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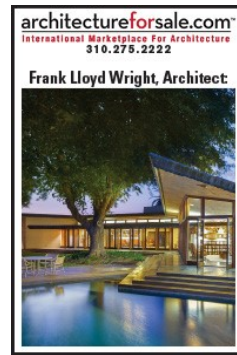


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• **Where There's a Will ... There's a Way:** As USModernist heads into its 3rd decade, we are fielding inquiries on both live gifts and willed bequests towards a permanent endowment. Such donations can also assure the preservation of a Modernist house or honor a person you love into the future. Please reach out to [George Smart](#) or call 919.740.8407.

Modernist News



Way back in 2004, tech CEO **Massy Medhipour** bought a 1958 [Richard Neutra](#) house, the Connell House, on a spectacular site overlooking the ocean in Pebble Beach CA. Since 2012, she's been trying to tear it down and put up a new Modernist house by another architect. After much committee and legal wrangling, the Monterey County Planning Commission this year approved demolition plus new construction of a reduced-height house.

Anthony Lombardo, on behalf of **Sam Reeves, Raymond Neutra, and Mimi Sheridan**, has appealed the decision to the Monterey Board of Supervisors. The public hearing is Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 1:30pm PT. No word yet whether this will be online.



After 31 years, **Linda Dishman** will retire from the Los Angeles Conservancy in November. Under her leadership, the Conservancy has saved buildings threatened with demolition such as the May Company Building, Herald Examiner, Sheraton Town House, Downey McDonald's, St. Vibiana Cathedral, and the Century Plaza Hotel. She's been an inspiration to many preservation organizations around the country, including USModernist.



The **Miami Herald reported last Friday** on legislation that will gut historic preservation in Florida. The Florida Senate voted 33-6 to approve the "Resiliency and Safe Structures Act," SB 1346, a sweeping attempt to override local control over development by prohibiting local officials from blocking the demolition of buildings designated as unsafe, including certain historic buildings in communities with populations of over 10,000 people.

The Florida Trust for Historic Preservation warns the bill will allow property owners carte blanche to avoid local regulations to let historic buildings to fall into disrepair then be destroyed for redeveloping high-value land.



If \$2M hits the right note for you, [the 1996 Saxophone House in Berkeley CA](#) is on the market, designed by architects **Lucia Howard** and **David Weingarten**.



Architectural Digest talked with seven owners of [Frank Lloyd Wright](#) homes about [how living in them affects their everyday lives](#). One of the houses is the Meyer House, above, in Kalamazoo MI.



This 1958 house by **Karl Kobeck** went on the market in Walnut Creek CA last month and **sold within a week for just under \$2M.**



Perry Weber designed this 1954 house in Portland OR. It's just been renovated by **Risa Boyer Architecture** and **put on the market** for a shade under \$1.2M.



Richard Neutra's 1941 Bonnet House in the Hollywood Hills is **for rent at** \$9,000 a month.



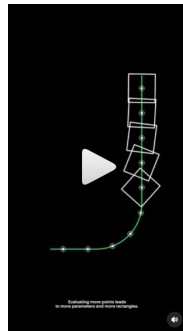
How might this newly developed product – **translucent concrete** – have affected Modernist design, especially Brutalism? Optical fibers or clear resin let the hard material pass light.



Brand new Modernist: This house in the two-island town of Bay Harbor Islands FL was designed by **SDH Studio Architecture + Design** and is on the market for \$8.4M.

[3520 W Franklin Ave | Minneapolis](#)

The architect who designed the Stack House that we featured last week is **Charlie Lazor**. Hat tips to **John Chapman** and to **Liz and Matt Tibbetts** - and about two dozen more wonderful readers!



A nice, short Instagram post illustrates a bit of the computer process for designing a building as complicated as the **Bjarke Ingels** Group's 220-apartment high-rise in Quito, Ecuador, that was completed in late 2022.



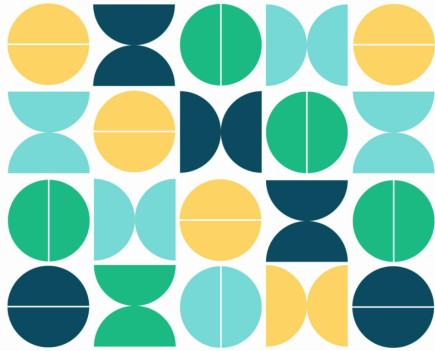
The website *Realtor.com* pulled together **five mid-century Modernist houses** that are on the market for under \$600,000, including the one at right in Doraville GA. The others are in Las Vegas, Carnegie PA, Tulsa OK, and Harrison Township OH.

- A new exhibit at the University of Pennsylvania Stuart Weitzman School of Design in Philadelphia tells the story of **Minerva Parker**, the **first woman to open her own architectural practice in the US**.
- Two authors who produced a map of Brutalist architecture in Paris a few years ago have **a new book out discussing** its historical, political, and cultural significance.
- The firm of the late Zaha Hadid encourages designers **to use artificial intelligence** software, principal **Patrik Schumacher** says.
- If you're traveling in Wisconsin, the **Frank Lloyd Wright** Foundation has a **Trail Tracker** you can use to guide you from town to town to see eight buildings.

Upcoming Events

CHARLOTTE MODERN HOME TOUR

AIA Charlotte



Thursday, May 18th: AIA Charlotte Modern Home Tour, preceded by lunch and a keynote on Mayberry Modernism by **George Smart**, founder of NCModernist.

[Details and tickets.](#)



George Smart, HAIA

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AIA National Conference, San Francisco, June 7-10. USModernist's **George Smart** will speak as the Accidental Archivist on June 7.

