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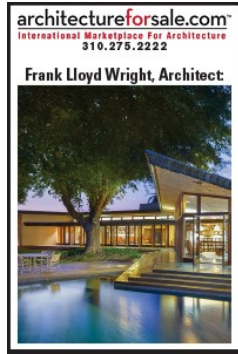


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As we wrap up the Memorial Day weekend, we look and remember architects in the [USModernist](#) and [NCModernist](#) archives who passed away in the last two years.



Two famous mid-century TV houses were in the news this week:

- The Brady Bunch house, which was completely gutted and remodeled by HGTV to mimic the TV series, is [on the market](#).
- The Partridge Family house, which was on a studio backlot, [has been destroyed](#). It was many things on many other shows, too, and its final starring role was in Young Sheldon, as MeeMaw's house destroyed in a tornado.

Return of the Classicists

In 2021, President **Biden** undid President **Trump's executive order** (EO) mandating classical architecture for federal buildings in Washington – and any other federal buildings in the US costing over \$50 million. The reversal restored [reasonable balanced style guidelines](#) that the GSA, the agency responsible for federal buildings, has followed since 1962.

The National Civic Art Society (NCAS), which advocates for exclusively classical design in arts and architecture, and its President, **Justin Shubow**, are widely

considered the authors of Trump's EO, aka Make Federal Buildings Beautiful Again. In 2021, Biden fired Shubow and other Trump appointees on the US Commission on Fine Arts (USCFA), the agency that oversees all federal design decisions in Washington DC.

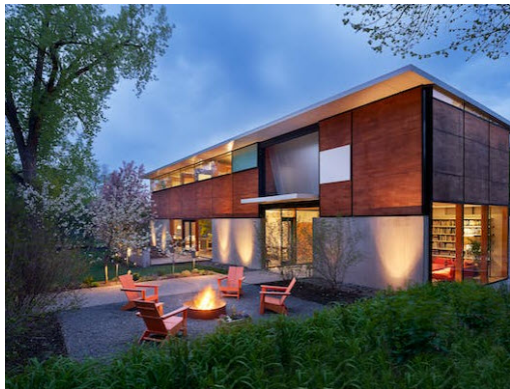
But now, the Classicists are back, with a new bill sponsored by Republican **Jim Banks** of Indiana that does an end-run around the USCFA, establishing a President's Council on Improving Federal Civic Architecture, which would comprise current and former chairs of the Commission of Fine Arts, the Architect of the Capitol, the Commissioner of the Public Building Service of the Administration, and the Chief Architect of the Administration.

The bill denounces Modernist buildings and seeks to codify Greco-Roman styles such as the Capitol and the Supreme Court. Banks told Fox News Digital that "The intentional design of some of our greatest landmarks goes back to our Founding Fathers, who knew the importance architecture played in the establishment of American culture. Requiring all new construction be thoughtfully developed in that same spirit preserves American exceptionalism and ensures federal buildings serve as a beautiful testament to our nation's greatest ideals for generations to come."



Endangered: **Alvar Aalto's** 1958 Church of the Three Crosses in Imatra, a small town in Finland, is considered to be Aalto's most unique church design. The church is

currently up for UNESCO World Heritage status, and it is in desperate need of repair and restoration. The estimated cost is 3-4 million Euros. The church itself does not have the funds and sadly neither the Finnish government nor cultural institutions have offered to help. You can, too. [Details.](#)



For sale: Designed by **Charlie Lazor**, the 2004 Flatpak house near Cedar Lake in Minneapolis was a case study in prefab construction.



For sale: The Robert Siegel House, Wilmington VT, designed by **Myron Goldfinger**. 10.2 acres.



Architect **David Chipperfield** wins the **2023 Pritzker Prize**, architecture's highest honor.



The marvelous Mr. **Marlon Blackwell**.



Bjarke Ingels' firm BIG was **named as architect of a new octagonal port** city in Saudi Arabia, part of the largest and most controversial construction project in history, Neom. Here are **more Neom plans**, shows recently in Venice.



From AD: **Frank Lloyd Wright's** Tiranna in New Caanan CT is **on the market**.



From Archinect: Oops! Somebody **forgot to include the ADA details**. New York City sued architect **Steven Holl Architects** over omitting disability access features in most of the new Hunters Point Library.



The notable *Close to the Edge: The Birth of Hip-Hop Architecture* exhibition, curated by architect, curator, and Director of the Master of Urban Design program at **UNC Charlotte, Sekou Cooke**, will travel to Los Angeles this summer with help from the **Southern California Chapter of the National Organization of Minority Architects**.

