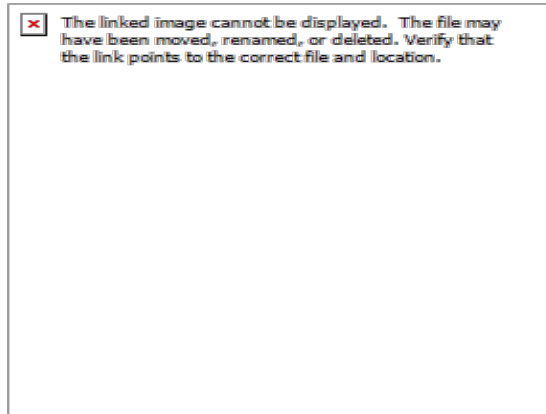


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**Monday, November 2, 2020**

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
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The 2020 NCModernist Architecture Movie Series continues ONLINE. Special thanks to [Sarah Sonke](#) and [MODhomes](#) for underwriting the series again this year. Additional sponsors include the [NC State Libraries](#), [Witthaus \(Toby Witte\)](#), [in situ studio \(Matt Griffith\)](#), [Hill Country Woodworks](#), and the [Chelsea Theater](#). Proceeds benefit NC Modernist's nonprofit documentation, preservation and promotion work.

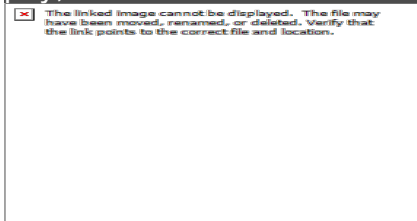
## Online Today through November 5: Frey II: The Architectural Adventurer

Starting in 1939, Swiss-born architect [Albert Frey](#), who worked with LeCorbusier in his

heyday, embarks on a decades-long journey of discovery. His world travels and love of nature leads him to create a new style of modernism, leaving its indelible mark on the desert community of Palm Springs, CA. With never-before-seen archival films, [REDACTED] photographs and interviews, this film continues to reveal the mystique of an influential architectural master. Plus it has spectacular footage of Frey's work in Palm Springs.

Everyone who purchases a ticket by Wednesday, November 4, is invited to an exclusive Zoom Q&A by producer [Jake Gorst](#) and co-star [George Smart](#) on Thursday, November 5, 8pm ET.

How to View: Go [here](#). Follow the instructions to register (if you are new to the system), pay, and view. You can start and stop any time over the next 72 hours.



[Sarah Sonke](#)     [MODhomes Realty!](#)



From *Architects Newspaper*: The Grace Farms Foundation in New Canaan, CT, launched Design for Freedom, a multifaceted new initiative that addresses head-on the insidious and chronically overlooked crisis of systemic forced labor in the building materials supply chain. Centered around a 100-page report, Design for Freedom includes a website, upcoming webinar series, and educational partnerships at major universities. **Details.**

Speaking of New Canaan, a town in CT steeped in Modernism but with citizens who historically have not been quite so crazy about that, there are plans for a [new Modernist library](#). [Donate.](#)

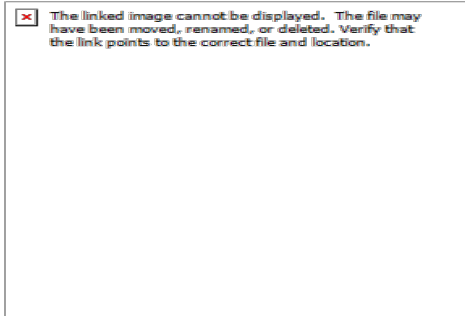
From Archinect: NOMA's 2020 Virtual Conference highlights winners of the [Phil](#)

## Freelon Professional Design Awards.

Traverse City MI, famous for cherry pie and smoked fish, also has a great [mid-century modern driving tour](#).

