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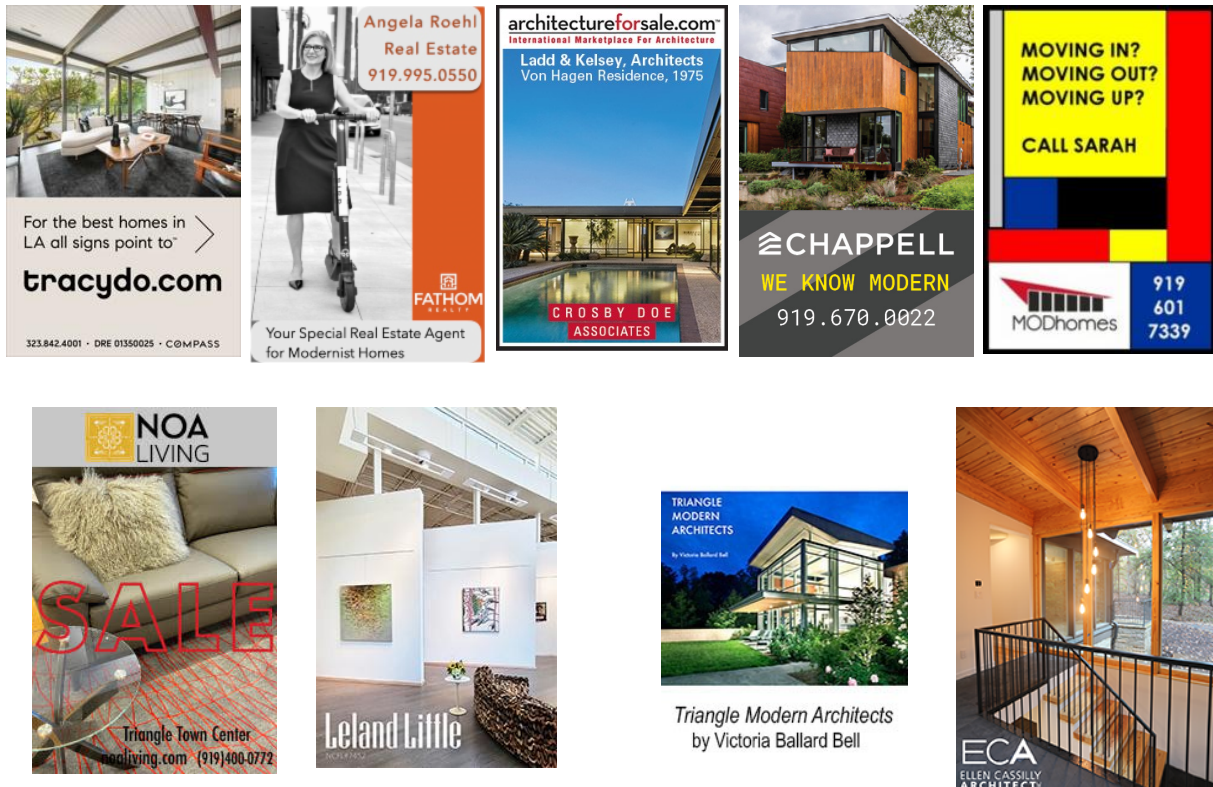
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Share news about Modernist houses and buildings with the USModernist community! Send a link and a quick note to **Ron Gallagher** at **rpg.modernist@gmail.com**.

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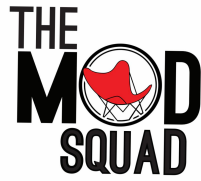


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Join the USModernist Mod Squad and provide financial support for the documentation, preservation, and promotion of residential Modernist architecture. [Details.](#)

Featured Events



Thirst4Architecture Parties are back!

Thursday, May 19, 6-8pm. The Vault Craft Beer, 518 West South Street, Raleigh. A brand new craft beer destination located in a former **Carter Williams**-designed bank. [Here's the history.](#) Free!

NCModernist connects hundreds of people within the Modernist-architecture-loving public through monthly social events called Thirst4Architecture (T4A). These exciting, informal events are free to participants. We welcome Modernist homeowners, architects, artists, designers, realtors, engineers, contractors, property investors, building managers, materials and furniture dealers — anyone with a huge crush on great architecture. T4A events focus on building relationships, sharing passion about good design, creating strategic alliances, and connecting people. There are no presentations - just come join the fun and make new design friends.



Saturday, June 4: Modernist Winston-Salem NC! **SOLD OUT!** [Get on the waiting list.](#) Sponsored by:



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Endangered Modernist Houses



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May is National Preservation Month! Help USModernist locate more endangered Modernist houses throughout the US. How can you help? Join [the Mod Squad](#) to support our advocacy work, [volunteer](#) to be on our research team, or [submit an abandoned or deteriorated Modernist house](#).



