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From Architect Magazine: Remember a few months back, when President **Donald Trump** was given an [executive](#)

[order on Classical architecture](#) (not yet signed)? The national AIA opposes this order that would mandate classical architecture as the preferred design style for federal courthouses and other federal properties. The [Democracy in Design Act](#) (HR7604) would override the Executive Order by directing "the Administrator of General Services to ensure that the construction and acquisition of public buildings in the United States adheres to the Guiding Principles for Federal Architecture." By codifying the General Service Administration's Design Excellence Program principles into statute, Congress will ensure the federal government maintains its current neutrality on architectural styles. "Mandating any single design style will undermine the value of the very architectural style it seeks to promote," said AIA 2020 President **Jane Frederick**, FAIA. "Buildings — both functionally and aesthetically — must be designed to serve their populations. It's critical that communities have the ability to decide for themselves what architectural design best fits their needs."

Thursday, July 23, 7pm ET. **You're invited to the** 2020 George Matsumoto Prize Awards, North Carolina's highest honor exclusively for Modernist residential architecture. Free, [preregistration required by noon on the 23rd](#). The 2020 George Matsumoto Prize is [powered by Nichiha](#).

Want to be a house detective? Solve the cases on USModernist's new Most Wanted List! Here's the first one. There's a \$50 Starbucks card for verifiable information of the final whereabouts of this demonstration house, designed by Edward Durell Stone for the 1964 World's Fair! Contact George Smart, george@usmodernist.org.

1 Learned Pl, Durham, NC 27705

NCModernist's Trickle House Tour - Saturday, August 8, 8am-5pm, Durham NC. It's the Larsen House, one of the best designs by architect [Jon Condoret](#). **What's a trickle tour?** It's where Modernist fans visit an **unoccupied** Modernist house at a trickle of the normal rate, dramatically reducing the number of people in the house. **There will be no more than eight people in the 6000-square-foot house at the same time.** That's more than 750 square feet per person! Plus, there's greater flexibility in selecting a tour time and ticket price. Choose your entry window from 8am through 5pm. Enjoy no-contact

registration outside the house under the tent. All participants must wear a mask, as will NCModernist staff and volunteers. [Details and tickets.](#)



New: #153/Miami Modern: Kobi Karp. Today we dial into Miami, FL, home of some of the most over-the-top new Modernism on Earth. In the food chain of Miami culture, a chain which features ceviche, plantains, rum, ropa vieja, and **Max Strang**, one of the most well-known architects is **Kobi Karp**, who is not surprisingly CEO of Kobi Karp Architecture and Interior Design with many happy clients. His wife must be super happy too, because Karp recently got rapper flo-Ryda to appear for her birthday. Later, a few minutes with **Frank Harmon**, reading from his book Native Places. USModernist Radio is sponsored by Modernist realtor [Angela Roehl](#) and [Nichiha.com](#). New to podcasts? You can also listen to USModernist Radio [through any computer.](#) [See past shows.](#)

August 8, 8am-5pm. NCModernist Trickle Tour II, Durham, NC. [Details and tickets.](#)

August 22, 8am-5pm. NCModernist Trickle Tour III, Raleigh, NC. Details TBA.

September 25-26: The Charlotte, NC, Mad About Modern Tour will change to a virtual format.

October 15-18: Modernism Week Fall Preview in Palm Springs, CA, has changed to a virtual format.

October: The annual WestEdge Design Fair in Santa Monica, CA, has moved to 2021.

October 23-24: The New Canaan Modern Tour has changed to a virtual format.

November 6-8: The Sarasota Architecture Foundation presents SarasotaMOD Weekend 2020 honoring Carl Abbott.

November 6-8: The annual FLW Auldbrass Tour in Yemassee, SC, postponed until

November 2021.

Philip Johnson's Glass House in New Canaan, CT, hosts a fantastic **Summer Party** benefit to raise funds to support site preservation. This year, because of the virus, they will do an auction hosted online by Artsy from July 31 - August 15 with a curated selection of artworks across all mediums – photography, sculpture, painting, etc. The auction will also feature luxury experiences and select design items. [Get on their mailing list.](#)

Most of you have seen this famous photo, Poolside Gossip, taken by **Slim Aarons** at the Kaufmann House in Palm Springs, CA, designed by **Richard Neutra**. It's one of the most iconic photos of the Modernist era.

