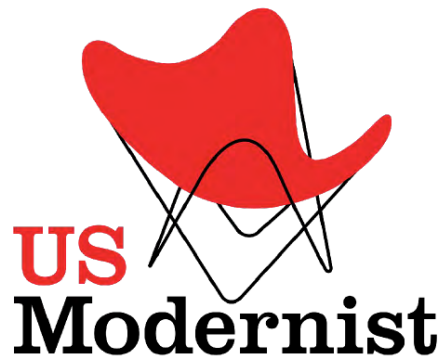


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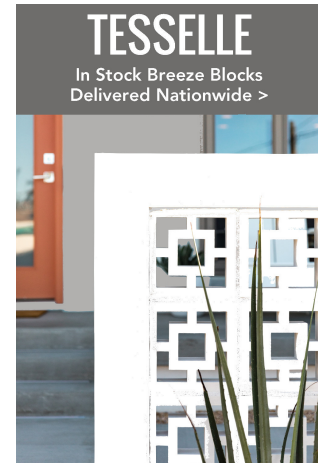
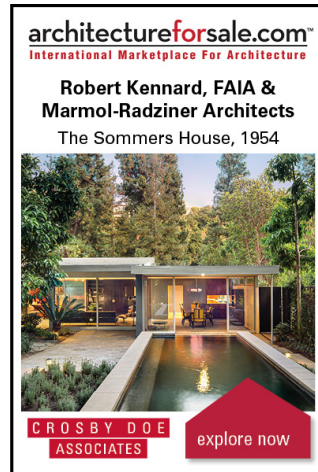
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Featured Events

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Dome Alone!

Saturday, January 27, 10-3pm, 301 Sky Lane, Pittsboro NC.

Ever dreamed about living inside a dome home? Experience it for yourself as NCModernist invites architecture enthusiasts to a unique tour of a stunning geodesic dome. This isn't just any house; it's a marvel of engineering and design, blending organic beauty with technology. Feel the embrace of the curved walls, a sensory experience that no traditional home can offer. Hear from the homeowners about their experience living in a dome and the unique challenges and joys it brings. Discover the possibilities of geodesic domes and support a great cause.

All proceeds benefit NCModernist's documentation and preservation programs. [Details and advance tickets.](#)

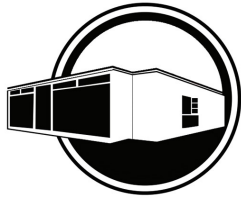




Thursday, February 8, 5-7pm. The Valand, 1711 Hunting Ridge Road, Raleigh NC. AR Homes hosts a delightful T4A happy hour, poolside, at a new Modernist house named for the original architect for much of Cameron Village, **Leif Valand**. Special guest, architect **Mark Valand**, son of Leif and Wymene Valand. You'll enjoy refreshing beverages and delicious snacks as we connect with fellow architecture fans. Free, [registration required](#).

Modernist News

Architectural Digest's tour by architect **Michael Wyetzner** of the United Nations, the first major building in New York City designed in Internationalist Modernist style.



MATSUMOTO PRIZE

Submissions are now open for the 2024 George Matsumoto Prize, North Carolina's highest honor exclusively for Modernist residential architecture. The unique design competition features a blue-ribbon jury of internationally-known architects and experts plus online public voting. NCModernist created the Matsumoto Prize in 2012 honor of **George Matsumoto**, one of the founding faculty members of North Carolina State University's College of Design. Matsumoto created some of North Carolina's most well-known and well-loved Modernist houses. The Matsumoto Prize encourages architects, designers, and prospective clients to continue the Modernist movement in houses so important to North Carolina's design heritage. Entries are open to any ground-up Modernist house completed since 1/1/2019. The international jury includes **Shannon Battison, WG Clark, Jerald Cooper, Melissa DelVecchio, Stewart Hicks, Blair Kamin, and Katie Swenson.** [Details.](#)

The 2024 prize is sponsored exclusively by:



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Take a tour of a **Ray Kappe** Pacific Palisades CA bungalow, recently for sale but now off the market.



Roof work is underway on **Frank Lloyd Wright's** 1941 Pope-Leighey House at the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Alexandria VA site.



Join our community and support the architecture you love! USModernist Mod Squad membership provides important financial support for the documentation, preservation, and promotion of residential Modernist architecture.

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In Orlando FL, [a 1965 house](#) designed by **Manfred Lapatka** for sale at \$1.9M.

On YouTube, a cantilevered, steel-frame 1961 home that GM engineer **Robert Liebner** designed and built in La Jolla CA.



Need more room in your home, attic, basement, office, or oh-so-expensive storage unit? We accept donations of **Modernist furniture, contemporary art, and architecture coffee-table-style books**. What could be easier? We pick things up and you get a tax deduction. [Contact us](#).



[Renovations opened up spaces and repaired damage](#) to a butterfly-roof house that architect **Rex Lotery** designed in the 1960s.





Architect magazine announced [the 2023 winners of its Residential Design Awards](#), including this affordable-housing apartment building by [Brooks + Scarpa](#) in Venice CA.



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).

[Click here to tell us about Modernist houses in trouble.](#)



Sitework has begun for **One Beverly Hills**, a two-tower condo, hotel and commercial project designed by **Foster + Partners** for land that previously was going to be a **Richard Meier**-designed hotel.



Renovated and restored, a 1975 **Carter Sparks**-designed house on Fair Oaks CA **is now being sold** with a price tag of just under \$1.3M.

- From *Arch Daily*, the **architects who passed away** in 2023.
- **Valentina Ganeva's** documentary on **Rudolph Schindler** is getting close to the finish line but still needs funds to complete. Donate and reward yourself with perks offered exclusively **here**.
- If you're in Dallas before March 1, check out **Building Toys & Toy**

Buildings:Brickitecture at AD EX downtown.