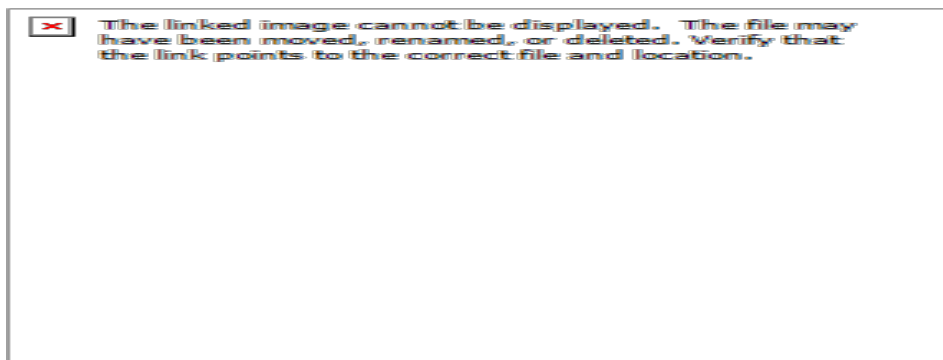
The official [Richard and Dion Neutra website](#) has been completely renovated and reorganized.

Modern Richmond announces the first [free Drone tour](#).



**Brad Pitt** narrates a new film on [Frank Lloyd Wright's](#) Unity Temple in Oak Park IL. Streaming until November 15th, the documentary will look deeply into this project, which was Wright's first public commission in the early 1900s, and the wildly successful efforts to restore it 100 years later. [Trailer.](#) [Details.](#)

Join the Mod Squad!

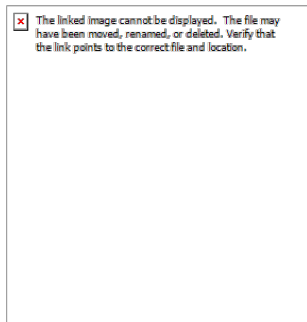
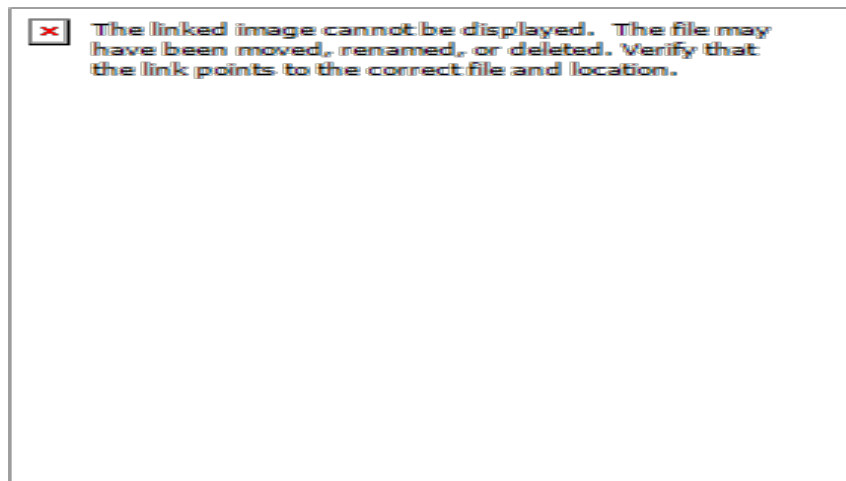


## David Brussat (left) and Peter Lamb and the Wolves



**New: #168/Calling Dr. Downtown: David Brussat plus Peter Lamb and the Wolves.** Like the Dos Equis commercials, we don't always feature Classicists, but when we do, we go for the best. Today we welcome one of America's foremost classical architecture advocates, the Dr. Downtown of Providence, RI, journalist **David Brussat**. David runs the blog Architecture Here and There and wrote for 30 years for the Providence Journal. He has received the Oscar of Classicism, the Arthur Ross Award from the Institute for Classical Architecture. That's a big deal. Prince Charles won that award. David is a tireless advocate for the return of classical design to public architecture and apparently loves taking Mrs. Downtown to something called Waterfire, which we'll find out about. Later on, special returning musical guests **Peter Lamb and the Wolves**.

USModernist Radio is sponsored by Modernist realtor [Angela Roehl](#). New to podcasts? You can also listen to USModernist Radio [through any computer](#). [See past shows](#).



# We're well over halfway to raising \$1.5 million for NC Families!

Hi! I'm **George Smart**, executive director of USModernist and NCModernist.

