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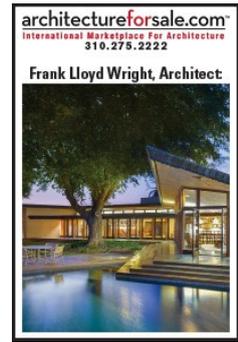
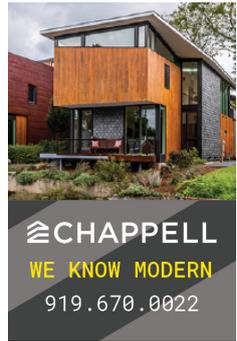
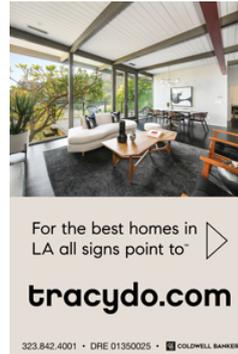
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Featured Events

MODAPALOOZA



New Tour **Saturday, April 15:** Enjoy a great day touring eight new Modernist houses around Raleigh, Durham, and Chapel Hill NC -- without the hassle of driving -- in our new fleet of luxury buses!

Modapalooza includes the delightful company of fellow Modernist architecture fans, breakfast, snacks, drinks, free wifi and a delicious lunch. You'll also meet many of the architects and builders - featuring [Raleigh Architecture](#), [Louis Cherry](#), [Ellen Cassilly](#), [Phil Szostak](#), [Bill Waddell](#), [Arielle Schechter](#), and more. Proceeds benefit NCModernist, a North Carolina 501C3 nonprofit educational archive for the documentation, preservation, and promotion of Modernist houses.

Details and tickets.



The winter Modernist online auction at Leland Little is January 26. [Preview all the art, furniture, and jewelry items](#) -- including five [John Hiigli paintings](#), like the one above, sold to benefit NCModernist.



Wednesday, February 22: Want to experience a dazzling sold-out evening cocktail party at the **Kirk and Anne Douglas Estate in Palm Springs - for free?**

USModernist needs four volunteers for the event. Contact [Rebekah Laney](#) at 865.414.5800.



May 17-27: Join USModernist on this unique, curated international architecture itinerary visiting incredible architecture, art, design, and furniture in Denmark, Sweden, and Norway. The perfect holiday present for you or your travel-lovin' partner. **There are only 3 places left!** [Details and tickets.](#)

Modernist News



Way back in 2004, tech CEO **Massy Medhipour** bought a [Richard Neutra](#) house on a spectacular site overlooking the ocean in Pebble Beach CA. She's been trying ever since to tear it down for a new Modernist house by another architect.

Nineteen years and much wrangling later, the Monterey Historic Resources Review Board voted 3-2 last week to recommend allowing demolition of the damaged Neutra house but restricting the height of a replacement building. The matter now passes to the Planning Commission on January 25.



CREMA, the Committee to Remove Marilyn, continues its legal fight against the city of Palm Springs to relocate what they consider an illegally placed statue. The current Marilyn Monroe statue co-opts the taxpayer-funded street leading to noted Palm Springs architect **E. Stewart Williams**'s architecturally significant Palm Springs Art Museum and places the full view of her gigantic upskirt at the Museum's front entrance. The case focuses on the city's closure of a public street for the installation of a statue, and whether the 3-year "temporary" closure is, in fact, temporary. You can support their case by donating for legal fees [here](#).

The case goes to court February 14 in San Diego and supporters can attend. Please check in by 8:45am. You will have to check your cell phones with security. The courthouse is located at: 4th District Div 1, 750 B Street, Suite 300.



Three of the buildings that **Oscar Niemeyer** designed for the Brazilian capital, Brasília, **were damaged by rioters** protesting the defeat of former President Juan Bolsonaro in the nation's 2022 election. Bloomberg News suggests **the geography of the government complex** might have kept crowds from doing more damage.



The Design Review Board of Burlington VT **granted a demolition permit** for the 1977 Roman Catholic Cathedral designed by **Edward Larrabee Barnes**. It closed in 2018, and the parish has a buyer for the site, but plans are unknown.



