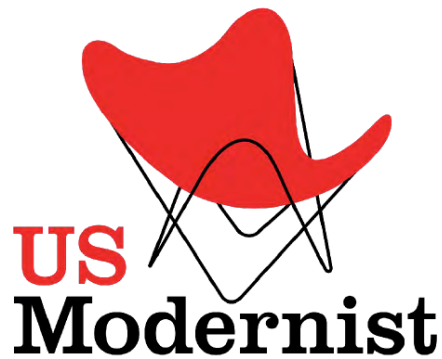


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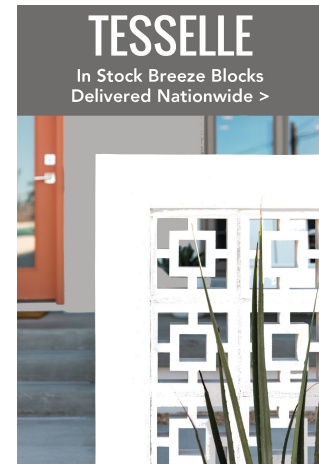
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Bay Area Modernism Weekend!

Exciting Modernist House Tours, Saturday, September 21

Bluff House Sunset Cocktail Party, Sunday, September 22 Los

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MODAPALOOZA

Raleigh/Durham NC

Saturday, September 14, 8-5pm

An All-Women-Designed Modernist Architecture Tour

(the first in the nation!)

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Enjoy a great day touring eight exciting new and renovated Modernist houses around Raleigh, Durham, Hillsborough, and Chapel Hill NC – without the hassle of driving, parking, and finding your way around. At the houses, you'll meet these talented architects and designers, including: [Arielle Schechter](#), [Erin Sterling Lewis](#), [Katherine Hogan](#), [Sharon Xu](#), [Alicia Hylton-Daniel](#), [Rebecca Necessary](#), and [Jessie Braverman](#). Modapalooza includes the delightful company of Modernist architecture fans plus coffee and bagels / a USModernist tote bag with snacks / bottled water / a delicious lunch / free WiFi / in our luxury, restroom-equipped, air-conditioned fleet of buses. Proceeds benefit NCMModernist. From the Raleigh News and Observer: architect [Arielle Schechter](#) talking about [her work and the Modapalooza](#) tour.

Act now - only one bus left! [Details and tickets.](#)

Modernist News



How often do you get Modernist architecture and pro wrestling in one film? *When Giants Walked Here* is a feature-length documentary about professional wrestling at Dorton Arena in Raleigh NC, designed by **Matthew Nowicki**. PBS North Carolina will air and stream the film starting August 8. Raleigh's Dorton Arena is famed the world over for its groundbreaking hyperbolic paraboloid architecture. Its greatest untold legacy, however, is in history of pro wrestling. This documentary chronicles the rise and fall of pro wrestling at the iconic venue, examining its impact on generations of fans, competitors, and the sport itself. **Watch the trailer**. Or attend the **special preview screening** in Raleigh on August 6.



The House With the Plywood Skin, which **Lawrence Test** designed in 1949 in Pasadena CA using a range of plywoods for his plywood-company-executive client, **is for sale for**

\$1.6M. Heralded landscape architect **Garrett Eckbo** designed the landscaping.



In Durham NC, the City Council **posted three proposals for redeveloping** the site of **Milton Small's** 1957 **Home Security Life Insurance Building**. All had versions keeping the building but two offered alternatives that would destroy it. Preservation Durham and other advocates including NCModernist have been working hard to encourage keeping the landmark building.



Take a walk in history to see four 1957 houses that **John Storr** designed in a Portland OR neighborhood. **Four couples pooled money to hire Storr** then drew lots to see who got which one.



Architect and landscape architect **Richard Bergmann** who was a fixture in design and preservation in New Canaan CT, **died July 4th in Venice FL**. One of Bergmann's residential designs, the 1979 Latham House, above, is part of New Canaan CT's internationally known midcentury-modern architecture.



A 1972 mountain house in Highlands NC designed by **Jim Fox** has gone on the market at \$3M. One of the previous owners was actor **Burt Reynolds**, who bought it after filming *Deliverance* in the region.



Featured [on theHooked on the Past website](#) but never built is [Frank Lloyd Wright's](#) 1912 design for *San Francisco Call Building*. This newspaper went through name changes before becoming part of the *San Francisco Examiner*.

[Frank Lloyd Wright](#) said your car should reflect your station in life – a 1929 Cord limo in his case and 13-horsepower runabouts for his Taliesin students.



The reuse of the Battersea Power Station in London is one of 26 projects in the United Kingdom that won [2024 Royal Institute of British Architects National Awards](#).



