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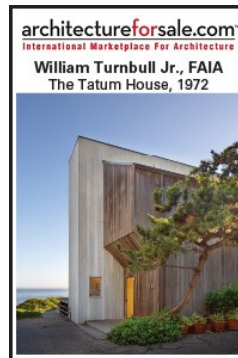
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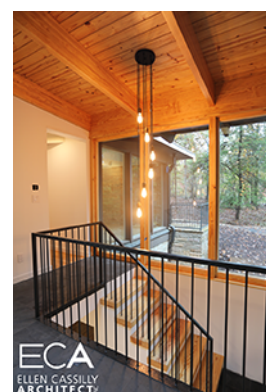
Meet the USModernist Team

Got Modernist News?

Share news about Modernist houses and buildings with the USModernist community! Send a link and a quick note to **Ron Gallagher** at **rpg.modernist@gmail.com**.



Triangle Modern Architects
by Victoria Ballard Bell



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Join: Mod Squad membership gets you all kinds of benefits and provides financial support for the documentation, preservation, and promotion of residential Modernist architecture. [Details.](#)

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Make a [Bitcoin donation](#) to support USModernist's ongoing mission of documentation, preservation and promotion. You can also donate property or securities.



Need more room in your home, attic, basement, office, or oh-so-expensive storage unit? NCModernist's [Rebekah Laney](#) is on the road throughout central North Carolina to pick up donations of **Modernist furniture, art, architecture magazines, and architecture books**. What could be easier? Rebekah comes to you, and you get a super nice tax deduction! Plus, your wonderful patient spouse – who's been bugging you for years (perhaps decades) to clean things out – will be thrilled! Email [Rebekah Laney](#) or call 865.414.5800 to schedule a pickup.

Endangered Modernist Houses



Left: The 1970 Deane House in Great Neck NY, designed by [Paul Rudolph](#), is vacant, has been fenced off, and portions of it have collapsed.

Right: The 1961 Burke House, Centre Island NY. Project architect, **Benjamin Thompson** for [Walter Gropius](#)' firm, TAC. Vacant, seriously deteriorated, and for sale.

Update: a house by [Richard Spencer](#) in LA at 8600 Hillside Avenue has a demolition notice posted on the door. [Frank Gehry](#) worked on this house with Spencer in 1950. We've had a few people write in that this demolition is for a nonconforming deck, but we've not been able to verify that yet.

- The 1958 Connell House, Pebble Beach CA, designed by [Richard Neutra](#). For over 10 years, the owner has wanted to destroy it for a new house. Strong public opposition delayed formal demolition, but the house is vacant and open for vandals.
- The [Marcel Breuer](#) Family Cottage in Wellfleet MA on Cape Cod, owned by his son Tom, has been deteriorating for years and is vacant.
- The 1951 Hanson House in Huntington NY, designed by [Marcel Breuer](#), is not in good condition.
- The 1953 Elliott House, Walton Hills OH, designed by [Richard Neutra](#). Sold last in 2009, it's been unoccupied for many years.

Help USModernist locate more endangered Modernist houses throughout the US. Join [the Mod Squad](#) to support our advocacy work, [volunteer](#) to be on our research team, or [submit an abandoned or deteriorated Modernist house](#).

Featured Event



If you're into mid-century Modernist architecture, you don't want to miss USModernist's wildly popular annual trip to Palm Springs for Modernism Week.

There's no other place in America with as many mid-century Modern houses per square mile - hundreds if not thousands of Modernist houses and buildings. And this is the very best week to go - when the town shares its crazy fun Modernist design from houses to art to furnishings to lifestyles to fashion to food! It's like the Superbowl for mid-century architecture!

