



Triangle Modernist Houses
A Nonprofit Educational Archive for Modernist Residential Design in
Raleigh / Durham / Chapel Hill NC

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Hello Everyone,

· From the New Raleigh blog, a piece about AIANC's Heather Vance's quest for a seat on the Raleigh Planning Commission.

· The DWELL NextHouse October 4Tour is only a few weeks away. Tickets for the 1140am tour are sold out and other time slots are selling fast! This wondrous 5000-square foot house on 13 acres is normally inaccessible to the public, even to drive by, because it is on a private road. TMH offers a chance to see this amazing home with has 4 bedrooms, 4.5 baths, and a kitchen/dining/living area with adjoining decks on the main level, family room and office. It includes unique design elements such as a secret loft above the Master Bedroom, a special screened deck off of the main level living room, large windows that show off the beautiful woods, green elements, and cutting-edge design. This is a rare tour opportunity! [Advance tickets](#) are \$4.95, available through the online box office: www.trianglemodernisthouses.com/register.



Kind regards,
George Smart
Editor

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About Triangle Modernist Houses (TMH)

TMH is a nonprofit educational archive for cataloging, preserving, and advocating modernist residential design in the Triangle area of North Carolina. We have more modernist houses than anywhere else with the exception of LA, New Canaan CT, and Chicago. Because of Dean Henry Kamphoefner's vision in the late 1940's for a School of Design at North Carolina State University, modernist style to grew and flourished here for several decades.

A unique combination of construction and art, modernist houses are being torn down in record numbers as more "McMansions" are built on the ever more valuable land. It is a tremendous artistic tragedy. Through this extensive website, public tours, and educational programs, TMH is committed to restoring and growing modernist architecture in the Triangle.

With information from public records, published reports, interviews, and our readers, TMH provides extensive detail on 117 architects with over 1900 photographs of 476 rarely seen homes. Since its debut in October 2007, TMH has been featured by Preservation North Carolina, many local design blogs, and will be part of an upcoming article in Wallpaper magazine. In May, TMH won an Award of Merit from the Preservation Society of Chapel Hill.

Since the 1950's, the Triangle has been one of the most active areas for "cool houses" – contemporary homes characterized by large common areas and windows, extensive use of natural light, and aesthetic geometric forms. The Triangle has one of the foremost collections of these cool houses in the country – along with LA, Chicago, Englewood CO, New Canaan CT, and Seattle.

Yet, these wonderful structures – works of art, really – are being torn down in record numbers. As "McMansions" are constructed on the valuable land inside the circular Beltline highway around Raleigh, these cool houses are often the victims. "Without public knowledge and exposure to these modernist houses, which most people don't know exist," says founder George Smart, "they won't be sold to loving owners. They will be torn down for the land value. It is a tremendous artistic tragedy."

Smart points to the sad story of the internationally famous [Eduardo Catalano House](#), constructed in 1954. After years of neglect it was destroyed in 2001 and three homes built on its site. Offering a retrospective of modernist residential design unmatched by any online resource,

TMH includes: [Eduardo Catalano](#), [Terry Waugh](#), [George Matsumoto](#), [James Fitzgibbon](#), [Milton Small](#), [Macon Smith](#), [Leif Valand](#), [Harwell Hamilton Harris](#), [Carter Williams](#), and [Robert Burns](#) – plus [Brian Shawcroft](#), [Thomas Crowder](#), [Kenneth Hobgood](#), [Will Alphin](#), [Vincent Petrarca](#), [Frank Harmon](#), [Ellen Cassilly](#), [Louis Cherry](#), [Robert "Judge" Carr](#), [Ellen Weinstein](#) and many more.

TMH's recent home tours attracted 450 architecture enthusiasts from all over North Carolina. Contact Editor George Smart at (919) 740-8407 or george@trianglemodernisthouses.com.