- **Charles Thornton**, a structural engineer known for his work on pavilions at the 1964 World's Fair in New York and for hyperbolic paraboloid structures in American Airlines' 747 Super Bay hangars in San Francisco, **died last month at age 83**.
- AIA New York named **winners of the 2023 Design Awards**.
- A retrospective of **I. M. Pei's** work **opens June 29** at the M+ Museum in Hong Kong.



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Upcoming Events

January 13-June 16: **Albert Frey: Inventive Modernist**. **Palm Springs Art Museum**. Curated by **Brad Dunning**. **Details**.

January 17, 6pm, Screening of **Jake Gorst's** documentary, *Leisurama*, at the New Canaan Museum, New Canaan CT. Free. **Register**.

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January 27: DomeAlone! Our first dome house tour, Pittsboro NC. [Details and tickets.](#)

February 8: Thirst4Architecture, AR Homes, Raleigh NC. Free, [registration required.](#)

April 25: Thirst4Architecture, REdesign.build Tower Street Project, Raleigh NC. Free, [registration required.](#)



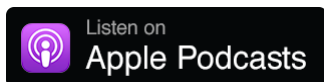
Saturday-Thursday, February 17-22

If you're into mid-century Modernist architecture, you don't want to miss Modapalooza, USModernist's glamorous new series of wildly exciting house tours, parties, and special events in Palm Springs in February. You'll get exclusive access to some of the best midcentury Modernist houses in Palm Springs. Take a leisurely daytime tour, or visit in the late afternoon for a wonderful sunset cocktail party, or stop by the Martini Whisperer **Phillip Jones** for advice on preparing your next cocktail. And there are more exciting tours and parties at the *Palevsky House*, designed by [Craig Ellwood](#), and the *Christopher Kennedy Forever Home*. Proceeds benefit the documentation, preservation, and promotion work of [USModernist](#), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit educational archive, the largest in the world for midcentury modern houses. [Details and tickets.](#)



USModernist Global 7: London / Brussels / Antwerp / Amsterdam, May 13-22. Are you ready for some heart-pounding Modernist architecture in England, Belgium, and the Netherlands? You just won't believe the incredible Modernist architecture in three countries! Just 9 places left! [Details and tickets.](#)

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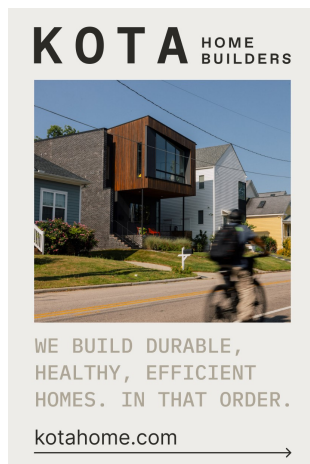


#334/Asian-American Architects: Takashi Yanai + Mina Chow

Returning podcast guest **Takashi Yanai** is a partner at Ehrlich, Yanai, Rhee, and Chaney Architects, where he is director of both the Los Angeles and San Francisco residential studios. Returning podcast guest **Mina Chow** is an architect and principal of mc2 Spaces, a multimedia company. She is also an architecture professor at USC. Mina and Takashi spoke to us on the contributions of Asian-American architects, many of whom suffered through the forced relocation of internment camps during WWII.

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Myrick Howard, recently retired after 45 years at the helm of Preservation North Carolina, was named 2023 **Tar Heel of the Year** by the *News & Observer* in Raleigh NC.



The Modernist 1965 Wachovia building on Fayetteville Street in Raleigh was just sold for \$15 million to LM Restaurants, the holding company for Carolina Ale House and other food venues. It was designed by **A. G. Odell** and Associates in Charlotte with **Guy E. Crampton** in Raleigh. Hat tip to **Andy Peters**.

NC Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey announced that the NC Rate Bureau, a private trade group representing companies that write insurance policies in the state, have asked for an average statewide increase in homeowners' insurance rates of 42.2%. There are four ways to provide comments:

- A public comment forum at the North Carolina Department of Insurance's Jim Long Hearing Room on Jan. 22 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m, 325 N. Salisbury St., Raleigh, N.C. 27603.
- A virtual public comment forum will be held simultaneously with the in-person forum on Jan. 22 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at <https://ncgov.webex.com/ncgov/j.php?MTID=mb3fe10c8f69bbedd2aaece485915db7e>
- Emailed public comments should be sent by Feb. 2 to: NCDOI.2024Homeowners@ncdoi.gov.
- Written public comments must be received by Kimberly W. Pearce, Paralegal III, by Feb. 2 and addressed to 1201 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, N.C.

27699-1201.

All public comments will be shared with the NC Rate Bureau. To see a specific table of proposed homeowners' rate increases across the state, [please click here](#).

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.



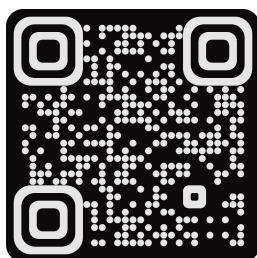
North Carolina Realtors and owners of NC Modernist houses can now list - for sale or for rent - on our free [NCModernist database](#). Listings limited to detached single family Modernist houses, old or new, and the house must be in North Carolina. [Details](#).

Got a great Modernist house that's not selling? How would you like 60 people or more (up to 200) to come by and see it one Saturday? We can do that for you, free. [Contact](#).

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.

Check out the [NCModernist For Sale/Rent database](#). Realtors and owners can list their NC Modernist houses for sale or rent there for free, and you can browse there anytime you like! Submissions are subject to approval: single family Modernist houses only, they can be old or new, the architect or designer can be from anywhere, but the house must be in North Carolina.



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