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## News Bits



From Town and Country: **Saving the Paul Rudolph-designed Milam house**

[inPonte Vedra FL](#), shown above.

MIT has opened up 34 architecture and urban studies books published between 1964 and 1998. Their digitization program makes out-of-print works by **George L. Hersey, Richard Freedman, Mark Jarzombek, Moshe Safdie, Peter Rowe, Galen Cranz, Arthur Pulos, Gilbert Hubert** and others available as e-books for the first time. [Details.](#)

Hanley Wood offers [free subscriptions](#) to the digital version of ARCHITECT magazine. Visit the USModernist Library's ARCHITECT archives [here](#).

The [Committee to Relocate Marilyn](#) away from the Palm Springs Art Museum has raised over \$62,000 and won a [temporary restraining order](#). The case goes to court on Friday.

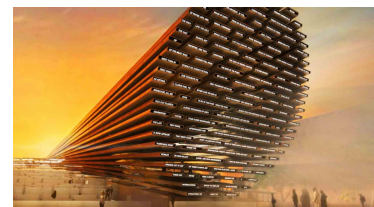
The Krisel-and-Palmer-designed Palm Springs CA house of famed entertainer **Trini Lopez** [will be auctioned April 13](#).



UK



Norway



Saudi Arabia

**Just 13 places left! March 8-19, 2022.** USModernist is going to the World Expo (what Americans call the World's Fair) in the United Arab Emirates.

You will experience ten incredible days that include touring the country pavilions of the World Expo (three shown above) plus the amazing buildings of Abu Dhabi and Dubai. Imagine EPCOT, just three times the size!

Package includes airfare from RDU, hotel, guided tours, transport, and some meals. Proceeds benefit USModernist. [Details and tickets](#). Email [george@usmodernist.org](mailto:george@usmodernist.org) for an invitation to the next Zoom information session.



**What's a trickle tour?** It's where Modernist architecture fans visit an unoccupied Modernist house at a trickle of the normal rate. There will be no more than six people inside at the same time. That's plenty of room per person, plus there's greater flexibility in selecting a tour time and ticket price. Participants must wear masks while onsite and maintain a minimum six-foot distance.



UAE World Expo - Trickle Saturday - Mod Betty + Greyscape + Melissa Morgan



**This Saturday, April 10, new extended hours 8am-5pm.** 123 Hillcrest Road, Raleigh. Designed and built by **Will Alphin**. Interior design by **Kay Jordan**. [Details and tickets](#). Ticket sales end Thursday at 12N, if not sold out sooner.



**Saturday, April 17, 9am-2pm:** South Park, 1210 Garner Road, Raleigh. [Details and tickets.](#)



USMODERNIST  
**RADIO**  
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Beth, Howard Gaby, Melissa



**New: #190/Niches: Mod Betty + Howard and Gaby Morris + Melissa Morgan**

Everybody's got some niche they are into, right? There are cat people, NASCAR people, golfing people, escape-room people, and even after 55 years, Star Trek people. Today, we welcome leaders in two special niches of Modernism, **Beth Lennon**, aka Mod Betty, of Retro Roadmap, and **Howard and Gaby Morris** of GreyScape, a London website dedicated to Brutalist, Modernist, and Constructivist design. Later on, jazz with the wonderful **Melissa Morgan**.

USModernist Radio is sponsored by **Wendy Robineau** and **Don Beskind**, and by Modernist realtor [Angela Roehl](#).

New to podcasts? You can also listen to **USModernist Radio** on any major podcast platform, through any device, or [through any computer](#).

Join the Mod Squad

The **Mod Squad** is a thriving community of people dedicated to supporting USModernist's research and operations. Mod Squad members provide financial support for the documentation, preservation, and promotion of residential Modernist architecture.

Mod Squad members are into art, food, travel, furniture, fashion, and fun. Mod Squad membership connects you with like-minded people, building new and meaningful relationships! [Join here.](#)

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Make a **donation** to support USModernist's ongoing mission of documentation, preservation and promotion.



Truck needed: USModernist will soon need to pick up (and return) a staggering 700,000 pages of architecture magazines to scan for the **USModernist Library**. That's over 120 boxes! We need to borrow (or cheaply rent) a high-top van or a 12-foot box truck for 14-28 days, the time needed to process the entire collection.

