



# Triangle Modernist Houses

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

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information.

Through a collaboration with Dawson Publications, AIANC announced their publication “Architext” will revert to the previous NC Architect that was published by Bernie Reeves, left, founder of the Spectator and current founder of Metro Magazine. In 1982, Reeves, son of [Ralph Reeves](#), started NC Architect to serve the statewide membership of the AIANC. The new magazine run by Dawson will be full-color with news, stories, and



Please consider expressing support for Heather Vance’s appointment to Raleigh Planning Commission. These nonpartisan appointments are critical to the future of how Raleigh will look -- what gets built and where. As pointed out by the blog New Raleigh, the Planning Commission is composed of mostly developers or developers’ consultants and needs people with planning background. Vance has a degree in planning as well as the professional certification in the field (AICP). She has worked as a transportation

planning consultant and as a local government planner. She currently is the Communications Director for the American Institute of Architects, North Carolina chapter. She is a graduate of the College of Design, Architecture, Art, and Planning (DAAP) at the University of Cincinnati, and has a background in Urban Studies and Planning. She has worked with planning, design and engineering firms in Ohio and North Carolina. Her background in Urban Planning and Design makes her well-suited for the Planning Commission. The City Council votes on Planning Commission appointments, unpaid positions which can take up to 200 hours a year. To express your support for Heather Vance, send an email to the Entire City Council at [Citycouncilor@ci.raleigh.nc.us](mailto:Citycouncilor@ci.raleigh.nc.us).



**The DWELL  
NextHouse Tour  
happens in less than  
two weeks (Saturday,  
October 4)! Tickets  
are moving fast - for  
example, the 1140am  
time slot is sold out.  
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. See photo below. TMH offers a chance to see this amazing home with 4 bedrooms, 4.5 baths, and a kitchen/dining/living area, adjoining decks on the main level, a family room and an office. It includes 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, and TMH has just learned it is now for sale, \$1.6M. [Advance tickets](#) are \$4.95, available [here](#).**

The October 4 Tour is Sponsored by:



## About Triangle Modernist Houses (TMH)

TMH is a nonprofit educational archive for cataloguing, 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.

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