The 1958 Connell House, Pebble Beach CA, designed by [Richard Neutra](#). For over 10 years, the owner has wanted to destroy it for a new house. Strong public opposition delayed formal demolition, but the house is vacant and left open for vandals.



The Breuer Family Cottage in Wellfleet MA on Cape Cod (also where [Marcel Breuer](#) is buried), has been deteriorating for years and is vacant.



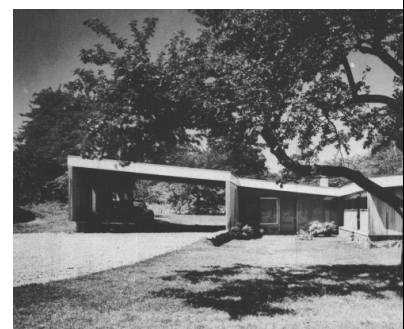
The 1953 Elliott House, Walton Hills OH, designed by [Richard Neutra](#). Sold last in 2009, it's been unoccupied for many years.



The 1970 Deane House in Great Neck NY, designed by [Paul Rudolph](#), is vacant, has been fenced



The 1961 Burke House, Centre Island NY. Project architect, [Benjamin Thompson](#) for [Walter](#)



The 1951 Hanson House in Huntington NY, designed by [Marcel Breuer](#), is not in good

off, and portions of it
have collapsed.

Gropius' firm, TAC.
Vacant, seriously
deteriorated, and for sale.

condition.



USModernist has a really small staff - we can't do it all without the help of our passionate wonderful dedicated volunteers! You can be part of our team documenting, preserving, and celebrating Modernist residential design across the country.

Field Research Agents: From the comfort of your laptop, car, or both, research Modernist houses in Los Angeles, CT, Palm Springs, Asheville NC, and Wilson NC. Contact Carie Chesarino at **carie@usmodernist.org**.

Event Volunteers: Greet people and process tickets for registration at our events. Rainmaker: Turbocharge our fundraising contacts and infrastructure! Contact Rebekah Laney at **rebekah@usmodernist.org**.

Share The Story: Introduce us to family or public foundations who want to save Modernist architecture. Contact George Smart at **george@usmodernist.org**.

News



There's famous, and then there's iconic. Thanks to Slim Aaron's photo, **Richard Neutra's** 1946 Kaufmann House in Palm Springs is in second category, and **now it's sold** for a tad over \$13.06M, a town record.



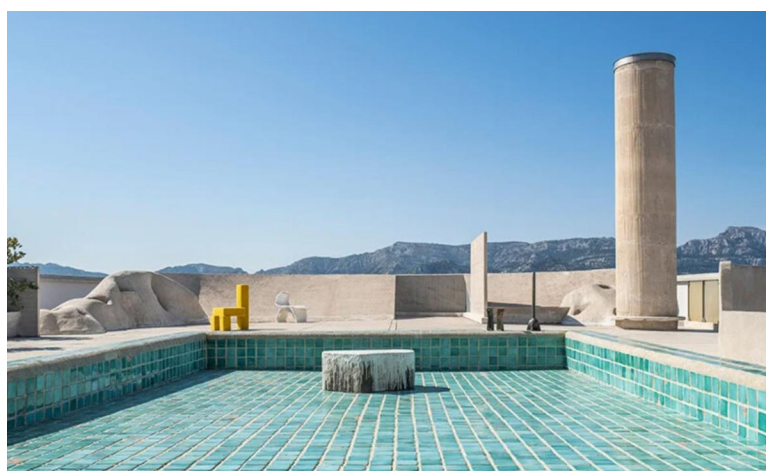
One of the three homes that **Frank Lloyd Wright** designed in Virginia has gone up for sale, **the Cooke House** in Virginia Beach that he designed in 1953 and that was built in 1959. Listed at \$3M.



Boston gets **some architectural pizzazz** with three distinctive new buildings, including Boston University's new data sciences center designed by **KPMB**.

[Frank Lloyd Wright: America's Greatest Architect? | The Man Who Built America | Timeline](#)

A free documentary titled *Frank Lloyd Wright: America's Greatest Architect?* **is available** online.



For the 70th anniversary of **Le Corbusier**'s design of the Cité Radieuse housing project in Marseilles, a group of designers and artists have placed works

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interpreting his theories of resonances and dissonances.