You probably have not have seen this one, taken at the same time!

Seven ways you can be part of USModernist and NCModernist!

Look for daily giveaways on all the [Mr.Modernism](#), [USModernist](#), and [NCModernist](#) Instagram feeds!

Have you got old architecture magazines or any architecture documentaries on DVD or Bluray (even VHS)? We are collecting these for our online archive. We provide free shipping, and you'll get a nice tax deduction! Here's [the list of magazines we need](#). We are especially looking for **Sunset Magazine**, **GA-Houses**, and **Architecture+Urbanism**. Contact **George Smart** at george@usmodernist.org or 919.740.8407.

Have you got an iconic mid-century chair, table, or clock (Eames, Barcelona, Noguchi, Nelson, etc.)? We'll provide free pickup or shipping, and you'll get a nice tax deduction! Contact **Rebekah Laney** at rebekah@usmodernist.org.

Getting a little bored? 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. We especially need volunteers in Palm Springs CA, and Los Angeles, CA. Email **Carie Chesarino** at carie@usmodernist.org.

New Mod Squad Membership Deal! Mod Squad members provide financial support for USModernist and NCModernist and our award-winning work with the documentation, preservation and promotion of residential Modernist architecture. This thriving community of people dedicated to Modernist residential design is into art, food, travel, furniture, fashion, and fun. Mod Squad membership connects you with these like-minded people, building new and meaningful relationships! We have re-engineered Mod Squad memberships with **a new, less-expensive, more convenient membership plan!** Now you can be a deeper part of the community for only \$9.99 a month – ***plus your first month is free.*** Applies to new members or renewals! [Details.](#)

Looking for a special gift for a Modernist architecture fan? USModernist now has gift cards! Good for all USModernist and NCModernist events, and they never expire. [Details.](#)

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

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

Triangle Modern Architecture, the long-awaited and gorgeous 250-page coffee-table book by **Victoria Ballard Bell**, is now available for pre-sale! Learn how the Triangle became one of the largest concentrations of Modernism in the country. Includes rich histories and beautiful photography of houses in Raleigh, Durham and Chapel Hill designed by [Milton Small](#), [Frank Harmon](#), [Brian Shawcroft](#), [Kenneth Hobgood](#), [Arthur Cogswell](#), and [George Matsumoto](#), among many others. **Victoria Ballard Bell** is a licensed architect and published architectural writer. She grew up in a mid-century Modern house and developed her passion for Modern design at the University of Virginia, where she received master's degrees in architecture and urban planning. Her appreciation for excellent, regionally based Modern design has developed further in the Triangle region of North Carolina, where she has lived for twenty years. [Order here.](#)

Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art | Winston-Salem, NC

The Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art in Winston-Salem NC is proud to announce the upcoming opening of *DRAWN: Concept & Craft*, an expansive exhibition featuring more than 200 works by a wide array of artists including LeRoy Neiman, Kara Walker, Fab 5 Freddy, Kiki Smith, Sarah Sze and Buckminster Fuller. *DRAWN* is curated by project founder Tomas Vu and SECCA Curator Wendy Earle with the assistance of Brian Novatny. The exhibition opens August 15 and will remain on view through February 15, 2021 in SECCA's Main and Potter Galleries. Admission is free, with a \$10 suggested donation. [View the exhibition trailer and get details.](#)



New to the [NCModernist architects and designers archive](#): [Ross Smith](#) of Asheville NC.

[Learn more about Julian Francis Abele](#), one of the most prolific architects in America between 1890 and 1920. In the fall of 1898 Abele was accepted into the University of Pennsylvania School of Architecture and in 1902 became the second in America to earn a degree in architecture, following Robert Robinson Taylor. Abele went on to graduate from the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts in 1903. By 1906, he was working for Horace Trumbauer transforming the extravagant demands of his Philadelphia, Manhattan, and Newport clients into huge mansions, glamorous hotels, and awe-inspiring public libraries. By 1908 Abele was senior designer responsible for the look of all major buildings. Abele spent his entire 44-year career with the Trumbauer firm, including designing Duke Chapel in Durham NC.

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. Visit our exclusive statewide list [here](#).

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