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**Monday, January 27, 2020**



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New on USModernist Radio: **#128/Modernist House Museums**: Start booking your plane tickets, as today we're talking about two amazing Modernist house museums you'll definitely want to visit, one in New York City, and one in Los Angeles. Guests include Executive Directors **Kelvin Dickinson** of the Paul Rudolph Heritage Foundation and the Modulightor Building in New York, home of architect [Paul](#)

[Rudolph](#); and **Lucia Dewey Atwood** of the [Charles and Ray Eames](#) House in Los Angeles. USModernist Radio is sponsored by [Angela Roehl](#) and [Nichiha.com](#). [Listen to past shows.](#)



New York Magazine profiles [Frank Gehry](#) at 92.



New to the USModernist Masters Gallery: [Rufus Nims](#), famous for, among other projects, designing the classic orange roadside Howard Johnson's restaurants and motels wildly popular during the 1950's, 1960's, and 1970's. [Sadly, there's only one left.](#)



[A trailer for Designing A Legacy](#), a new live show in Australia by our pal **Tim Ross**. After travelling across the country, Tim threads together a series of films with anecdotes and his inimitable humour to take you on an architectural adventure into some of Australia's most significant modernist houses. This is a rare opportunity to glimpse inside houses designed by the greats including **Robin Boyd, Chancellor**

and Patrick, Roy Grounds, Esmond Dorney, John Andrews and Ken Woolley.



There are so many ways you can be part of USModernist and NCModernist! Here are some of the things we need:

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 websites that are now the largest open digital mid-century Modernist archives in the world! Contact Archivist **Carie Chesarino** at [carie@ncmodernist.org](mailto:carie@ncmodernist.org).



2. Do you know **Ice Cube**? In 2011, he made a [great Eames video](#), and we'd like to get him on the USModernist Radio podcast. Contact **George Smart** at [george@usmodernist.org](mailto:george@usmodernist.org).

3. Does someone you know collect architecture magazines, perhaps hundreds or thousands of them, in their attic, basement, or storage unit? We [need certain ones](#), and we'll pay to ship them to us. Contact **George Smart** at [george@usmodernist.org](mailto:george@usmodernist.org).



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



5. Are you into Bitcoin? We'd like to connect with Bitcoin "hodlers" nationally who are into mid-century Modern preservation.



5. Have you got an iconic mid-century chair or clock (Eames, Nelson, Barcelona, Bertoia, etc.)? Donate to NCModernist and get a great tax deduction - and we can pick it up! Contact **Rebekah Laney** at [Rebekah@ncmodernist.org](mailto:Rebekah@ncmodernist.org).

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



# modernism week™

Some of the upcoming events at the 2020 Palm Springs Modernism Week include:



**Monday February 17, 2 pm: Alan Hess** and Preserve Orange County offer a panel discussion about Orange County's largely unheralded Modern architecture, from **Schindler** and **Neutra to Lautner, Pereira, Eichlers**, and Disneyland. Tickets: [Beyond the Orange Curtain: Modern Life, Work and Play in Orange County.](#)



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



**Wednesday, February 19, 5pm!** Join USModernist for a fabulous evening benefit party 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. [Tickets and details.](#)

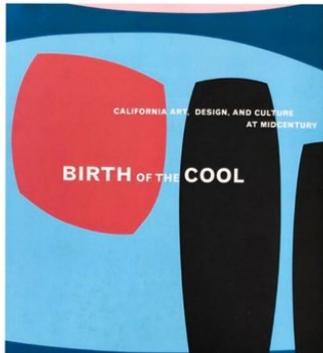
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Moderator **Liz Armstrong** who wrote the book, BIRTH OF THE COOL, will be joined by an extraordinary panel taking us back to one of the hippest, most creative times and places in our modernist history.