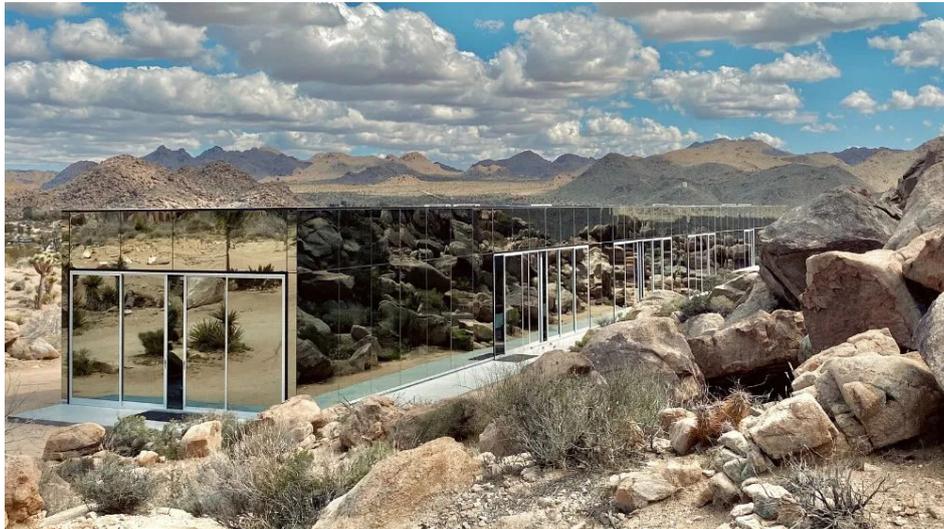
From DOCOMOMO: In Livonia MI, the city administration says it **will propose demolition** of the 1967 Alfred Noble Library, designed by **Gunnar Birkerts**. The building has been closed because of mold issues.

[1859 Bel Air Road, Los Angeles, CA 90077](#)

For \$68M, you can get a brand new mansion in LA's Bel Air enclave that has nine bedrooms, 12 bathrooms and **its own designer-created French scent**, distributed through candles and bath products and sprayed from six diffusers onsite.



The 1946 Sallie Stevens Nichols House designed by **Albert Frey** in the Bel Vista development in Palm Springs **has been restored and is for sale** for \$995,000.



If you can see your way clear to drop \$18M, **the Invisible House** in Joshua Tree National Park, near Palm Springs, is on the market. The owners designed it with architect **Tomas Osinski**. The pool is in the living room, if you were wondering.



New 3-D renderings by Spanish architect and artist **David Romero** "build" three of **Frank Lloyd Wright's** skyscrapers that never before got off the drawing board.



Courtesy of Frank Lloyd Wright Building Conservancy

One of **Frank Lloyd Wright's** early houses, the 1895 George W. Smith house in Oak Park IL, **has been listed for sale**, the first time in six decades. The trust that owns it is asking \$595,000.



In Mumbai, India, the architecture firm **Studio Symbiosis** added 12 residential stories to a real estate company's six-story office building and **wrapped it in glass and perforated steel**.



Dezeen rounded up **10 notable buildings that due for completion** in the US this year, including **Frank Gehry's** Warner Bros. headquarters building in Los Angeles (left) and **Studio Gang's** expansion of the New York Museum of Natural History

(right).



CO Architects looked to **Paul Revere Williams**'s original designs in carrying out **updates to two of the campus buildings he designed** for the University of California Los Angeles — Pritzker Hall from 1967 and the Botany Building from 1959. (Note: The *CityLab* article repeats the common error of saying Williams designed the Theme Building at Los Angeles International Airport.)



A dramatic improvement to the Quonset hut you see in WWII movies and TV shows, the Caterpillar is a metal Detroit **apartment building** for an "evolving" neighborhood as part of developing about 100 vacant lots.



In the market for something a little quirky? A **1982 home topped by a geodesic dome** is for sale in Los Angeles for a little over \$1.7M. An art studio and a yurt are

included.