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## Got old architecture and design magazines you've been saving for years, maybe decades?

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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](#). Plus, your amazingly patient spouse – who's been bugging you to get rid of these for years – will be thrilled!

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



**Need more room?** Cleaning out your home, office, storage unit, basement, or attic? Free pickup and a **super-nice tax deduction** for donating an iconic mid-century chair, table, sofa, loveseat, Danish furnishings, or clock (Eames, Barcelona, Noguchi, Nelson, etc.).

We are also accepting donations of Modernist art, paintings, and sculpture. Proceeds benefit USModernist's ongoing research projects. Contact USModernist Director of Development **Rebekah Laney** at [rebekah@usmodernist.org](mailto:rebekah@usmodernist.org).

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**Thursday April 8th,  
4pm ET/ 3pm CT/  
2pm MT/ 1pm PT**

Info session hosted by



## UPCOMING EVENTS



modernism week

**April 8-18: Modernism Week** in Palm Springs CA has COVID-safe exterior tours; the Palm Springs Modernism Show & Sale; tours of Sunnylands, Frank Sinatra's former estate, and the Lautner Compound; narrated self-driving tours of Palm Springs architecture. [Details and tickets.](#)



**April 21, 5-6pm ET:** DOCOMOMO-US presents **Marcel Breuer's** Wellfleet Cottage

In the early 1940s, **Marcel Breuer** purchased land on Cape Cod and planned an experimental colony of modern homes. Although the colony never materialized, this is where Breuer conceived what would become one of his two main house types.

**Peter McMahon** of the Cape Cod Modern House Trust will discuss the legacy, history and current conditions of Breuer's modern cottage on the Cape. The half-hour presentation will be followed by a moderated Q&A with DOCOMOMO-US Directors **Gunny Harboe** and **Eric Keune**. Free for DOCOMOMO-US members, recommended \$15 donation for non-members. [Details and tickets.](#)

## Come Back to the Future

THE 35TH RHODE ISLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION CONFERENCE

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[George Smart discussed the upcoming historic preservation conference](#)

**April 21-23: Come Back to the Future** at the 35th Rhode Island Historic Preservation Online Conference. Keynote speakers **George Smart** and **Kofi Boone**, FASLA, plus a dozen breakout sessions on Modernist architecture, Black landscapes,

monuments, local, preservation futurism, climate change, and more virtual tours, networking, and videos. [Details and tickets.](#)

# PRESERVATION MATTERS 2021

**Palm Springs Historic Site Preservation Board**

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**April 24:** The 2021 Annual Historic Site Preservation Board "Preservation Matters" online symposium registration [is now open](#). Free.

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**May 25-28:** DOCOMOMO-US's National Symposium Online. [Details.](#)



# NCMODERNIST



A cute little mid-century Modernist house in Goldsboro NC designed by [Billy Griffin](#), goes up for auction April 10. Opening bid \$150,000. [Details.](#)

[Durham Magazine](#) recently featured local Modernist houses.

[Chapel Hill Magazine](#) recently featured local Modernist houses.



This is the 10th year of the George Matsumoto Prize, North Carolina's highest honor exclusively for Modernist residential architecture. The prize honors [George Matsumoto](#), one of the founding faculty members of North Carolina State University's College of Design. Matsumoto created some of North Carolina's most well-known and well-loved Modernist houses.

The Matsumoto Prize encourages young architects, designers, and prospective clients to continue the Modernist movement so important to North Carolina's design

heritage.

2021 Jurors are **Takashi Yanai, Cathleen McGuigan, Hilary Lewis, Martin Voelkel, Marica McKeel, Jim Jennings, Michela O'Connor-Abrams, and Barry Bergdoll.**

Any new Modernist house built in North Carolina within the last five years is eligible. You do not have to be an architect. Builders and owners can submit, too. Submissions are open now through May 1. [Details.](#)



**Cora Rice** was the wife of Raleigh architect [Dick Rice](#). She wrote for the News and Observer and the Raleigh Times, and her 1975 cookbook was wildly popular. Thanks to the Rice family, [here's your free copy!](#)



**Just 10 copies left!** Victoria Ballard Bell's *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. Includes 250 pages of rich histories and beautiful photography of Modern buildings in Raleigh, Durham, and Chapel Hill. [Order here.](#)



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