Architect **Iván Bravo** designed this [cloven cube house in Futrono, Chile](#), last year for a couple who had an ongoing relationship but always kept separate apartments in Santiago.



Know of an endangered Modernist house in your neighborhood, city, or state? Through our preservation alert program, **Modernism In Danger**, USModernist calls attention to the Modernist houses around the country that are at risk for deterioration, demolition, or inappropriate renovation (like turning your Modernist house into an Italianate villa). [Tell us about Modernist houses in trouble.](#)



Auction through July 29: A signed record from the personal collection of **Nancy Sinatra!** An autographed biography of legendary architect **William Krisel!** These are just a small sampling of the items up for a fundraising auction sponsored by the nonprofit Mainspring Narrative Films, the folks who produced *New England Modernism* to finance their next Modernism-related films. Winning bidders receive amazing items or experiences plus actually take part in documenting important architecture history and trends - AND get their names in the credits of two new short films to be released in 2025: *Curating Modernism* and *Metamorphosis of a Modernist*. [Visit the auction portal and bid!](#)

In Wichita KS, a swimming pool that architect **Charles McAfee** designed for the Black community during segregation is being refurbished by the city and McAfee's family, including his two architect daughters.



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Modernist fans know that MCM refers to midcentury modern, that period of time in the middle of the 20th century. Now there's a term for the middle of the 21st century - M21M defines Modernist houses starting now and going through about 2070.



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- The Village of Southampton Architectural Review Board (ARB) continues to pursue landmarking of five Modernist houses, three by **Norman Jaffe**, and one each by **Myron Goldfinger** and **Ward Bennett**. The next meeting is Monday, August 12, 6pm ET. This often-dramatic discussion tends to be at the end of the meeting, between 8pm and 930pm. [Watch it over Zoom](#).
- The **Generic Portable Tiny Home Luxury Studio** includes a kitchen, a bathroom, and a living room that doubles as a sleeping area for under \$30,000 at Amazon. Modern amenities include a digital shower, an electric skylight, and a front porch.
- Winners have been announced in [the Underbridge Housing Challenge](#) to create affordable community beneath bridges.
- The Society of Architectural Historians is backing an effort by DOCOMOMO and others [to have New York City give landmark designation to interior public spaces](#) at the former Whitney Museum of American Art. Marcel Breuer and Hamilton Smith designed the museum between 1964 and 1966.
- In Oberlin, OH, a **Frank Lloyd Wright** house owned by Oberlin College gives FLW fans [one chance a month to see inside](#). It's the 1947 Weltzheimer/Johnson House, which today is a guest house for the college's Art Department.
- For your consideration: An argument that midcentury Modernist homes sprouting in California [get at least some credit for the look](#) of **Fred Flintstone's** Bedrock.

One thing even devout Classicists and Modernists agree on is that New York's Penn Station should have never been destroyed. USModernist presented a Zoom talk with legendary architecture photographer Norman McGrath, who was there during the demolition, taking photos, in the early 1960s. Enjoy!

Upcoming Events



This Thursday, July 18: Thirst4Architecture Happy Hour, 5-7pm, at 1410 Duplin, Raleigh. Enjoy food and refreshments in a brand new **Nick Hammer** House. Sponsored by **Doro Taylor**, daughter of architect **Ben Taylor**. Free, **registration required**. Enter HAMMER on the form. *Registration ends at 5pm ET today.*

Wednesday, July 24: The George Matsumoto Prize Awards, 6-8pm, at **Leland Little Auctions**, Hillsborough NC. Sponsored by Fitch Lumber and MARVIN. Enjoy wine and appetizers as you peruse Leland Little's extensive array of Modernist art and furniture which goes on auction the next day. Free, **registration required**. Enter PRIZE on the form. *Registration closes Thursday, July 18, 5pm ET.*

July 28-August 6: RealMatter lecture series in Raleigh NC, sponsored by in situ studio and MYRIAD. Free. **Details.**

August 11, 10-4pm. Hamptons Modernist House Tour, sponsored by Hamptons Cottages and Gardens and by **Hamptons 20th Century Modern**. USModernist's **George Smart** will be leading a panel and recording podcasts. VIP event on August 10. **Details and tickets.**

August 18: Mid Mod Iowa, Des Moines IA. Tour of the **3660 Grand Avenue condo** built in 1956. 3660 was designed by Brooks Borg Architects and Engineers. This firm started in the late 1890's as Proudfoot and Bird, which transitioned through Proudfoot Bird and Rawson, PB Brooks Borg, Brooks Borg and Skiles, to their present BBS Architects and Engineers. **Details and tickets.**

August 22, 5-7pm: **Thirst4Architecture Tiki Party!** At the Ark Royal, Raleigh's premiere tiki lounge, where there's a tropical getaway in every glass. Sponsored by **Anna Hartwell** of Hartwell Financial Group and **Jeni Snider** of NCSnider Law. Limited to 60 people. Free, **registration required**. Enter TIKI on the form.

