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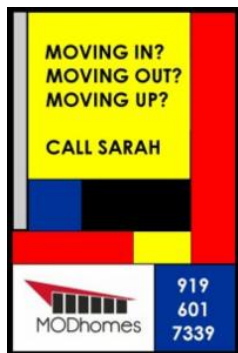
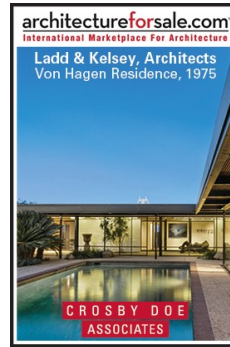
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Featured Event



Saturday, June 11, 9am-1pm. Sholtz House Tour, 3550 Hamstead, Durham. In 1946, [Donald J. Scholz](#) founded Scholz Homes in Toledo OH for the burgeoning demand created by the legions of returning soldiers from WWII. Although not a formally trained architect or even an engineer, Scholz was influenced by Modernist architects like [Mies van der Rohe](#) and [Frank Lloyd Wright](#).

His California Contemporary ranch homes featured strong horizontal lines and were offered in several styles to appeal to a broad array of tastes. Scholz even incorporated home decorating into the services he offered, and home buyers had the option of having the company decorate and furnish the house and provide it in

move-in condition.

Like this one from 1957? It's gonna be for sale. [Details and tickets.](#)

Endangered Modernist Houses



May is National Preservation Month! Help USModernist locate more endangered Modernist houses throughout the US. 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



The Breuer Family Cottage in Wellfleet MA on Cape Cod (also where architect [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.

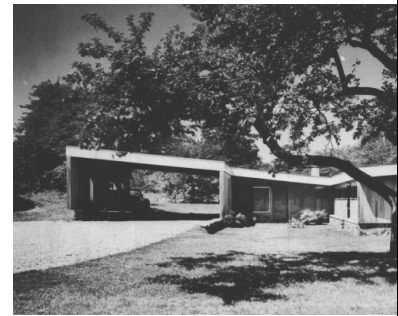
vandals.



The 1970 Deane House in Great Neck NY, designed by **Paul Rudolph**, is vacant, has been fenced off, and portions of it have collapsed.



The 1961 Burke House, Centre Island NY. Project architect, **Benjamin Thompson** for **Walter Gropius'** firm, TAC. Vacant, seriously deteriorated, and for sale.



The 1951 Hanson House in Huntington NY, designed by **Marcel Breuer**, is not in good condition.



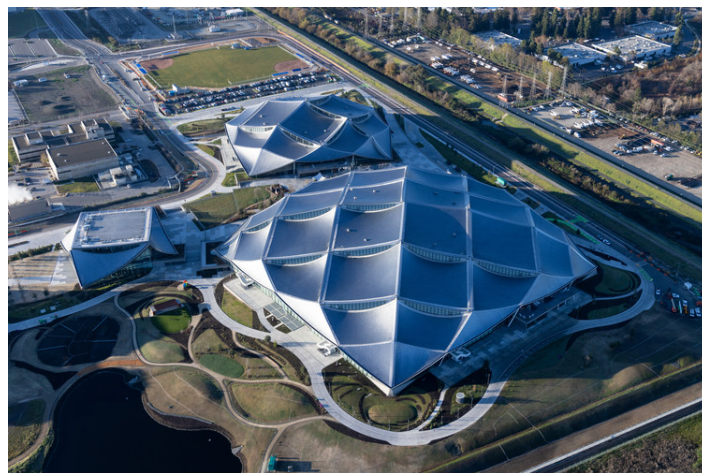
USModernist has a really small staff - we can't do it all without the help of our passionate wonderful dedicated volunteers! You can be part of our team documenting, preserving, and celebrating and Modernist residential design across the country.

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

Event Volunteers: Greet people and process tickets for registration at our events. 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



Google officially opened its **Bay View Campus** designed by **Bjarke Ingels** Group and Heatherwick Studios.



The Yale Center for British Art, in association with Yale University Press, and in collaboration with the publisher Designers & Books, released a facsimile edition of *The Notebooks and Drawings of Louis I. Kahn*. Created by **Richard Saul Wurman**, along with printer **Eugene Feldman**, and first issued by Falcon Press in 1962, the

book is one of the earliest published acknowledgments of the genius of modern architect **Louis Kahn**, who died in 1974.

With the original edition long out of print, the 2022 facsimile is accompanied by an all-new Reader's Guide that provides rich context for understanding Kahn's art and his thinking, Kahn's personal recollections and unpublished speeches, and sketches from Kahn's travels and drawings related to selected projects, many of them previously unpublished.

USModernist readers can get 20% off a beautiful new two-volume set of drawings by Louis Kahn. Here's how: call 800-405-1619; dial 1; say you want the "two-book Louis Kahn book set" discount; give discount code **NDLIK**; say you heard about this through USModernist.