The **Glass House Summer Party**, New Canaan CT, Saturday, June 10. [Tickets.](#)

The USModernist Sunday Brunch, New Canaan CT, June 11. Tickets available May 8.

Docomomo US National Symposium, New Haven CT, June 21-24.

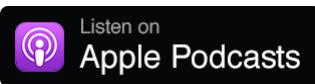
Hairpin Homes' Mid-Century Modern tour of homes in Fort Collins CO is coming up

on June 24. [Tickets and details.](#)

[Helena Arahuete](#) Exhibition, UC Santa Barbara, September 20 - December 17.

Albert Frey: Innovative Modernist. Palm Springs Art Museum Architecture and Design Center, January 11-June 16, 2024.

Latest Podcast



John Patrick Winberry



Michelle Rembolt (L), Angel Kwiatkowski

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We go from New York to Fort Collins CO today, starting with **John Patrick Winberry**, cofounder of the Queens-based UP Studio, and then hanging out with **Michelle Rembolt** and **Angel Kwiatkowski**, founders of the Fort Collins-based Modernist renovators Hairpin Homes, who also have a tour coming up!

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Architect and artist **Abie Harris** (middle) received a special award at the NC State College of Design 75th anniversary gala on April 22. Also honored was **J. Stacy Utley**, public artist and educator.



Gene Brown, who worked in the Raleigh-Durham area for 50 years, **passed away March 27**. He worked in planning at North Carolina State University, which was his alma mater, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He served as Executive Director of the NC Board of Architecture and opened his own practice in 1982.

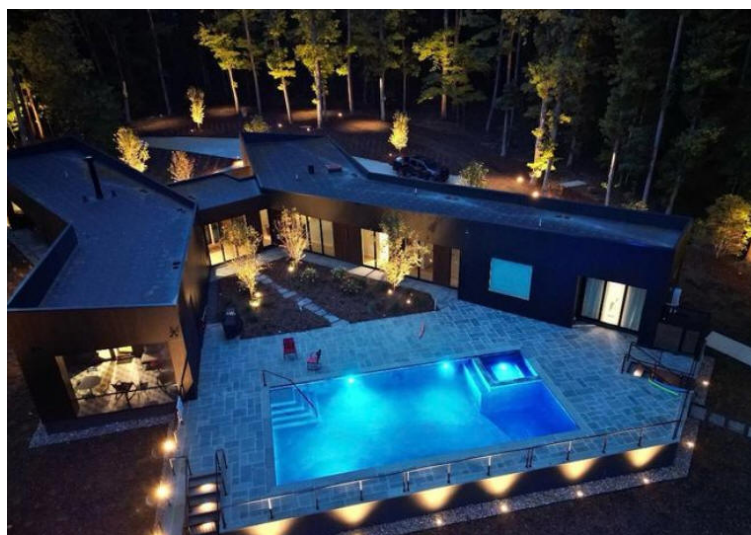


Anyone know who designed this 2010 Modernist renovation to 208 Windel in Raleigh?



North Carolina Realtors and owners of NC Modernist houses can now list - for sale or for rent - on our new completely free [NCModernist database](#).

Listings limited to detached single family Modernist houses, old or new, but the house must be in North Carolina. [Details](#).



Greensboro Modernism - Past and Present!

A Benefit Modernist House Tour

Saturday, June 17, 11am - 5pm

North Carolina's brilliant mid-century Modernist houses are frequently endangered

and often torn down, largely because buyers, sellers, and realtors often do not realize the importance of how to identify, preserve, and protect these livable works of art. You can't save something if you don't know where it is and why it is important.

This two-house tour spanning 1954 to 2022 benefits research work by **NCModernist**, an **award-winning** nonprofit digital archive for owners, students, journalists, researchers, real estate agents, historians, preservationists, architects, and architecture fans to protect and preserve the state's Modernist houses. With documentation on over **5,000 houses**, NCModernist is unrivaled resource for Modernist research and preservation.

This breezy Saturday features the iconic 1954 Loewenstein House, designed by **Edward Loewenstein** - and the 2022 Center Grove House, designed by **STITCH**.


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ARCHITECTUREFIRM | Brooklyn
- 08 AUG 7PM **GABRIELA CARRILLO**
c733 | Taller Gabriela Carrillo | Mexico City
Sponsored by Katherine Hogan Architects
Opening reception with Women in Architecture

July-August: in situ studio's annual summer Raleigh lecture series **is live** for tickets!

[Historic Preservation Easements for Modernist Houses](#)

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. At best, you can get a delay, but the bulldozers can't be fended off for long. In fact, the only way to assure a house is not destroyed is through a very cool document called a preservation easement – essentially a homeowner's association for one house.

Join **Cathleen Turner** of Preservation North Carolina and **George Smart** of NCModernist, with special guest, Modernist homeowner **Jane Levy**, as they share the 1-2-3's to assure your mid-20th-century Modernist house makes it to the mid-21st-century.

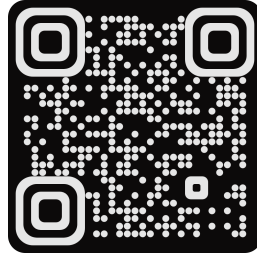
Not in North Carolina? No worries, preservation easements work in every state.



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.

Where are all the North Carolina listings? They're on our new [NCModernist For Sale/Rent database](#).

Realtors and owners can list their NC Modernist houses for sale or rent there for free, and you can browse there anytime you like! Submissions are subject to approval: single family Modernist houses only, they can be old or new, the architect or designer can be from anywhere, but the house must be in North Carolina.



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