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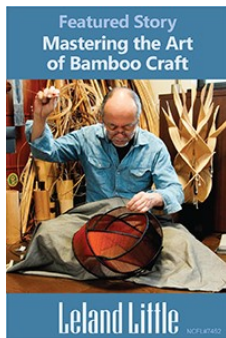
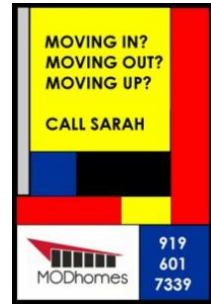
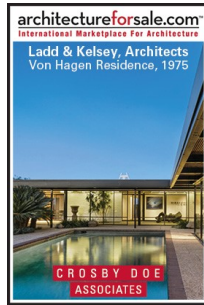
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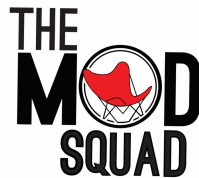
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News



Legendary architect **Gyo Obata** died last week at 99. Though his family was sent to a US Japanese internment camp during WWII, Obata avoided it by leaving the School of Architecture at the University of California-Berkeley to study architecture at Washington University in St. Louis, the only university in the United States willing to accept Japanese nationals. He earned a Bachelor of Architecture degree in 1945.

In 1955, he co-founded what is now one of the largest and most successful architectural firms in the world, HOK. The O in HOK is for Obata. His designs include the National Air and Space Museum in Washington DC; the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield IL; the Kellogg Company

Headquarters in Battle Creek MI; the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport; the Moscone Center in San Francisco. [More.](#)



New to the [USModernist Library](#): architecture magazines going back to the 1940s from four state AIA chapters.

[H5 Trailer GB 190701](#)

MillerKnoll, the recent merger of iconic furniture companies Herman Miller and Knoll, announced sponsorship of a new Mid-century Modern architecture and design documentary, *The Harvard 5*, directed and produced by **Devon Chivvis**. The movie is the true story of five modernist architects and industrial designers who arrived in the small town of New Canaan CT and changed traditional design. Chivvis will become a MillerKnoll brand ambassador, leading educational and design events alongside **Amy Auscherman**, MillerKnoll's director of archives and brand heritage. Listen to USModernist Radio's interviews with [Chivvis](#) and [Auscherman](#). Trailer above.



Original Blackwell design, left; what got built, right

Marlon Blackwell Architects **settled their 2019 lawsuit** about the Saracen Casino in Pine Bluff AR. The firm will now get credit for the original design, later finished by another firm. Other terms of the settlement were not disclosed.



The first house that **A. Quincy Jones** designed after going out on his own – the 1948 Nordlinger House #1 in LA's Bel-Air section – **has come on the market**. It's 2,950 square feet. Jones designed a second home for the same client in 1955.



Amazon has **five kits for building tiny cabins** for your backyard – from 117 to 172 square feet. Allwood Outlet uses eco-friendly materials and products imported from Scandinavia and the Baltic States.



A new waterfront house in Miami Beach unabashedly **takes its inspiration from LA's famed Stahl House**. Architect **Paul Fischman** said a challenge was to recreate as much of the Stahl House's open views as possible while obeying requirements for hurricane-wind-resistant glass.

The **deal of the year in LA**. It's probably sold by now.

The National Building Museum's edition of the *Architecture and Design Film Festival* will be on screens March 24-26 in Washington. Tickets are available [here](#).

There are Modernist homes aplenty on the market **where Hollywood "royalty" and others once lived and partied** – four around LA and one in Palm Springs.

An appreciation of **Harry Wolf**'s 31-story "Beer Can Building" in Sarasota FL and his neighboring 6-story twin buildings known as "The Cube."

A series of huge blocks with rounded corners and edges derived from the Tetris game, **the two-story House of Ayoob** in Taliparamba, India is worth a look.

A community of mid-century buildings that comprised the **Westinghouse Research and Development Center** in Churchill Borough, near Pittsburgh PA, are the focus of preservation debate.

The American Society of Landscape Architects Fund is undertaking a **campaign to help more women of color get their licenses** and encourage racial and gender diversity in the profession.

Houston's **Modern Home Tour** is an in-person event this year on March 19 and you can get tickets **here**.

Bob Swain was the architect of the **Tucson AZ 1970s townhouse complex** that's now on the National Register of Historic Places and was **honored** during a recent Tucson Modernism Week.

The **Zaha Hadid** Foundation plans to open a **permanent gallery and study center** in **London** dedicated to Hadid's work and principles.

Featured Upcoming Events





Saturday, April 2, 12pm. Duda Paine book-signing on the roof of the Dillon in Raleigh. Everyone who attends will get their previous book free and may purchase the new one. **Turan Duda and Jeffrey Paine** will be on hand to sign books. Plus refreshments - and a great view from this landmark building the firm designed. Free.