A group of intrepid architectural adventurers (like you, perhaps?) went with USModernist to Fallingwater, **Frank Lloyd Wright's** masterpiece in Pennsylvania. They also visited the Andy Warhol Museum, Polymath Park, and Kentuck Knob (photo above). Want to go with us next time in May 2023? **[Get on the early notice list.](#)**

[Is This the Best Modern House in the World? \(House Tour\)](#)

From Britain, a website asks, "Is this the best modern house in the world?" **What do you think?**



The **Frank Lloyd Wright** Foundation recently produced a series of renderings that capture the master's **long-ignored 1935 drawings** for an ideal city of the future, Broadacre.



Score another win for **Bjarke Ingels** Group, which won a competition to design the **Vltava Philharmonic Hall** in Prague.



Officials in North Vancouver, Canada, **fined a developer and an architecture firm** a total of CAD 200,000 for wiping out all of a 1950 home, designed by architect **Fred Hollingsworth**, that had been given designated heritage status.





Away from **Richard Neutra** and back again. A 1941 home (upper left) in Portland, one of two Neutra designed in Oregon (upper left), was badly remodeled in 1980 (upper right) and now has been restored (bottom) to **recapture its Modernist vibe** before being put on the market for \$3.75M.

30 Seconds of Design @ The Myers Residence

A 1991 Scottsdale AZ home designed by **Frank Lloyd Wright** apprentice and Taliesen Architects co-founder **John Rattenbury** is **on the market**.



In Perth, Australia, **Jimmy Thompson**, design director of MJA, **designed his own house**. He had a difficult client, but he likes the result!

- Beyond traditional architecture skills lies the multidisciplinary role of **the building scientist**.
- You, with the brick-clad, mid-century Modernist house! **Drop that paint brush, please**.
- **Trying to save** mid-century Modernist buildings along US 1 in Maryland.
- The beginnings of Modernism and the overlooked **Josef Hoffmann**.
- Work is done on the Battersea Power Station, a **308-unit London residential project** that **Frank Gehry** designed.

Upcoming Events



Saturday, June 4, a self-guided tour of homes in Tulsa OK's 1954 Modernist neighborhood, Lortondale. [Details and tickets.](#)



Thursday, 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.](#)



Saturday, June 11. [Frank Lloyd Wright](#)'s only house in Idaho, aka Teater's Knoll, will be open for a tour sponsored by the Hagerman Valley Historical Society. [Details and tickets.](#)

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Leland Little

Thirst4Architecture Parties are Back!

Thursday, July 28, 6-8pm. Leland Little Auctions, 620 Cornerstone Court, Hillsborough NC. Visit their new showroom, designed by **Richard Gurlitz**! Also featuring the 2022 Matsumoto Prize Awards. 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.

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Latest Podcast



#249: Architect Myron Goldfinger + Musical Guest Victoria Vox

Auric Goldfinger was one of most memorable evil villains in the James Bond 007 series. Played by **Gert Fröbe** in the 1964 movie named for him, *Goldfinger*, this criminal mastermind created a scheme to corner the gold market by exploding a

radioactive bomb inside Fort Knox KY, which houses much of the US gold supply. That was back when the nation's debt was a mere \$311B and was backed by this gold, kinda like putting up your house as collateral for a loan. Goldfinger's plan to make the gold radioactive, and therefore inaccessible, would make his own gold ten times more valuable. Bond foils this brilliant plan and lives to have some of his well-loved martinis by the time the movie ends. Goldfinger remains one of the most famous names in film, and joining us today is, like James Bond, the suave and sophisticated architect [Myron Goldfinger](#), a classic name in mid-century Modernism, who's experiencing a new following in his 80s. Later on, special music with **Victoria Vox**.

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Wednesday, May 25, *Architects of the Sandhills*, presented by the Pines Preservation Guild, Southern Pines NC. [Details and tickets](#).

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

1949, [Lustron](#), [604 North Main Street, Louisburg](#)

1951, [1102 East 13th Street, Kannapolis](#)

1955, [3735 Abingdon Road, Charlotte](#)

1957, [2842 Regency Drive, Winston-Salem](#)

1964/2021, [101 NE 10th Street, Long Beach](#)

1965, [1139 Shady Bluff Drive, Charlotte](#)

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

1965/2019, **2130 Valencia Trail, Charlotte**
1966, **20 Pine Valley Circle, Pinehurst**
1969, **5925 Westdale Acres Drive, Pleasant Garden** [Edward Loewenstein]
1975, **10 Virginia Road, Littleton** [B.A. Farrell]
1979, **1400 Arboretum, Chapel Hill** [Sumner Wynn]
1982, **5312 Farrington Road, Chapel Hill** [C S Witt]
2002, **1119 Eastwood La** [Cisco Gomes and Dabney Staub]
2020, **8804 Highhill Road, Raleigh**

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