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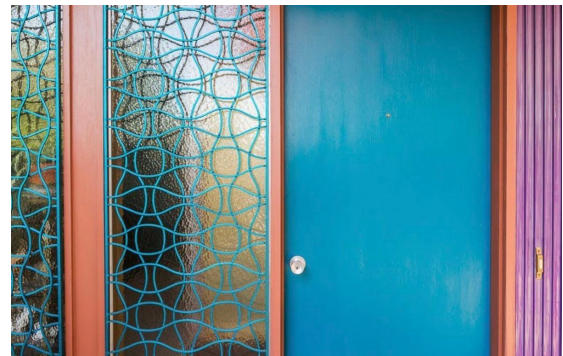


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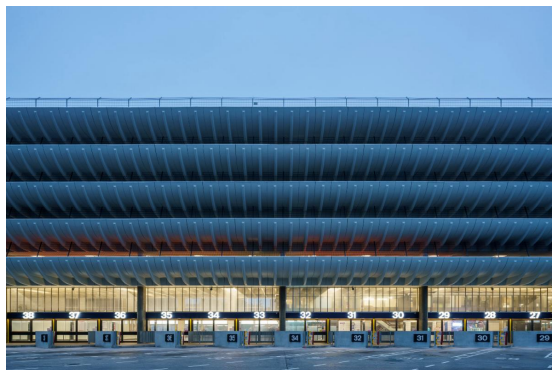
If you know of news about Modernist houses and buildings to share with the USModernist community, send a link and a quick note to Newsletter Editor **Ron Gallagher** at rpgmodernist@gmail.com.



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Oregon's only example of a 1957 Alcoa Aluminum Care-Free home is gone. The 1957 house in Portland was one of 24 Alcoa houses built around the US to showcase the metal's versatility. After a \$200,000 restoration between 2016 and 2020, the owners got a \$880,000 offer. **In September, the house was destroyed.** Want to protect your Modernist house from future destruction? Look into a **preservation easement**. It's like a homeowners association for one house. And it's the only way that has any enduring legal protections.



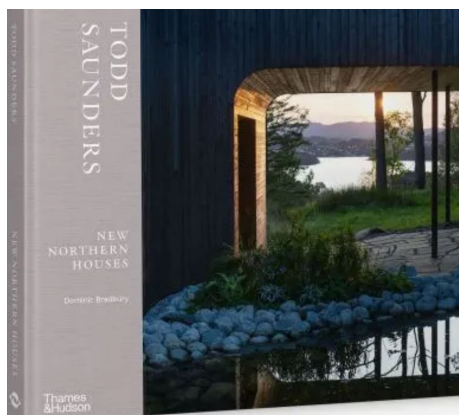
Being faithful to the 1969 Modernist design of a bus station in Preston, England, **won acclaim for a British architecture firm** handling the renovation. **John Puttick Associates** won the World Monuments Fund (WMF)/Knoll Modernism Prize for 2021.



Bubble Architecture was a trend whose time came – and went – in the 1960s and '70s. The technique, which was about plastic bubbles were sprayed with concrete, was born in the US but grew in Switzerland. See video in the link.

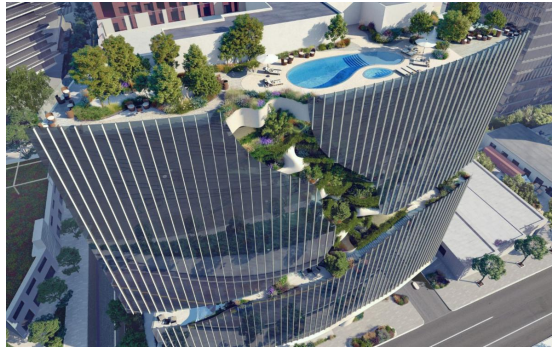


New to the USModernist Archives: architect **Guy Peterson** of Sarasota FL.



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Available November 30: **Todd Saunders: New Northern Houses**. Explore architect **Todd Saunders** **houses in Scandinavia and Canada**. Publisher Thames & Hudson says, his work "splices modern sculptural forms with a deeply rooted respect for nature."



Construction is underway in Denver on a **16-story residential building** that has a "canyon" of forested landscape running from its seventh floor to the roof. The project is the product of MAD Architects, a Chinese firm.



A round house built in California's Silicon Valley in the 1960s **got a renovation** that included a round kitchen in place of a central courtyard. Apparently, the original architect is unknown. Do you happen to know? Reply, please!

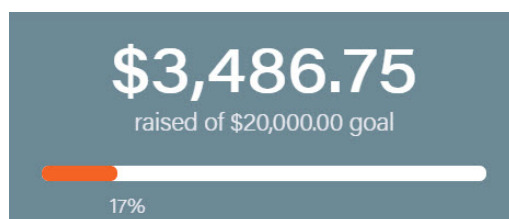


A new 3,600sf four-bedroom Modernist home designed by Nomos Red is on the market in **Palm Desert CA** if you have \$3.85 million handy. That's more than \$1000/sf. This is becoming the new normal in many resort areas.