- ReThinkNYC is holding an in-person and virtual session January 26 at 6:30pm ET with the three architects competing to design the above-ground renovation of Penn Station in New York. Register for [in-person](#) or [Zoom](#) attendance.
- If you're venturing to Merry Old England, here's a [two-page map of modern architecture](#) in Cambridge.
- The editorial board at the *Dallas Morning News* says a restoration plan for [Frank Lloyd Wright's](#) Kalita Humphreys Theater [is too expensive](#).

Upcoming Events

Leland Little





Wednesday, January 25, 6-8pm. Join **Leland Little Auctions** for their quarterly modernist auction preview. Grab a glass of wine, along with some light hors d'oeuvres, and listen as **George Smart** speaks about North Carolina's Modernist houses in an informative and entertaining talk. The gallery will be curated with featured lots from the upcoming **Winter Modernist Art & Design Auction** and **Luxury & Collector Vehicles Auction**. **Free, tickets required.**



Tuesday, March 7, 7-745pm Zoom. Preservation North Carolina and NCModernist present **The Secret Power of Preservation Easements.**

Did you know that having your Modernist house on the National Register does nothing legally to protect it from demolition? Neither does having a talented and/or famous architect. Neither does any local or state historic designation, with very few exceptions. At best, you can get a delay, but the bulldozers - they can't be prevented for long.

In fact, the only way to assure a house is not destroyed is through a very cool document called a preservation easement. It's essentially a homeowner's association for one house. Join **Cathleen Turner** of Preservation North Carolina and **George Smart** of NCModernist as they share the 1-2-3's to assure your mid-20th-century Modernist house makes it to the mid-21st-century. Registration details coming in February.

2023 High Performance Home Tour

Showcasing Green Certified Homes Throughout the Triangle



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April 29-30, Noon – 5 pm

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Passive House DOE Zero Energy Ready Home
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The 7th International Iconic Houses Conference, Czech Republic, May 22-26

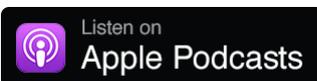
AIA National Conference, San Francisco, June 7-10

Glass House Summer Party, New Canaan CT, June 10

Docomomo US National Symposium, New Haven CT, June 21–24

WestEdge Design Fair, Santa Monica, November 16-18

Latest Podcast





#283/She Had To Have It: Mia Reed Buys a Frank Lloyd Wright

If your Mom or Dad is an architect, architecture gets into your DNA whether you like it or not, and one day, it's gonna come out. For one amazing renaissance woman — an artist, writer, investment banker, film producer, tattoo artist agent, and economic development consultant — she had to go all the way to Iowa to buy her dream house — by **Frank Lloyd Wright** — and now she owns it, at least legally. As all Wright owners eventually discover, the house comes to own you. Joining us is the new buyer of Frank Lloyd Wright's Alsop House in Oskaloosa IA, **Mia Reed**, daughter of famed Florida/North Carolina architect **Chuck Reed**.

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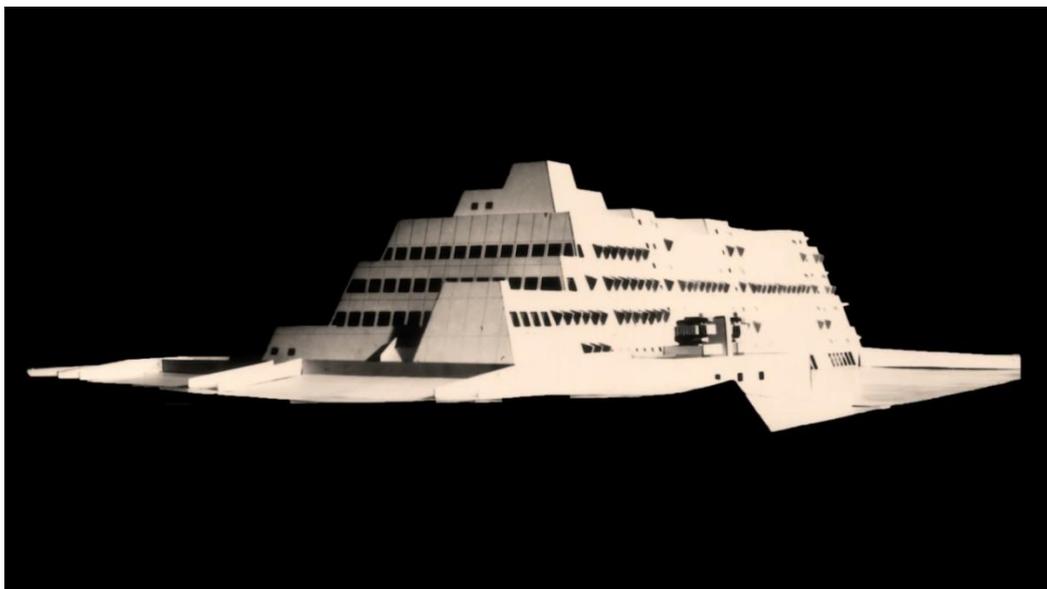
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Tuesday, February 7, 7pm at the Chelsea Chapel Hill, a beloved Chapel Hill art house theater featuring fresh organic popcorn, local craft beers, and curated wine