September 7: AIA Triangle Tour of Residential Architecture. Details coming soon.

September 14, 8-5pm: Modapalooza Modernist Bus Tour, Raleigh/Durham NC. The nation's first all-women-designed Modernist House tour! [Details and tickets.](#)

September 13-15: Hollin Hills Celebrates **Charles M. Goodman**, a prominent and nationally influential architect, through panels, discussions, and tours. Tickets are now available [here](#).

September 14: Atomic Ranch sponsors a visit to and talk about the Bellevue WA home of architect **George Bell**. [Ticket information.](#)

September 15-17: AIA Regional Conference, ASPIRE, Asheville NC. Fascinating Keynote speakers **Erin Brokovich**, tech guru **Beth Ziesenis**, and investor/advisor **Evelyn Lee**. [Details.](#)

September 21-22: USModernist Moon Over Modernism Bay Area Modernist House Tours and Sunset Cocktail Party. Los Altos, Portola Valley, Tiburon CA. Five Extraordinary Modernist Houses on a Special Benefit Weekend for USModernist. [Details and tickets!](#)

September 27, 5pm. Modapalooza Wine-Tasting Challenge at a beautiful Raleigh Modernist house. Featuring wines that are either \$15 or \$50. Your challenge: figure out which is which! *Details coming soon.*

September 28-October 6: Atlanta Design Festival, Atlanta GA. [Details.](#)

September 30: The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York. Through March 16. Materialized Space: A **Paul Rudolph** Exhibition, featuring his Modernist Sarasota houses to his controversial Brutalist buildings and later international projects featuring unpublished drawings, models, and furniture. Based on the new book by **Abraham Thomas**. *Details coming soon.*

October 17, 5-7pm: **Thirst4Architecture Happy Hour!** Ambiente Modern Furniture, Raleigh NC. Ambiente started as a Scandinavian Furniture Store 30 years ago. Now they have modern furniture from all over the world; Italy, Germany, United States, Norway and Denmark, more than 200 manufacturers. Free, [registration required](#). Enter

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October 5: The La Jolla Modernism Tour, La Jolla CA. USModernist is a sponsor! Join USModernist's **Michela O'Connor-Abrams** to explore stunning Modernist houses in La Jolla and a cocktail party in an incredible house, soon to be announced. [Details.](#)

October 17, 5-7pm. [Thirst4Architecture](#) at Ambiente Modern Furniture, 210 Hampton Woods Lane, Raleigh NC. Ambiente started as a Scandinavian furniture store 30 years ago. Now they have modern furniture from Italy, Germany, United States, Norway, and Denmark, more than 200 manufacturers. Free, [registration required.](#)

October 24-27: Modernism Week Preview Weekend, Palm Springs CA. [Tickets go on sale August 1.](#)

November 14-16: WestEdge Design Fair, Santa Monica CA. [Details.](#)

November 14-17: Architecture Sarasota Weekend, Sarasota FL. Registration open now for members; open to the public on August 1. [Information.](#) [Details and tickets.](#)

At the **National Building Museum in Washington DC:** [Frank Lloyd Wright's Southwestern Pennsylvania](#) through March 17, and [Capital Brutalism](#) through February 17.

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#361/New Modernism in Palm Springs: Architects Michael Kiner + Mark Daniels

We've had many shows on the great midcentury architects of Palm Springs, people like **Chambers, Clark, Cody, Frey, Krisel, Sackley, Wexler, White, Williams**, and the last man standing, **Hugh Kaptur**. But that was the 20th century, and we're in the 21st. In fact, we're pretty near mid-century in the 21st, so today, you'll hear from two of today's Palm Springs architects, **Michael Kiner** and **Mark Daniels**. They create houses that Modernist fans will be fondly touring and doing podcasts about – 30 years from now.

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The July 25 online Modernist auction at Leland Little includes these paintings by **Abie Harris**, **Jillian Goldberg**, and **John Hiigli**, all sold to benefit NCModernist.

Preservation easements are like a homeowner's association for just one house and are the only legally enforceable way in most jurisdictions to keep a Modernist house from being destroyed in the future. National Register status? Famous architect? Local historic designation or tax credits? At best, these things may delay demolition six months to a year but they won't stop it. Here's the Zoom video presentation featuring Preservation North Carolina and NCModernist, along with **Jane Levy**, Greensboro Modernist homeowner.

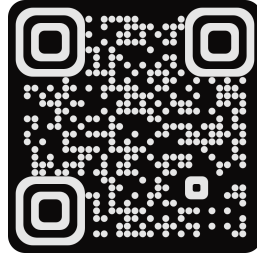
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