The Architecture Foundation is accepting applications for a scholarship program to **help minority candidates study** for the industry's Architecture Record Exam and get licensed. It's a joint effort between the AIA and the National Organization of Minority Architects.

Join NCModernist in providing South Carolina families relief from crushing medical debt

[How RIP Medical Debt Helped John Oliver Erase \\$600 Million In Debts](#)



Last year, the USModernist/NCModernist community eliminated \$3,337,499.14 of old medical debt in North Carolina, freeing 2,009 families from crushing payments during the pandemic. This year, we're gonna help our neighbor South Carolina take care of \$8 million in longstanding medical debt across 1,500 families.

Two-thirds of all bankruptcies are tied to medical debt 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.

Inspired by **John Oliver**, whom you may know from HBO's Last Week Tonight, we learned that for every dollar donated, RIP Medical Debt buys up loads of old medical debt then permanently wipes away this burden for families. **Gone. Zip. Zero.** How does it work? See the video above.

Just \$20,000 will knock out \$8 million. **Every \$1 donated by December 31 will be matched. Every single dollar of your donation and the match goes toward that debt purchase.** Then, bada bing, they cancel the debt and notify the families!

Join us, wherever you live, to make this holiday better for those who need it most. Make the holidays happier for people who face these big bills. [Donate here.](#)

Featured Upcoming Events



[Who Dares Wins * Zaha Hadid \(fragmento\)](#)

December 6-8: The NCModernist ModHomes [Architecture Movie Series](#) continues its 10th year with **Zaha Hadid: Who Dares, Wins.** *Online: Anyone, anywhere, can watch!*

Born in Baghdad in 1950 and based in London, **Zaha Hadid** was perhaps the most successful female architect the world has seen. She was one of a handful of global superstar designers who changed the way people think about the world through buildings. Yet this wasn't always the case - Hadid once had a reputation as theoretical architect whose vivid gravity-defying projects could never be built. How

did this extraordinary and pioneering woman - by turns charming, stubborn, visionary yet exacting - come to build the impossible? Visit her buildings across the globe, from Austria to Azerbaijan, in this documentary filmed three years before her death in 2016.

Available for viewing 9am ET Monday, December 6 through 9pm ET Wednesday December 8. Free – [registration required](#).

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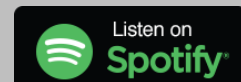
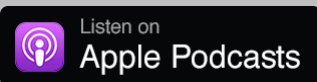


Mark Your Calendars: Special book signing T4A on Saturday, January 15, on a beautiful Raleigh rooftop! Free, with refreshments provided. More information coming soon. Free - [registration is required](#). Which you can do now, if you want!

NCModernist connects hundreds of people within the Modernist-architecture-loving community through monthly social events called Thirst4Architecture (T4A). These exciting, informal events are free to participants. We welcome Modernist homeowners, architects, artists, designers, realtors, engineers, contractors, property investors, building managers, materials and furniture dealers – or anyone with a huge crush on great architecture. T4A events focus on building relationships, sharing passion about good design, creating strategic alliances, and connecting people. There are no presentations — just come join the fun and make new design friends!

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Newest Podcast



#223/Research Triangle Park: Scott Levitan + Special Guest Suzanne Somers

Research Triangle Park in North Carolina is the largest planned research center in the United States, and it's getting bigger – much bigger, at least in terms of buildings.

During its first heyday in the 1960s, Research Triangle Park boasted several Modernist corporate campuses, most notably **Paul Rudolph's** complex of buildings for Burroughs Wellcome. Now, under the leadership team headed by today's guest, Research Triangle Foundation CEO Scott Levitan, the park has over \$1 billion in new investment going up – in addition to a brand new Apple campus. Later on, a chat with Suzanne Somers about the famed **Richard Neutra**-designed Kaufmann house in Palm Springs, which can be yours for a consumer-friendly \$17 million, \$8 million off the original retail price.

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December 4-5, 12-5pm each day. Join artist [Jillian Goldberg](#) and her husband Larry at their home in Cary for a Holiday Open House and Art Sale. Jillian has many small works priced affordably as well as a new series of abstract paintings inspired by the South African landscape of her homeland. Their daughter, **Nina Green**, will have original sketches and paintings on vintage papers as well as small collages - perfect as gifts for the art lover. Light refreshments and good cheer! 520 Foxdale Ridge, Cary. RSVP to Jillian@goldbergnc.com or text 919-637-1675. Free!



Saturday, December 18, 10a-2pm. The newest Modernist house in Durham, just completed, is designed and built by [Alicia Hylton-Daniel](#). She will be on hand to talk about the house and her successful design/build firm. And the house is for sale! [Details and tickets.](#)



Vacancy, not development, is the enemy of mid-century Modernist houses. Preserve

and protect the architecture you love by **notifying us** when North Carolina houses go vacant or on the market.

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