[Register here.](#)

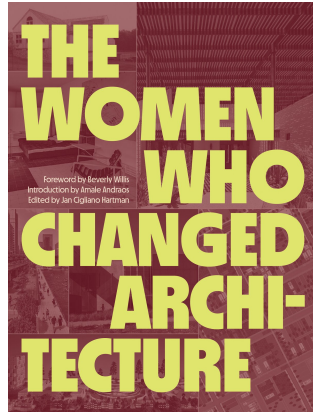
New Architecture and Design Books



Available April 19: *Vo Trong Nghia: Building Nature*, by **Vo Trong Nghia** and **Philip Jodidio**. This career-spanning monograph, in two volumes, presents the work of one of Asia's most progressive and innovative architects, **Vo Trong Nghia**. The World Green Building Council estimates that 39 percent of energy-related carbon emissions can be attributed to buildings. An awareness of architecture's responsibilities has permeated the profession, and new ideas and solutions are coming from places where these issues are most acute. Vietnam has emerged as one of the most exciting centers of design in Asia – led largely by the work of architect Vo Trong Nghia, whose work has gained an international following. His two main themes – green architecture and bamboo as a building material – form the basis of this two-volume celebration of his work.

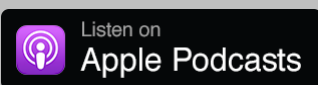


Available now: *Atomic Ranch: Remodeled Marvels*, by **Jickie Torres**, is a definitive guide to understanding, planning and designing your next mid-century remodel. The book equips you with everything you need to know to tackle your renovation dreams, avoid project nightmares and craft the stunning modernist gem you've always wanted — all in a beautiful, inspiring tome that will look perfect on your coffee table. Inside, you'll visit some of the best and most-inspiring remodeled and restored Mid-Century Modern homes and take a room-by-room look at how smart renovations, timeless style and a preservation spirit come together in mid-mods that are remade to last into the future.



Available March 29: *The Women Who Changed Architecture*, by **Jan Cigliano Hartman** and **Amale Andraos**. Hartman, an editor and historian, was studying architecture, knew there were many women in the profession, but she found that much of the available information was about men and their work. She got together with Andraos, a New York designer and former dean at the Columbia Graduate School of Architecture, to assemble the book that highlights 122 architects from 28 countries. Some are widely known, but many are not.

Latest Podcast



#239/Going Up? Elevators with Professor Lee Gray

Elevators are essential to any large Modernist building and now to some of the massive Modernist houses being built in LA. Joining us to discuss the ups and down of elevators is the Sultan of Schindler, the Oracle of Otis, the Titan of Thyssenkrupp – UNC Charlotte Professor **Lee Gray**, an expert on vertical transportation and the only full-time elevator historian in the world.

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It's the 11th year of the George Matsumoto Prize for new Modernist houses in North Carolina! The Prize is open to anyone with primary design responsibility for a completely built, from-the-ground-up, single-family Modernist house of at least 800 heated sf with a CO on or after January 1, 2017. The house must be in North Carolina; the designer/architect can be from anywhere. Renovations, additions, multi-family, or any house that won a past Matsumoto Prize Jury or People's Choice award are ineligible. Past submissions that did not win awards may be resubmitted.

The George Matsumoto Prize is North Carolina's highest honor exclusively for Modernist residential architecture. NCModerntist created the Matsumoto Prize in 2012 honor of **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 in houses so important to North Carolina's design heritage. The Prize meaningfully and powerfully engages the public with the architecture they love and showcases exceptional Modernist architects and designers in North Carolina.

The 2022 George Matsumoto Prize Jury: **Gisue Hariri / Myron Goldfinger / Danita Brown / Marianne McKenna / Robert Ivy / Karrie Jacobs / Max Strang.**

Information and submission details. Deadline April 25.

Two North Carolina architects have been elevated to AIA's College of Fellows: **Kathryn L. Horne**, director of planning design and construction and the campus architect at UNC-Charlotte, and **Kenneth H. Luker**, a principal at Perkins + Will and 2019 winner of the Kamphoefner Prize. The designation is based on selection by a jury who believe those architects "have achieved a standard of excellence in the profession and made a significant contribution to architecture and society on a national level."



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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<https://www.ncmodernist.org/lustron.htm>

1973, Architect Unknown, https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/8227-Hillside-Dr-Raleigh-NC-27612/6390609_zpid/
<https://www.ncmodernist.org/raleigh.htm>

2011, Rob Carlton, https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/388-Slickrock-Rd-Burnsville-NC-28714/233146228_zpid/
<https://www.ncmodernist.org/carlton.htm>

1963, Aiji Tashiro, https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/153-Hillhaven-PI-SE-Lenoir-NC-28645/70086681_zpid/

<https://www.ncmodernist.org/tashiro>

2008, Chad Parker, https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/550-E-Edenton-St-Raleigh-NC-27601/6411150_zpid/
<https://www.ncmodernist.org/parker.htm>

1950, Lustron from [7 Mt Bolus Rd Chapel Hill NC](#) - disassembled, moved to storage around 2002- trailered in Durham as of 2022-for sale-contact us for details <https://www.ncmodernist.org/lustron.htm>

1970, Sumner Winn, https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/2617-Meacham-Rd-Chapel-Hill-NC-27516/251693305_zpid/
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1974, Joe Nassif/J.P. Goforth builder, https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/1512-Arboretum-Dr-Chapel-Hill-NC-27517/50036187_zpid/
<https://www.ncmodernist.org/nassif.htm>

2019, Michael Kersting, https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/1-Auditorium-Cir-Wrightsville-Beach-NC-28480/103763170_zpid/
<https://www.ncmodernist.org/kersting.htm>

1978/2021, Architect Unknown, https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/2004-Brocton-PI-Durham-NC-27712/50022771_zpid/

1972, Architect Unknown, https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/5525-Williams-Rd-Lewisville-NC-27023/5808179_zpid/

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