Believe it or not (I can't!) the holidays will soon be here, and while Congress endlessly argues about stimulus checks, families in my home state of North Carolina are still suffering. It's not going to be a great holiday for them. There are so many people, especially in eastern North Carolina, who can't pay their rent or mortgage or are deciding between paying bills and getting food.

Even before the COVID-19 pandemic, medical debt, primarily from hospital stays, was crushing families. **Two-thirds of all personal bankruptcies are tied to medical debt**, either because of expensive care or because people can't return to work. Then, not only do families deal with physical and mental recovery, they are cash-strapped and must endure endless calls from bill collectors.

I thought there was little I could do to provide support in this time of COVID. Then, inspired by John Oliver, whom you may know from *Last Week Tonight*, I learned that for every dollar donated, RIP Medical Debt deletes \$100 of medical debt, **permanently wiping it away for families. Gone. Zip. Zero.** See the video above.

I will match every \$1 donated to reach a donation goal of \$15,000 by Christmas. **RIP Medical Debt will buy \$1,500,000 of debt, and every single dollar of your donation goes toward that purchase.** Then, bada bing, they cancel the debt and notify the families! [Donate here.](#)

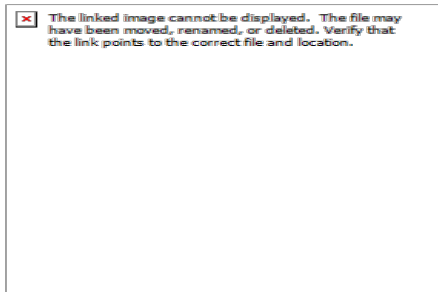


## Got old architecture/design magazines you've been saving for years (maybe decades)?

Have you got old architecture or design magazines in your attic, basement, office, or storage unit? Do you need them to go — but you can't bear to throw them away? USModernist will take them off your hands!

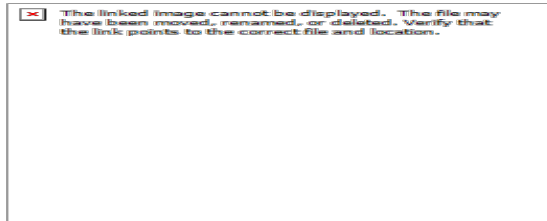
USModernist has scanned 3 million pages for our free [online archive](#).

Donating magazines is easy. We even provide free shipping, and you get a nice



tax deduction! Here's [the list of magazines/issues we are missing](#).

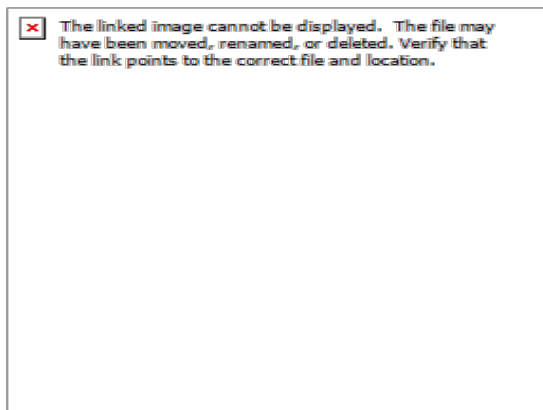
Contact George Smart at [george@usmodernist.org](mailto:george@usmodernist.org) or 919.740.8407.



Getting a little bored in **Palm Springs, LA, New York, Asheville, or Charlotte?**

USModernist's crowd-research project needs volunteers to scout the internet as we more fully document 8,000 iconic Modernist houses across America.

