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The Farnsworth House designed in Plano, IL, designed by [Mies van der Rohe](#), [floods yet](#)

[again](#). There have been years of debate over how to save it from flooding, but no action. Time to take some action! Chicago Tribune photo by Zbigniew Bzdak.

# THE MOD SQUAD

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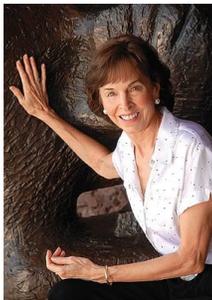
Modernist bee houses by [IKEA](#).



Wow - architect **Jeanne Gang** reinvents the [modern fire station](#).

[New visual tours](#) of Philip Johnson's Glass House complex.

Cool tool: **Cyril Diagne** has created an augmented reality tool that can capture images of real-world objects and add them to a computer program in a few seconds. [AR Copy Paste](#) allows users to take a photo of an object in the real world and drop the image into a desktop computer program with a few simple actions on their smartphone.



New: #145/Modernism Week Interiors: Honoring **Alexander Girard, Steve Chase, and Arthur Elrod** with **Christine Marvin + Michela O'Connor Abrams + Katherine Hough**. In the first of two shows on Modernist interiors and interior designers, host **George Smart** chats poolside with two organizers of the Alexander Girard exhibition at the Palm Springs Museum of Art, **Christine Marvin** of Marvin Windows and Doors and **Michela O'Connor Abrams** of MOCA+, and later he talks about interior designers **Steve Chase** and **Arthur Elrod** with former Chief Curator of the Museum, **Katherine Hough**, who worked with them both. USModernist Radio is sponsored by Modernist realtor [Angela Roehl](#) and [Nichiha.com](#).



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

September 26: The Charlotte NC Mad About Modern Tour may change to a new format. Details at a later date.

October 15-18: Modernism Week Fall Preview in Palm Springs, CA, features a variety of new and favorite events including architectural walking tours, festive cocktail parties, home tours, stimulating lectures. [Tickets available](#) beginning at noon PT on Sunday, August 1.

October 23-24: New Canaan Modern Tour, New Canaan, CT.

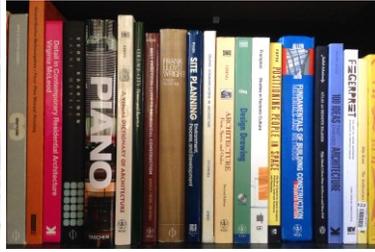
November 6-8: The SAF presents SarasotaMOD Weekend 2020 honoring Carl Abbott.



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Getting a little bored at home? USModernist's crowd-research project needs volunteers to scout the internet, as we more fully document 8,000 iconic Modernist houses across America. It's incredibly fun to put together clues, in your sweatpants from your laptop, to find America's rich legacy of Modernist design. Email [carie@usmodernist.org](mailto:carie@usmodernist.org).



When you schedule a [free conversation about solar](#) for your house, USModernist receives a \$50 donation.

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



# NCMODERNIST



We just learned that architect [Donald Chandler](#) passed away in December. He graduated in 1960 from the NCSU School of Design and was close friends with [Robert Burns](#). Chandler founded, directed and taught at the Spectra School of Design in Flint Hill, VA, of which [Henry Kamphoefner](#), Duncan Stewart, and Horatio Caminos were on the Board of Advisors. This noble, experiential school where design students learned self-awareness in an open curriculum format lasted three years. Details on Spectra: pages [one](#), [two](#), [three](#), [four](#), [five](#).

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