Travel with the crew at USModernist in February 2023 and enjoy exceptional tours, open bar, and your own private mid-century compound! Party with us at Frank Sinatra's house and the Kirk and Anne Douglas Estate! [Details and tickets.](#)

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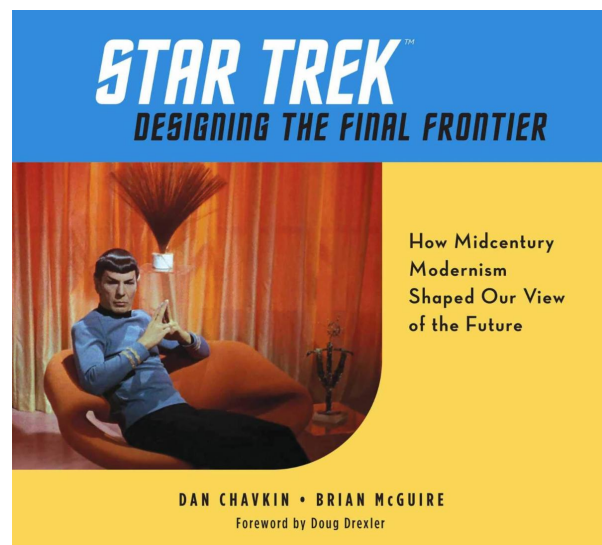


Hey, it worked for Oprah!

Be a part of the new USModernist Book Club. Check out this summer's featured selections at the **USModernist Bookstore!**

Buy any book and get free shipping and a 3-month membership in the **Mod Squad!** Buy 4 books and get free shipping and a full year's membership!

Why would you get four books?



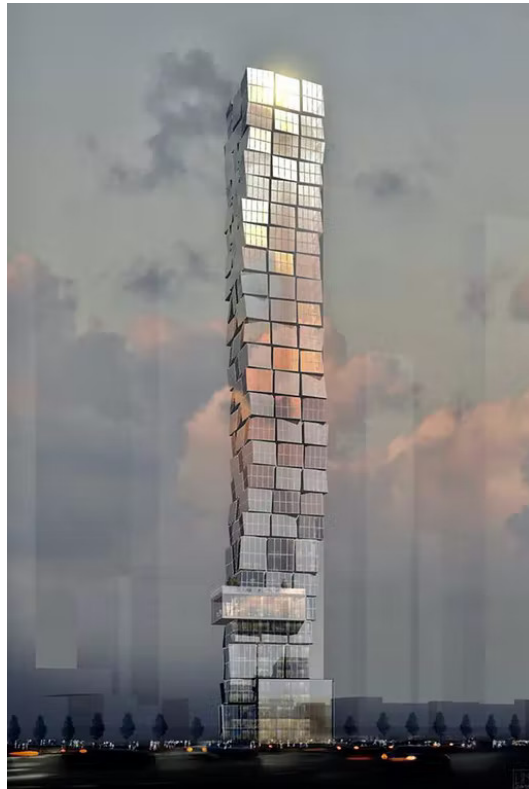
Christmas is coming. [Details.](#)



In Los Angeles, visit a special exhibition called [Schindler House: 100 Years in the Making](#), a summerlong program to mark the centennial of [Rudolph Schindler's](#) iconic home on Kings Road.



Marcel Breuer's 1955 Grieco House in Andover MA **has come onto the market** for \$1.5M.



From **Archinect**: The New York Times has obtained a document showing that the credentials of a retired architect in his mid-80s were used to fake approval of building designs that he did not review. **Warren L. Schiffman** has been designated as the architect of record on an under-construction, 642-foot-tall hotel rising in **Hudson Yards**.



Architect **Vladimir Cacala** was trained by Bauhaus adherents in Czechoslovakia before **designing Modernist houses in New Zealand**, like this 1960 house for sale in Remuera.



Dixon Street Flats in Wellington, New Zealand, is a 1940s Modernist **apartment public housing complex saved from demolition**. The community now has to figure out how to deal with gangs and drugs common in public housing plus where to put the residents while the building is renovated.



Macabre Modernist: Sets for *Fresh*, a new comedy/thriller movie, show the cannibal character living in a mid-century house. Again, an evil villain gets all the good architecture.

[New England Modernism Documentary Preview](#)

Jake Gorst's documentary *New England Modernism* is a comprehensive work-in-progress about the development of Modernist design in the Northeast. There are opportunities to contribute to and help complete the film. [You can donate here.](#) However, if you'd like to get **two free spots** on the amazing [Modernism Week in Palm Springs](#) trip, above, [contact Jake directly.](#) Donations are tax-deductible.



New to the [USModernist Library](#): 40 years of [AIA Los Angeles magazines](#) + 80 years of [AIA Wisconsin magazines](#).



New to the **USModernist archives**: **Debora Reiser**, still going in her 90's, who worked for **George Nemeny** then created her own practice, Reiser+Umemoto.