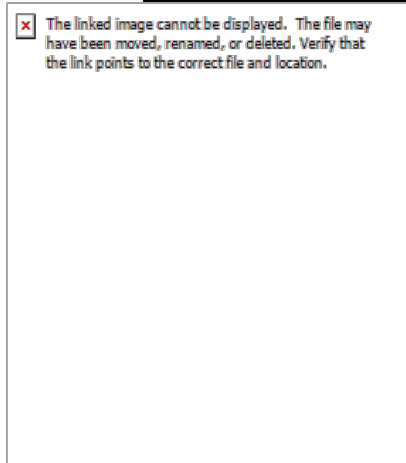
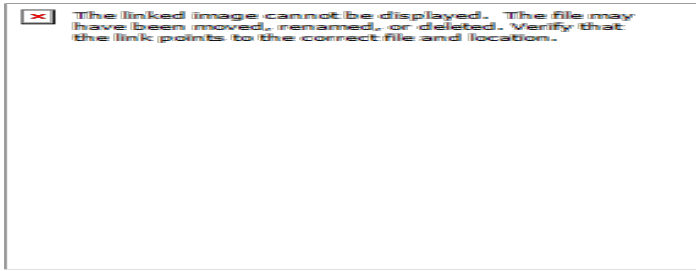
It's incredibly fun to put together clues to find America's rich legacy of Modernist design while you work in your sweatpants from your laptop . Contact USModernist's archivist, Carie Chesarino at [carie@usmodernist.org](mailto:carie@usmodernist.org).



**Need more room? Cleaning out your office, storage unit, basement, or attic?**

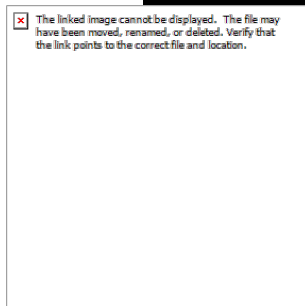
Free pickup and a nice tax deduction for donating an iconic mid-century chair, table or clock (Eames, Barcelona, Noguchi, Nelson, etc.). Proceeds benefit USModernist's ongoing research projects.

Contact USModernist's Director of Development, Rebekah Laney, at [rebekah@usmodernist.org](mailto:rebekah@usmodernist.org).



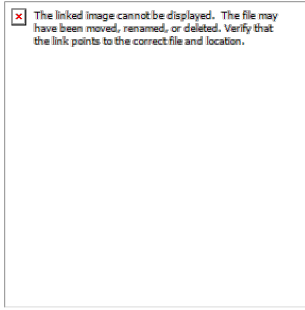
**November 6-8:** This year's [SarasotaMOD Weekend](#) will honor the art and architecture of **Carl Abbott**, FAIA, internationally renowned for his modern work and an original member of the Sarasota School of Architecture. This year's events include walking, driving and kayaking tours, yoga at the iconic Umbrella House in Lido Shores, and virtual presentations and videos by Abbott.

He will be celebrated in two exhibitions that open MOD Weekend: Carl Abbott: Architecture for Nature at the Sarasota Art Museum and an exhibit of his sculpture at the Art Center Sarasota. The Sarasota Architectural Foundation has redesigned MOD events to meet CDC guidelines. Safety considerations include timed entries, smaller groups, open-air venues and mandatory face coverings. [Details](#).



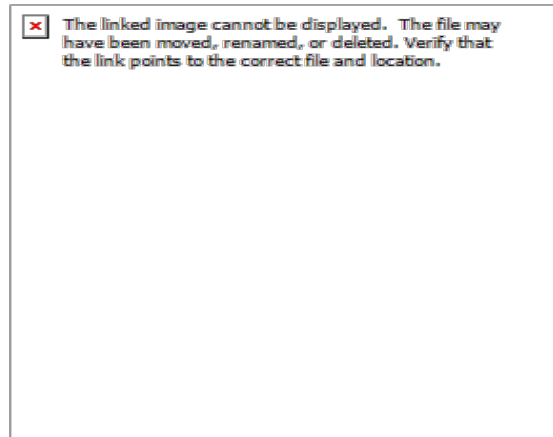
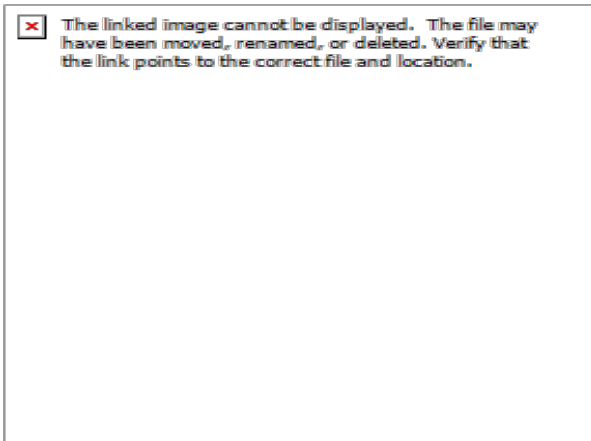
**November 6, 6pm ET:** AIA New York offers a decorum of a whopping 18 architecture school Deans (yes, "decorum" is the collective noun for deans) as they discuss current

directions in architecture education. Free. [Details](#).