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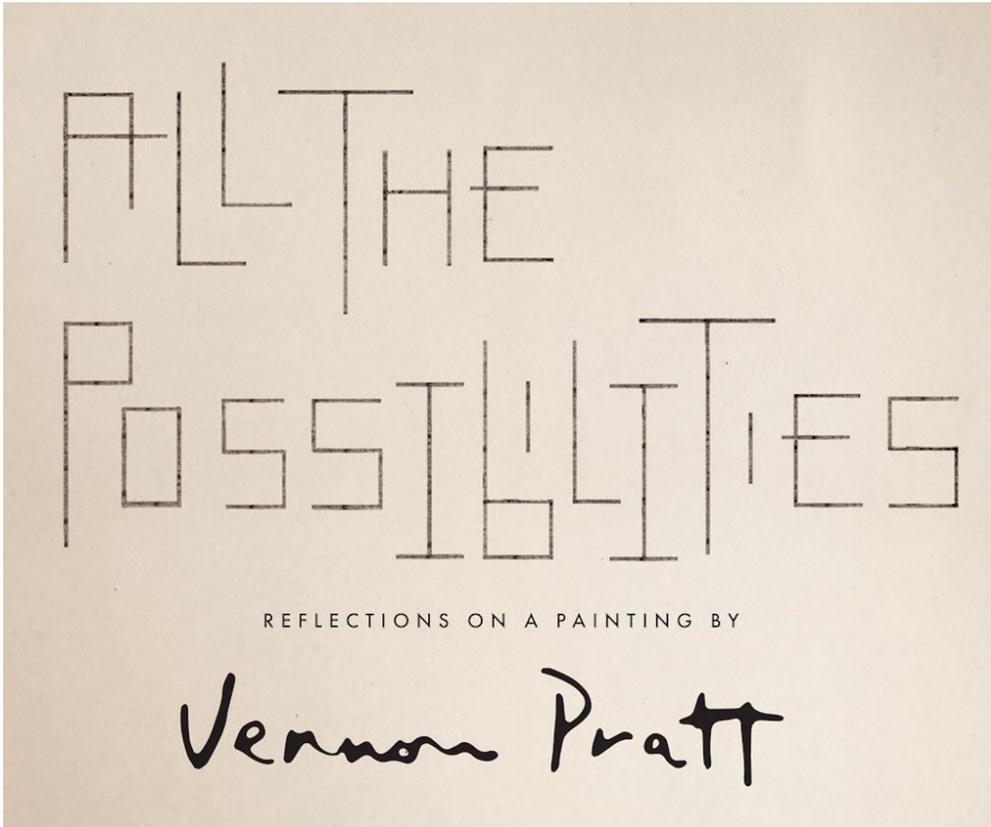
**Michael Boyd:** A world class collector and designer whose knowledge and lifelong pursuit of great design make him indispensable to any discussion of it.

**Tracy Conrad:** President of the Palm Springs Historical Society, architectural writer and historian, cultural entrepreneur, and jazz aficionado, with highlights of the rat pack style of jazz at "The Chi Chi."

**Brad Dunning:** A designer and author whose client list is a who's who of creativity and whose passion for design and its history are reflected in all of his work and writing.

**Lorraine Wild:** Graphic design historian and an amazing graphic designer in her own right. Lorraine will guide us through this often overlooked but immensely important and visually stunning art form that connected everything else together.

February 22, 2-4:30pm. [Tickets and details.](#)



At Modernism Week, **Marsha Gordon** and **Louis Cherry** premiere their latest documentary - about artist Vernon Pratt. [Tickets and details.](#)

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**New Modernist Houses 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.](#) Note: This tour has totally different houses from the Our State Tour, above, so yes, go ahead and book both!



**Only 3 seats left! USModernist's all-Modernist Tour May 1-3 of Washington DC!** Includes Glenstone, one of the largest private Modern art collections in the world; and Hollin Hills Homes and Gardens, open only once every two years. [Details and tickets.](#) Nearly everything's included: flight, hotel, tours, dinners, breakfasts, wifi - you'll be amazed at what we'll see!



## Modernist architecture tours of Europe ↑

USModernist, an American not-for-profit that promotes and preserves mid-century modernist architecture, has collaborated with Firebird Tours to offer the first modern architecture tours of Europe. Travellers can explore their passion for modernism in eight European countries, including Sweden and Belgium. Each tour includes expert guides and stays in a collection of design-focused hotels. Tours can be booked for groups as small as two people, on dates that suit them. The trips are curated by George Smart, founder and director of USModernist.



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.

# MODERN PHOENIX<sup>®</sup>



**Modern Phoenix Week is March 13-22.  
Box office opens on February 1 at 8 am!**



**Next Monday, February 3, 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!](#) ***This is the last movie of the season.***



**Eileen Gray: Gray Matters (2014, 76 min).** Eileen Gray was an artist and architect whose vision and creative imagination changed the way we live with furniture and with houses. Featuring interviews with the foremost Gray scholars, auction experts, museum curators and collectors, the film explores one of the most influential but least known modernist icons with focus on the continuing relevance of Eileen Gray's newly restored masterpiece, the Villa E1027. After the film, a panel discussion on the impact of Eileen Gray moderated by architects **Ellen Cassilly and Sarah Huffman.**



**Wednesday, February 12, 130-3pm,** The Life and Legacy of **Phil Freelon**, led by **Kenneth Luker**, AIA, Design Principal, Perkins&Will, and former partner of Phil Freelon, one of the most influential African American architects of our time. New Creation United Methodist Church, [4705 Old Chapel Hill Rd.](#)

[Durham](#). Free admission and parking, open to the public.



New to the NC Architects archive: [Joe Lopez](#).



# 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](#).



**Tonight, Monday, January 27, 6-730pm:** NCSU Architecture Lecture: **Lorcan O'Herlihy**, Burns Auditorium, Part of the Joint Lecture Series with AIA Triangle. 2221 Katharine Stinson Drive, Raleigh, free.



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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