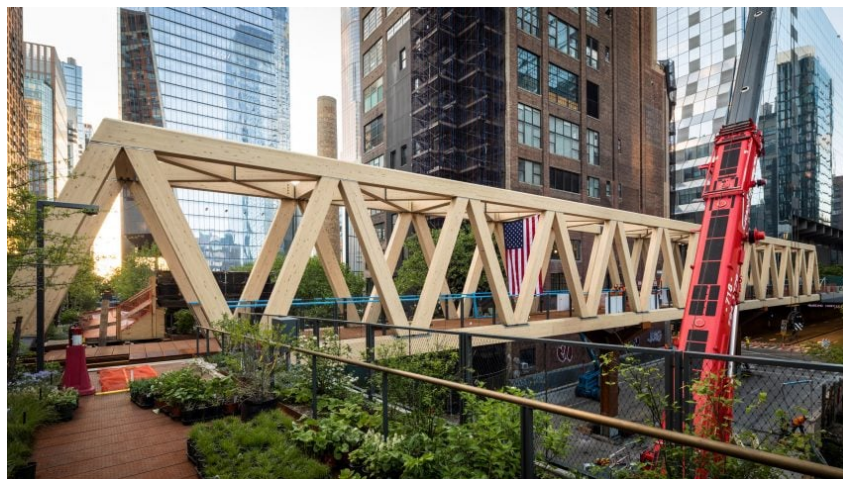


See Mona Kuhn's exhibition on **Rudolph Schindler's** Kings Road House:

Ground floor: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RM37r-eITZs>

First Floor: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S23AvYfMLJk>

Second Floor: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ro8NwwK5wQ>



From Dezeen: SOM **completes a new wooden bridge** on the High Line in New York City.

- Are you ready for climate change? **Not unless you have this sofa and ottoman.**
- Hey architects! **It's the mother of all house design competitions:** With a world-class jury, your house design could win 250,000 Euros. Open to all, regardless of professional qualifications or geographical location, this competition, in partnership with the Dubai Government, aims to reshape the future of housing in Dubai. The challenge is to inspire designs that uniquely echo the cultural, geographical, and architectural elements of the region. **Deadline June 7.**
- There's a **new couple on the design** scene in Sarasota.
- What you get when **combining Modernism and PassiveHaus.**
- The national AIA is helping Congress pick a new Architect of the Capitol. **According to press reports,** that person supervises an astonishing 2,000 people.
- Under the weight of all those buildings, NYC is sinking! One to two millimeters a year. Should we worry? **Yes.**

Upcoming Events



Last Saturday, May 27, the National Building Museum opened a major new long-term exhibition, **BRICK CITY**, created entirely from LEGO® bricks. Celebrating iconic architecture from cities around the world, **BRICK CITY** features 37 carefully recreated constructions created by UK-based artist **Warren Elsmore**. The exhibition will be on display at the National Building Museum for two years.

Modernism Road Rally, including the Farnsworth House, June 24. [Details.](#)

West Coast Modern Week, Vancouver BC, Canada, July 4-9. [Tickets and details.](#)

Indianapolis Back to the Future Modernist Home Tour, July 8. [Tickets and details.](#)

Helena Arahuete Exhibition, UC Santa Barbara, September 20 - December 17.
Details TBA.

DOCOMOMO-US Cape Cod Modernist houses, October 6-8. [Tickets and details.](#)

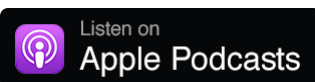
DOCOMOMO-US hosts a trip to Brazil October 12-23. [Tickets and details.](#)

La Jolla Modernism Tour, October 14. Details TBA.

Modernism Week Preview Weekend, Palm Springs, October 19-22. Details TBA.

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

Latest Podcast





#302/Architecture Critics Alexandra Lange + Paul Goldberger

Alexandra Lange is an award-winning architectural critic for Curbed.com and the author of several books on architecture and America's built environment. A graduate of NYU's Institute of Fine Arts and a former Loeb Fellow in the Harvard University Graduate School of Design, her most recent book is *Meet Me by the Fountain: An Inside History of the Mall*.

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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**.

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31 JUL 7PM	LOCAL MATTERS <small>Local leaders discuss local matters</small>
02 AUG 7PM	PHILIP KAFKA <small>Prince Concepts Detroit Sponsored by The Raleigh Architecture and Construction Companies</small>
03 AUG 7PM	REBECCA POPOWSKY <small>OLIN Labs Philadelphia</small>
04 AUG 7PM	CORY HENRY <small>Atelier Cory Henry Los Angeles Sponsored by NCSU School of Architecture Opening reception with NC NOMA</small>
07 AUG 7PM	ADAM RUFFIN <small>ARCHITECTUREFIRM Brooklyn</small>
08 AUG 7PM	GABRIELA CARRILLO <small>c733 Taller Gabriela Carrillo Mexico City Sponsored by Katherine Hogan Architects Opening reception with Women in Architecture</small>



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.

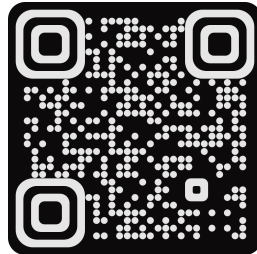
Not in North Carolina? No worries, preservation easements work in every state.

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.

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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