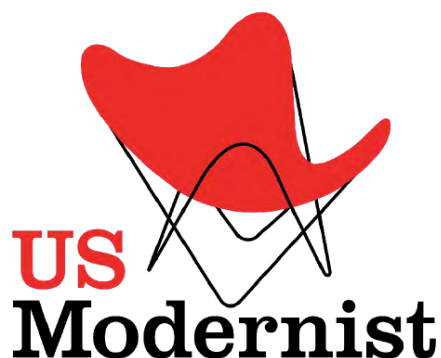


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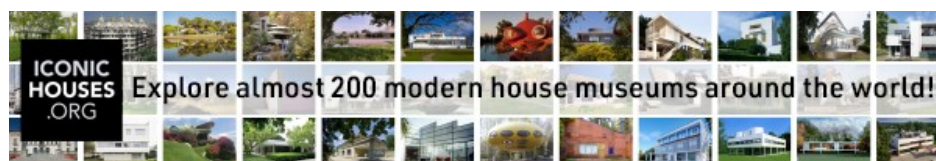
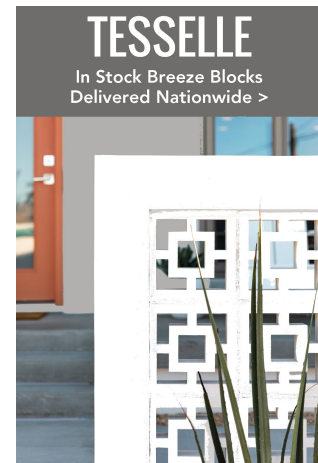
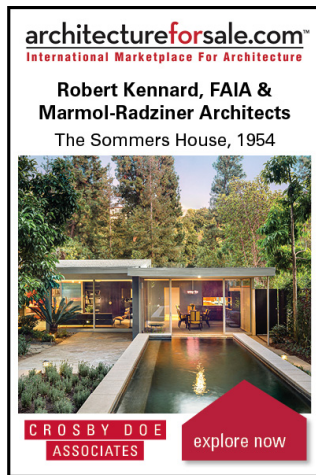
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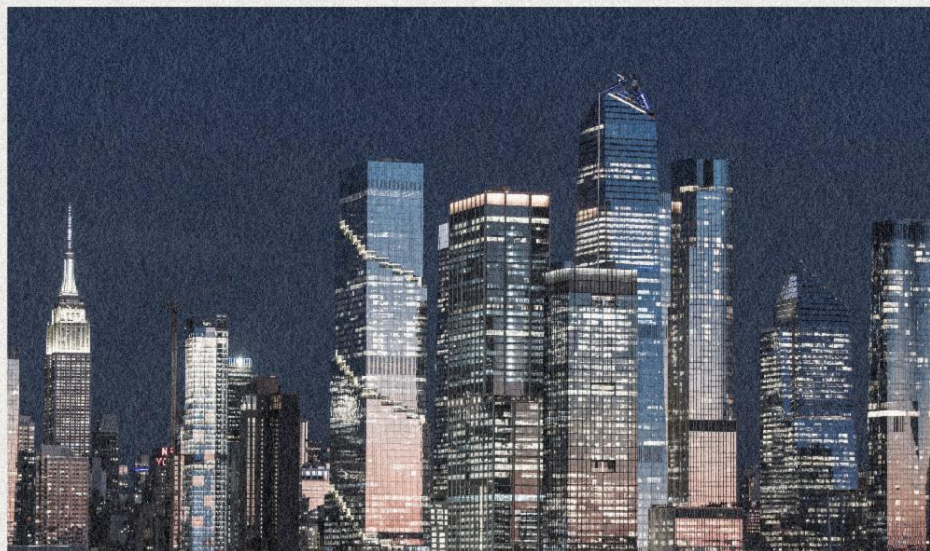
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Thursday, March 28: Join USModernist for an exciting evening of world-class jazz, flowing drinks, Peruvian cuisine, and amazing views in the Spiral, a new building in New

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York's Hudson Yards by **Bjarke Ingels Group**, sponsored by **MARVIN**, with media sponsor **Architectural Record** and special guests from BIG: **Dominyka Voelkle**, **Kai-Uwe Bergmann**, and **Martin Voelkle**. [Tickets and details.](#)

MODAPALOOZA

PALM SPRINGS



February 18-22: There's no other place in America like Palm Springs with thousands of Modernist houses so perfectly preserved.