The **USModernist® Library** is the world's largest open digital archive of US 20th-century architecture magazines, with over 4 million searchable, printable, downloadable pages. All across America, old architecture magazines are left rotting in attics, basements, libraries, and offices - if they haven't already been thrown away. In their day, these publications chronicled the best of Modernist architecture and the era's talented, progressive architects. Many of these Modernist architects and original clients have died. The rest are rapidly passing away, their houses largely forgotten and often needlessly destroyed. If you have magazines in your basement, attic, or storage unit, you can be an important part of this massive effort to scan and make available every US architecture publication since 1880.

Here's how you can help: See what magazines **are missing**. Call 919.740.8407 or email **george@usmodernist.org** to verify before sending. Mail in heavy duty boxes (not your typical Amazon boxes) **to our office**. Once scanned, we'll reimburse you for postage, or we'll return the magazines to you, but not both. We do have to shear off the spines for scanning and remove any inserts. You can also **donate funds for**

the project to acquire more magazines. USModernist is a 501C3 nonprofit and donations are tax-deductible.

- **Harry Gesner**, who turned down an invitation to study with **Frank Lloyd Wright** and later created the Crested Wave house in Malibu, **died at 97**.
- What dooms a **Paul Rudolph** building to demolition? An architecture student says it is **poor planning for maintenance**.

Upcoming Events



There are tours this coming **Friday, June 24**, in Buffalo NY of a 1901 **Frank Lloyd Wright** boat house unbuilt until 2007. **[Ticket information](#)**.



July 20, 6pm: **Monty Freeman** speaks on Cuban architecture in an [online class](#) sponsored by the [New York 92nd Street Y](#).



Leland Little



Thursday, July 28, 6-8pm. [Leland Little Auctions](#), 620 Cornerstone Court, Hillsborough NC. It's our monthly Thirst4Architecture happy hour, with wine provided from the cellars of Leland Little Auctions special collection.

Visit their new showroom, designed by **Richard Gurlitz**! Also featuring the 2022 Matsumoto Prize Awards. Free! **[Registration required.](#)**

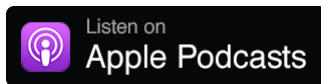
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#253/Daniella Ohad on Design: One of the most well-known New York design educators, **Daniella Ohad** joins us with her take on the leading architects and interior designers of 2022. A former sergeant in the Israeli Military Intelligence Directorate, she graduated from Tel Aviv University and moved to New York for a master's from FIT and a PhD from Bard. Now, she's an influencer, historian, writer, talk show host, curator, and keynote speaker. She's committed to design education and has taught at the School of Visual Arts, Pratt, Parsons, Cooper Union, and the New York School of Interior Design. She curated and hosted events at AIA New York, the venerable 92nd Street Y; the talk show *Spring/Harvest Dialogues*; the video series *The Collector*; and the Italian network Skyarte. Her blog, *Daniella on Design*, attracts hundreds of thousands of readers weekly.

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In honor of Juneteenth, learn more about the [first Black architects and designers](#) in North Carolina.

The George Matsumoto Prize



Vote in the 2022 George Matsumoto Prize, hosted by NCModernist and sponsored by Chappell Residential. What is the Matsumoto Prize? The George Matsumoto Prize is North Carolina's highest honor exclusively for Modernist residential architecture. The unique design competition features a blue-ribbon jury of internationally-known architects and experts plus online public voting.

When is the voting deadline? **July 5, 5pm ET.**

See all the amazing houses and vote [here](#).

When is the awards ceremony? **Thursday, July 28**, 6-8pm at Leland Little Auctions, 620 Cornerstone Court, Hillsborough NC. You'll visit their exquisite new modern showroom, designed by architect **Richard Gurlitz**. **Free, registration required.**

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July 28 | 7PM

DAVID SEITER

Future Green Studio | NYC

July 29 | 7:30PM

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The Open Workshop | Toronto | SF