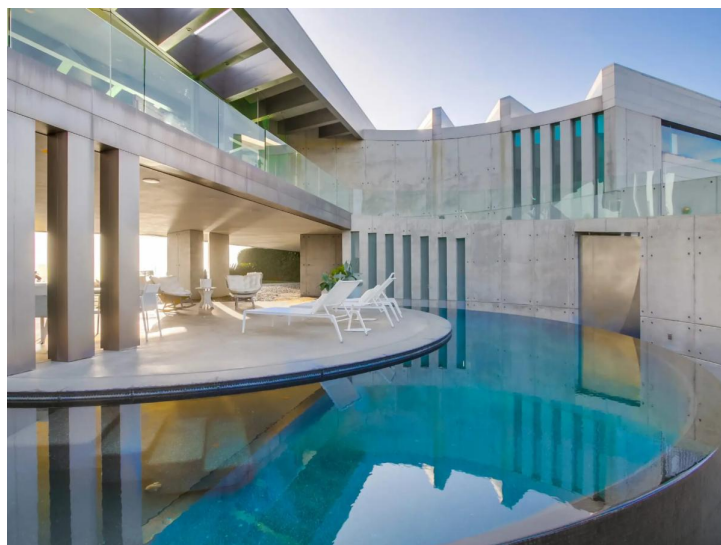
A design by **Bjarke Ingels** Group and SAMOO Architects and Engineers has been released for the planned floating city in South Korea that will be known as **Oceanix Busan**.



Archinect offers **a look** at a Charlottesville VA building considered the largest mass-timber structure in the eastern US. William **William McDonough + Partners** designed it.



A circular courtyard **became a circular kitchen** when new owners renovated a 1960s house in Los Altos Hills, west of San Jose CA.



Another **California mansion with a TV pedigree** is on the market. The Crescent House by **Wallace Cunningham** – named for its crescent-shaped infinity pool – appeared in an episode of HBO's *Westworld* series.



Norman Jaffe is often associated with the Hamptons, at the eastern end of Long Island NY, where he designed numerous Modernist homes, but he worked closer to New York City too, including [this Nassau County house](#).



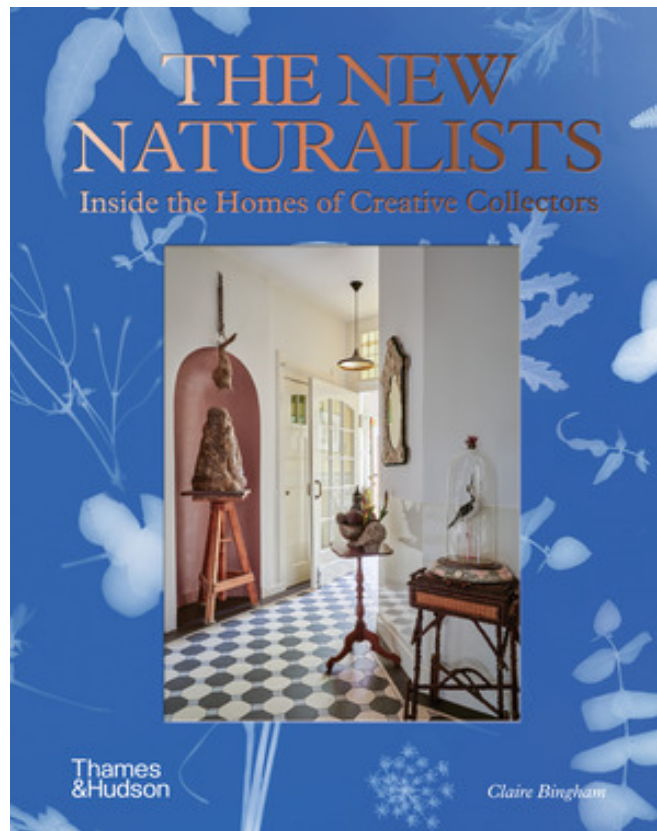
Construction started in San Jose CA on a landscaped rooftop garden and green atrium in a 20-story **Kengo Kuma**-designed building



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Many thanks to our [Preservation Mirage](#) for supports of the USModernist [William Cody archive](#). This important preservation nonprofit celebrates the architectural history of Rancho Mirage by promoting its protection and appreciation.



Available May 24: *The New Naturalists/Inside the Homes of Creative Collectors*, by **Claire Bingham**. This book offers a glimpse inside twenty homes of the most interesting and creative contemporary collectors, revealing the stories behind their collections and how they celebrate their love of nature in their everyday spaces.



New to the **USModernist** archives:
Elizabeth Scheu Close of
Minneapolis MN.



New to the **NCModernist** archives:
Cynthia Bostick of Kannapolis NC.

- LA's **Cultural Heritage Commission** ecommended that **Rudolph Schindler's** 1934 Oliver House on North Micheltorena Street go on to the city's Historic-Cultural Monument List.
- **Ellen DeGeneres and Portia Rossi** have **sold their neighbor a mid-century Modernist home**, designed by Robert Skinner, in Beverly Hills for \$8.8M eight months after they bought it for \$8.5M.
- A Connecticut architect **reflects on the fluidity** of architecture and styles.
- The Society of Architectural Historians **named 2022 winners** for publications and for film and video.
- A different aspect of Bauhaus design: **typefaces inspired by Modernist principles**.
- The City of Durham extended until May 23 the deadline for development proposals for the **1957 Milton Small-designed** Home Security Life building that most recently was the city's police headquarters.
- *Dezeen* has begun a series that looks at the **20th-century movement known as deconstructivist architecture**. **Frank Gehry, Zaha Hadid**, and **Rem Koolhaas** were

among its leaders.

