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New locals-only option for Wilmington Residents! Modern Carolina 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! See new and classic coastal Modernist houses designed by [Oxenfeld and Newkirk](#), [Scott Ogden](#), [Michael Ross Kersting](#), [Ginny Woodruff](#), [Kevin Pfirman](#), Heywood Newkirk. [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. This 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 by 5pm today to george@usmodernist.org with your name(s), email(s), and phone number(s).



The graphic features a dark blue background with white and yellow text. The main title 'westedge' is in a large, lowercase, sans-serif font, with 'DESIGN FAIR' in a smaller, uppercase font below it. The dates 'OCTOBER 24-27' are in a large, bold, yellow font, and the location 'BARKER HANGAR | SANTA MONICA, CA' is in a smaller, white font below. Below the text is the tagline 'Unique Vendors. Engaging Programs. Endless Inspiration. Your Destination for Leading Interior Design' in white. At the bottom, there are two photographs: the left one shows two orange wicker chairs by a pool with palm trees in the background, and the right one shows a busy indoor exhibition space with people and modern furniture.

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.](#)

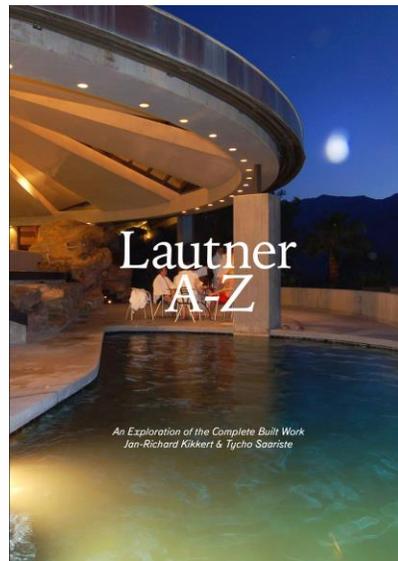


Epic Spaces and Favorite Places with John McClain, Tom Fettle, David Thompson, Alison Pickart and Massimo Buster Minale. [Details and tickets.](#)



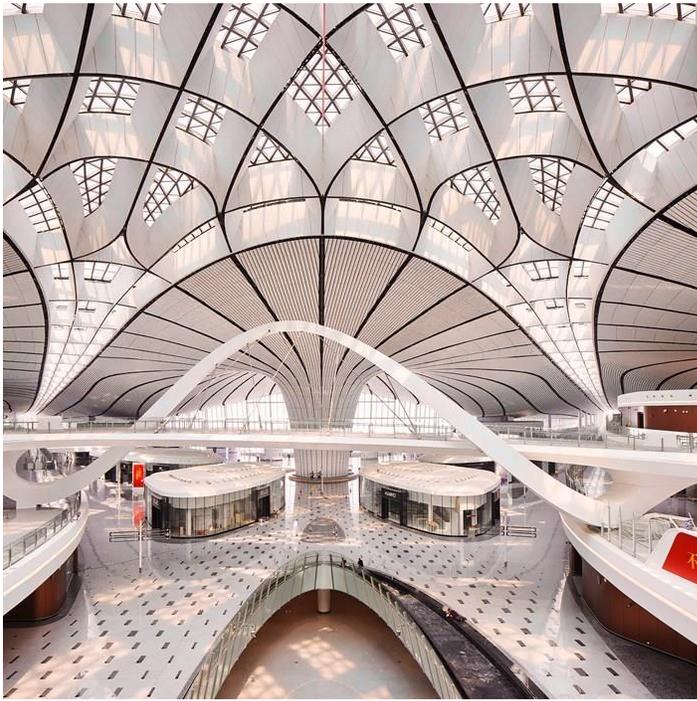
NEW: USModernist-Curated Architecture Tours: In 2016, USModernist created wildly popular specialty European tours - exclusive to Modernist architecture - but they were only offered once a year. Now, through an alliance with Firebird, one of Europe's largest specialty tour agencies, you can experience unique USModernist-curated European Modernist architecture itineraries all year long! You will see - and visit - incredible architecture, art, design, and furniture - truly thrilling opportunities to see the Modernist architecture you love. [Details.](#)

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New on USModernist Radio - John Lautner A-Z with authors Tycho Saariste + Jan-Richard Kikkert. Architect John Lautner of Los Angeles was incredibly ahead of his time. Over 50 years, Lautner blurred the boundaries between indoor and outdoor spaces, between nature and architecture. He carried out 144 of his designs, 103 of which are still standing, mostly around Los Angeles, and all highly prized.

Two determined architects in the Netherlands set out to personally discover not just a few of his projects - but ALL of them. Jan-Richard Kikkert and Tycho Saariste's new book, Lautner A-Z, has dedication and commitment and sheer perseverance to get inside almost every Lautner building. 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!



China opens a second international airport in Beijing: the largest terminal building in the world, designed by Zaha Hadid.

One of the largest and most successful architecture firms in history, Skidmore Owings and Merrill: [how they began.](#)

A new book on [Frank Lloyd Wright.](#)



Florence Knoll's amazing art collection [will be auctioned off](#) this month and in November. She revolutionized office design and brought modernist design to office interiors. Her modernist aesthetic was known for clean lines and clear geometries that were humanized with textures, organic shapes, and color.



Bjarke Ingels designs the world's coolest bridge in Norway.

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





TONIGHT! Final City Council vote 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](#), and City Staff [recommended that one to the Council](#). If you can't attend, [email the Council](#) and let them know you support the staff recommendation! NCModernist's George Smart will be among the many speakers advocating for the building.



Last Saturday: NCModernist's annual Modstruck party was at the Thompson House in Raleigh, with special guest architect [Frank Harmon](#). Members, guests, and sponsors heard Peter Lamb and the Wolves play great jazz, had fun in our photo booth, and enjoyed special drinks from The Wine Feed and Bedlam Vodka. Thanks to our hosts, Violetta and Helmut Zodl, and to all the hardworking staff and volunteers who made the night a success. To get an early invitation to next year's party, join the [Mod Squad](#).



At the party, NCModernist recognized the incredible contributions of Angela Roehl. Not only does she organize and lead our national and international tours as a volunteer, but she's been an amazing sponsor of NCModernist and the [USModernist Radio Podcast](#). For over five years, she's been on the scene at almost all of our Modapalooza tours, our trips to Europe, multiple trips to Fallingwater and Auldbrass, and of course, our voyages to Palm Springs for Modernism Week. Thanks, Angela, you are the best!



TONIGHT - 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. [Details, schedule, movies, trailers, and ticket information!](#)

Our first feature is Sinatra in Palm Springs, followed by phone Q&A with producer Leo Zahn. We are out of free tickets for Mod Squad members; \$9 at the door.



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.



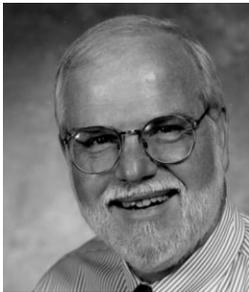
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Thursday, October 17, 6-8pm. Join Robby Johnston, Craig Kerins, and the crew of Raleigh Architecture at their new offices, 716 South Saunders Street, Raleigh. This design/build firm has been tearing it up the last few years, turning out multiple award-winning 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](#).



Saturday, October 26. [Details and tickets.](#)



Celebration of Life for Steve Schuster, Sunday, November 3, 4-6pm, Raleigh Union Station, 510 West Martin Street, Raleigh. This is a change from the previously announced location at CAM.



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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