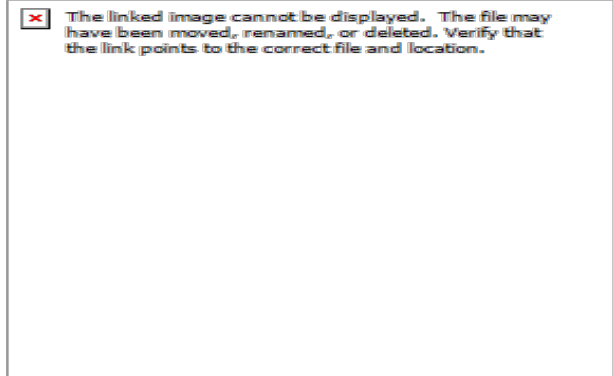
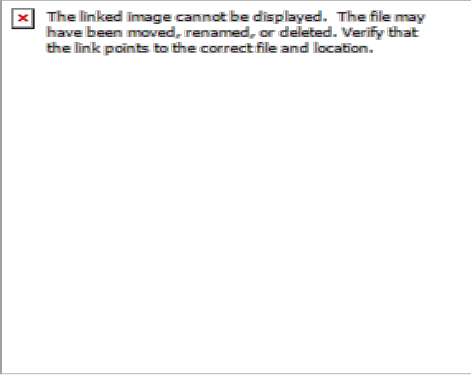


**November 6-8:** Tucson's 2020 Modernism Week, online and free! Features virtual cyber versions of favorite events, including a lectures series with nationally recognized architects, authors and historians; a virtual and interactive 360 4K mid-century home tour featuring iconic Tucson properties by noted architects and designers including **Arthur T. Brown, Judith Chafee and Tom Gist.**; downloadable content, including self-guided driving tours of Tucson's glowing neon signs, commercial corridors and iconic buildings and mid-century neighborhoods; and a digital Mod-Cocktail experience. Speakers include: **Demion Clinco, Rachel Volk, Carlos Lozano, William L Bird, Jr., Michael Fassett, Martin Treu,** and of course - **Alan Hess!** [Details](#).

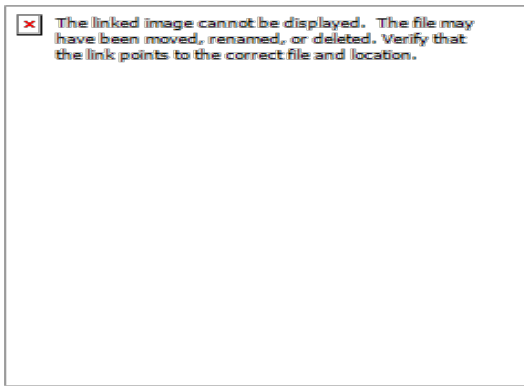
### ***Three New Trickle Tours!***



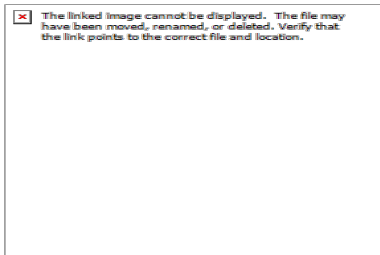
**November 14, 8am-5pm!** It's a [David Arneson](#) renovation right in the heart of Chapel Hill NC. [Details and tickets.](#)



**November 21, 8am-5pm!** It's a new [Katie Dyer](#) house just north of downtown Durham NC. [Details and tickets.](#)



**November 28, 8am-5pm!** It's a brand new [Jason Hart/Thoughtcraft](#) house in Chapel Hill. [Details and tickets.](#)



**What's a Trickle tour?** It's where Modernist architecture 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 5-8 people in a house at the same time. That's plenty of room per person, plus there's greater flexibility in selecting a tour time and ticket price. **NEW: VIP tickets!**