Upcoming Events



Modern Houses of North Carolina

May 19, 2022 | 5-7 PM

Natty Greene's
345 S Elm St
Greensboro, NC 27401

drinks + light hors d'oeuvres

STITCH
DESIGN SHOP



Thursday, May 19, 5-7pm, Natty Greene's, 345 South Elm Street, Greensboro NC. NCModernist's **George Smart** speaks on Mayberry Modernism. Hosted by STITCH. Free, **registration required.**



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Sunday, May 22 - Preservation Durham's 2022 Home Tour. **Tickets and details.**

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Sunday, May 22 - NCModernist Pickup Day! Need more room in your home, attic, basement, office, or oh-so-expensive storage unit? NCModernist's [Rebekah Laney](#) is on the road throughout central North Carolina to pick up donations of **Modernist furniture, art, architecture magazines, and architecture books.**

What could be easier? Rebekah comes to you, and you get a super nice tax deduction! Plus, your patient spouse – who's been bugging you for years (perhaps decades) to clean things out – will be thrilled! Email [Rebekah Laney](#) or call 865.414.5800 to share what you have and schedule a pickup.



Friday, June 9: New York is on the move again—and there is no better place to celebrate the power of place than Moynihan Train Hall. This year, in commemoration of Open House New York's expanded mission and twentieth anniversary, the Open City Benefit will bring together hundreds of high-profile New Yorkers for a festive evening of community, dinner, and entertainment. [Details.](#)

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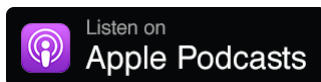
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#247/Designer **Dakota Jackson** + Musical Guest **Krisanthi Pappas**

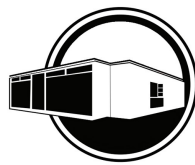
Some architects in the early days of Modernism designed their own furniture, among them **Frank Lloyd Wright**, **Rudolph Schindler**, and **Richard Neutra**. Today, with a few exceptions, Modernist architects stay out of the furniture biz and rely on talented people like today's guest, legendary furniture designer **Dakota Jackson**. Later on, a little slow dancing with musical guest **Krisanthi Pappas**.

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Three dormitories at the [Charlotte Hawkins Brown Museum/Palmer Memorial Institute](#) in Sedalia NC (Alamance County), founded in 1902 as an agricultural school for Black students and a prep school until closing in 1971 – are on this year's list of [America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places](#).



**MATSUMOTO
PRIZE**

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The submissions are in! Stay tuned for June to vote for your favorite house.

Mark your calendars for the 2022 Matsumoto Awards Party, **Thursday, July 28**, at Leland Little Auctions in Hillsborough NC. You'll see their amazing new state of the art auction building, designed by Richard Gurlitz, explore their galleries including a

new classic car showroom, jewelry, and collector wines.

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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. The architect for each house, if known, is in brackets.

1957, [1306 Mason Farm Road, Chapel Hill](#) [[Sumner Winn](#)]

2020, [8804 Highhill Road, Raleigh](#)

1965, [3307 Gaston Road, Greensboro](#) [[Edward Loewenstein](#)]

1949, [2638 Portland Ave, Charlotte](#)

2022, [2810 Huntingtowne Farms Lane, Charlotte](#)

2022, [30 Fern Street, Asheville](#)

2022, [8 Array Drive, Chapel Hill](#)

1970, [205 Chadwick Drive, Jamestown](#)

2007, [248 Rough Knob Loop Drive, Linville](#)

2021, **3418 Edgemont Drive, Raleigh** [Tony Fraser]

2019, **834 Fisher Boulevard North, Kure Beach**

2016, **1674 Preserve Road, Sylva** [Carlton-Edwards]

1949, **604 North Main Street, Louisburg** [Lustron]

1964, **410 North Harrell Street Wallace**

2022, **2116 Ridge Road, Raleigh**

1982, **5312 Farrington Road, Chapel Hill** [C S Witt]

1979, **5709 Trimmings Court, Charlotte**

1966, **20 Pine Valley Circle, Pinehurst**

1949, **2638 Portland Ave, Charlotte**

1951, **1102 East 13th Street, Kannapolis**

1975, **10 Virginia Road, Littleton** [B.A. Farrell]

2022, **8 Array Drive, Chapel Hill**

1972, **310 Coffey St North, Wilkesboro** [Aiji Tashiro]

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