August 01 | 7PM

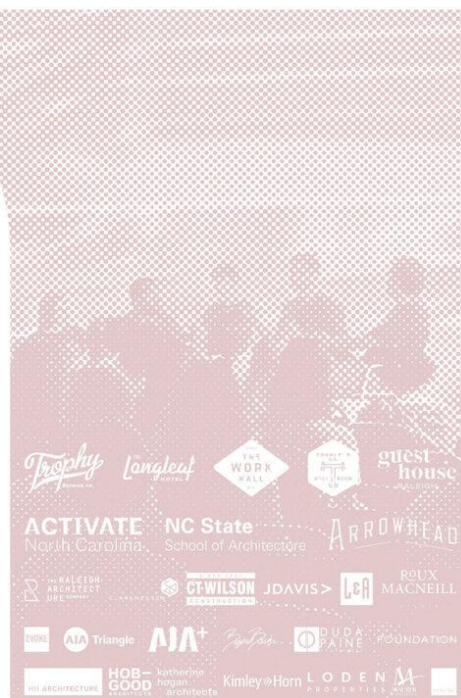
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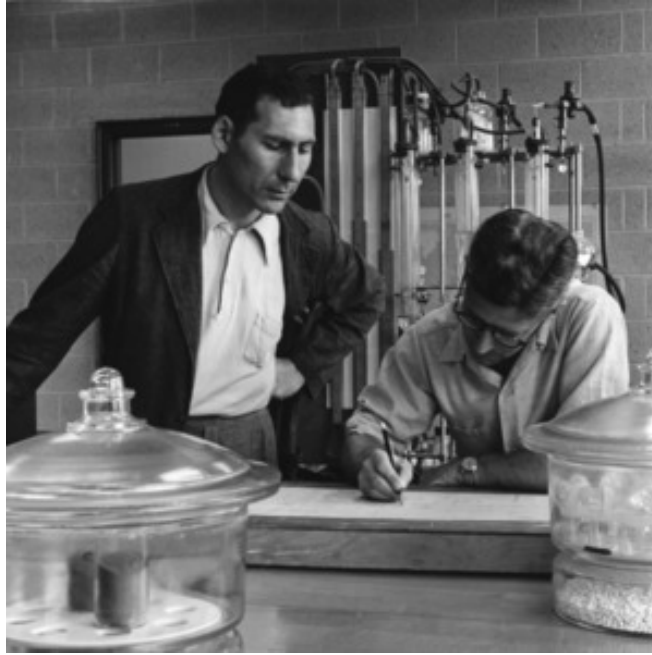
Mark your calendars! **Saturday, September 17** is NCModernist's next big North Carolina Modernist House tour. Enjoy a great day touring brilliant new and recently renovated Modernist houses and buildings around Durham, Carrboro, Chapel Hill, and Pittsboro without the hassle of driving! Modapalooza includes the delightful company of fellow Modernist architecture fans, breakfast, snacks, drinks, a delicious lunch, and free WiFi in our luxury, restroom-equipped, air-conditioned buses. You'll also meet many of the architects, designers, and builders.

Registration coming later this month! Modapalooza is sponsored this fall by Fitch Lumber and Hardware of Carrboro, and by Marvin Windows and Doors:



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Manuel Bromberg, an artist who along with his wife, **Jane Dow Bromberg**, was an early faculty member at North Carolina State University's College of Design in 1949, **died earlier this year at age 104**. Jane Dow Bromberg passed on in 2008.

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**SALE**

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. The architect for each house, if known, is in brackets.

1967, **601 Brookview Drive, Chapel Hill** [**Don Stewart**]

1986, **202 Galey Ridge Road, Cramerton** [**Hal Tribble**]

2017, **919 South Lumina Avenue**, Wrightsville Beach [**John Parker**]

2021, **3418 Edgemont, Raleigh**

2021, **7145 North Ridge Drive, Raleigh** [**Joseph Trojanowski**]

1961, **912 Montclair Road, Fayetteville**

1967, **508 Lakeshore Lane, Chapel Hill**

1949, **Lustron, 604 North Main Street, Louisburg**

1955, **179 Dr. Floyd Scott Lane, Burlington**

1965, **1139 Shady Bluff Drive, Charlotte**

1966, **20 Pine Valley Circle, Pinehurst**

1969, **5925 Westdale Acres Drive, Pleasant Garden** [**Edward Loewenstein**]

1975, **10 Virginia Road, Littleton** [**B.A. Farrell**]

1982, **5312 Farrington Road, Chapel Hill** [**C S Witt**]

2020, **8804 Highhill Road, Raleigh**



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