**Participants must wear masks while onsite and maintain a minimum six-foot distance with event staff and other participants.** [Details and tickets.](#)



**November 19-December 3:** This year's Architecture and Design Film Festival is online, with director **Kyle Bergman's** usual fabulous lineup of documentaries, many being shown nationally for the first time. During the two-week time period, you can watch any film whenever you want! The festival will run through the Thanksgiving holiday, so while you're home with family and friends, you can watch a few amazing design films together. [Trailers](#). Tickets on sale [now](#).

Films include: A Machine to Live in / Aalto / Charlotte Perriand, Pioneer in the Art of Living / Escher: Journey into Infinity / Frey I: The Architectural Envoy / Frey II: The Architectural Interpreter / George Nakashima, Woodworker / Hollywood's Architect: The Paul R. Williams Story / Magical Imperfection / Making a Mountain / Richard Lepastrier: Framing the View / Short Films Program 1 / Short Films Program 2 / The Arch / The Whole World / There Is No Place Like This Place, Anyplace / Tokyo Ride



**Through January 10.** Maslon. The word brings chills to Modernist fans, especially those of **Richard Neutra**. This classic midcentury modern house near Palm Springs was purchased for the sole purpose of destruction – despite the new owners promising everyone they would restore it. An Alpine family vacation home is dismantled brick-by-brick by the daughter of the builder. City blocks crumble and spaces become debris. The MAK Center in LA explores these themes in a [new exhibition](#) - called DEMO - at the Schindler Kings Road house.



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





## NEW BOOKS



**Victoria Ballard Bell's** new book, *Triangle Modern Architecture*, documents the rich history and unique cultural significance of the Triangle region in North Carolina, one of the most important on the national map of modern design.


Beautifully written and elaborately illustrated, *Triangle Modern Architecture* provides compelling evidence that a new generation of architects is building on the Triangle's rich design legacy.

Includes 250 pages of rich histories and beautiful photography of Modern buildings in Raleigh, Durham, and Chapel Hill designed by **Milton Small, Frank Harmon, Brian Shawcroft, Kenneth Hobgood, Arthur Cogswell, George Matsumoto**, and many more. [Order here.](#)

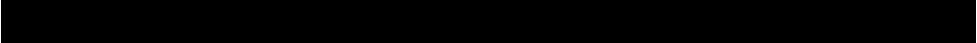


  


**Available November 10: *Mid-Century Modern Design : A Complete Sourcebook*, by Dominic Bradbury.** This book is essential for all Modern collectors and design aficionados. It's the ultimate survey of mid-century modern design and architecture. With rich and diverse examples of everything from furniture and lighting to ceramics and textiles, from graphics and posters to interior design and architecture, this sleek compendium of mid-century style includes over 1,000 illustrations representing classic designs and little-seen rarities as well as entries on nearly 100 major creators, such as **Dieter Rams, Robin Day, Isamu Noguchi, Lucie Rie, Charles and Ray Eames, Alvar Aalto, and Oscar Niemeyer**. An additional illustrated dictionary features hundreds more influential mid-century designers, manufacturers, organizations, schools, and movements.

Listen to USModernist's [interview from 2019](#) with author Dominic Bradbury.



**Available December 1: *The V&A Book of Color in Design*, by Tim Travis.** *Color in Design* is attractively simple: a celebration and exploration of color, as revealed through objects in the collections of the Victoria and Albert Museum. Structured by color and beautifully designed, it offers fascinating insights into the choices made by designers and makers from across the world and throughout history. Each chapter begins with a brief introduction that considers the universal significances of an individual color. Objects from jewelry, textiles, glassware and ceramics to furniture and more are reproduced in a visual selection that explores the varied hues of every color.

**December 8, 2020, 4pm ET.** A Celebration of Life for NC State University College of Design Dean Emeritus Marvin J. Malecha.

Hear from individuals who knew Marvin as a teacher, colleague, leader and friend. You may tune in to this virtual event via YouTube. [Please register](#) and the link to stream the event will be provided.



**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](#).**

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