and soft drink selections. Please arrive by 645pm. \$14 general public, \$7 current Mod Squad members.

Battleship Berlin (2021)

Berlin's brutalist heritage is under fire. The city's powerful Charité hospital wants to destroy a brutalist icon of the Cold War era: The infamous former animal research laboratory called the Mausebunker. Meanwhile, a dedicated group of politicians, preservationists, architects, gallerists and students fight for an adaptive re-use of these magnificent, uncompromisingly unique structures. Who will win? No matter the outcome, you're left with the impression that preservation can be brutal. This video contains flashes of light that could trigger seizures for people with visual sensitivities. [View trailer here.](#)

[Details and coming attractions.](#)



In honor to MLK day today, explore the accomplishments of North Carolina's [black architects before 1970.](#)



The NCSU College of Design, NCSU School of Architecture and the Triangle chapter of AIA have released the schedule for their **2023 joint spring lecture series**. The six talks begin January 30 and go through April 5. Five are in-person and will also be streamed, and one is virtual. Free.

FOR 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.

NEW TO THE MARKET

1979/2022 **2248 Lynbridge Drive, Charlotte**

1970/2020 **1585 Eagles Nest Road, Waynesville**

1962/2021 **1506 Davidson Court, High Point**

STILL ON THE MARKET

1955 **23 Valle Vista Drive Asheville**

1957/2022 **800 Christopher Road, Chapel Hill**

1995 **601 Clarendon Avenue, Carolina Beach** [Geodesic Dome]

2023 **5 Array Drive, Chapel Hill**

2022 **618 E. Cabarrus Street, Raleigh**

2022 **1126 E. Geer Street, Durham**

1970 **1815 South Lakeshore Drive, Chapel Hill** [Arthur Cogswell]

1966 **13 Kent Place, Asheville** [Bert King]

2022 **119 Old Pittsboro Road, Carrboro**

1978 **3 & 5 Hy Vu Drive, Asheville** [Lawrence Traber]

2018 **5 North Swain Street, Raleigh** [Matt Griffith, Erin Sterling Lewis]

1978/2020 **191 Riverbend Drive Bermuda Run** [Henry Dole Norris, BH&G 1972]

2019 **811 N Mangum Street, Durham** [Raleigh Architecture Co.]

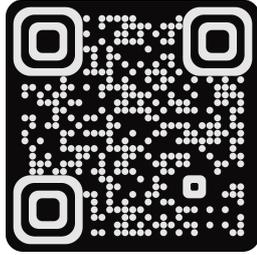
1949 **604 North Main Street, Louisburg** [Lustron]

1987 **160 Johnson Dairy Road, Rockwell** [James Kluttz]

2015 **2024 Starterwood Lane, Hillsborough** [Phil Szostak/built by Tonic]

2023 **517 East Cabarrus Street, Raleigh** [Daniels Building]

2023 **206 C Laurel Avenue, Carrboro** [Jason Hart]



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