cooper House in Holmby Hills, these houses curate our brains just like the movies do. Later on, we welcome back the delightful celebrity expert **Lindsay Blake**, creator of the hugely popular movie location blog lamnotastalker. Spoiler alert: she's quite the stalker!

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