If you're into mid-century Modernist architecture, you don't want to miss Modapalooza, USModernist's glamorous 1st annual series of wildly exciting house tours, parties, and special events. You'll get exclusive access to some of the best midcentury Modernist events. Take a leisurely daytime tour, or visit in the late afternoon for a wonderful sunset cocktail party. Or stop by the Martini Whisperer for advice on preparing your next libation. [Tickets and details.](#)

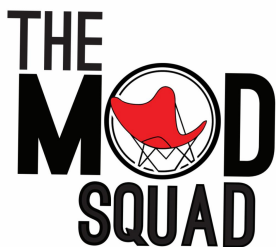
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Dezeen offered up [a video of the world's largest cantilever](#) in the One Za'abeel mixed-use complex in Dubai. Designed by Japan's **Nikken Sekke**, it opened earlier this month.

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Houses by today's hottest architects are not plentiful (because they make a lot more money and get more prestige from airports and museums and offices). *Architectural Digest* put together [a collection of houses](#) by six big names, including this one in London's Belgravia neighborhood by the late [Zaha Hadid](#), one of two houses she designed during her career.



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preservation, and promotion of residential Modernist architecture.

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This 1954 house that architect **Ralph Twitchell** [designed on Siesta Key](#) near Sarasota FL is being offered for a little under \$2.2M.



A Venice CA house that actors **Anna Paquin** and **Stephen Moyer** had architect **David Hertz** create to replace a beach cottage [is on the market](#) for \$8M.

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The two-tower project formerly known as XI, designed by [Bjarke Ingels Group](#), has come out of foreclosure with a new name and a new owner. Now called One High Line, the unique condos, which are briskly selling, have views of the Hudson River and compliment BIG's other west side projects, Via 57 and The Spiral.



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A community campaign in Tampa FL is **pushing for historic designation** for the 1968 John F. Graham Public Library designed by two local architects.



The Electric Vehicle Enclave (EVE) Park in London, Ontario, is one of 10 architectural projects that **CNN predicts will shape the world this year**.

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The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, those nice folks who spruced up Laguardia Airport for us all, **released a revised design** for renovating their Midtown Bus Terminal in Manhattan. The work is by **Foster + Partners** and **A. Epstein and Sons**.



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,

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demolition, or inappropriate renovation (like turning your Modernist house into an Italianate villa). [Click here to tell us about Modernist houses in trouble.](#)

• American activist **Angela Davis** and Polish-born architect **Iwona Buczkowska** [have been named winners](#) of the Ada Louise Huxtable Prize for Contributions to Architecture and the Jane Drew Prize for Architecture, respectively. They are part of the W Awards program of *Architects' Journal* and *The Architectural Review*.

• **Zaha Hadid** Architects designed [hydrogen refueling stations](#) to be built through 2030 at 100 Italian marinas serving recreational boaters.



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Upcoming Events

February 18-22: USModernist hosts the 1st annual Modapalooza Modernist House Tours and Parties in Palm Springs. [Details and tickets](#).

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Saturday, February 24: Self-guided Austin TX Modernist Home Tour. [Information](#).

Sunday, February 25: Next in the Smithsonian's *Architects Respond to Nature* lecture series, *Mies Van der Rohe*. [Tickets and details](#).

March 2-November 30: An exhibit of recently discovered photos by Edith Tudor-Hart of the 1934 Isokon Flats apartment building in London will be at the Isokon Gallery. [Information](#).

Through March 14: Photographer **Norman McGrath's** *Penn Station – Flawed Masterpiece* exhibit at The Century Association, 7 West 43rd Street, New York City. Free.

Thursday, March 21: [Thirst4Architecture](#), Evan Reid + Keel and Company, 5-7pm, 111 Old Williamson Rd, Raleigh NC. It's a doubleheader of custom and mid-century Modern furniture all on display! Free, [registration required](#).

Tuesday, April 9, 6pm: USModernist's [George Smart](#) will speak at the New York School of Interior Design in New York City. Access available by special arrangement. Email george@usmodernist.org to inquire.

Wednesday, April 10, 430pm: USModernist's [George Smart](#) will speak at the Cliff Dwellers Club in Chicago with a keynote, *The Accidental Archivist*. Includes cocktails, lite bites, and some great jazz by Paul Giallorenzo. Free with registration. Email reservations@cliff-chicago.org to reserve a seat.

Thursday, April 25: [Thirst4Architecture](#), 5-7pm, [REdesign.build](#) Tower Street Project, 920-926 Tower Street, Raleigh NC. Visit four of the most advanced, energy-efficient, self-sufficient Modernist houses in Raleigh, most ready to move in. Hosted by Will Alphin. Free, [registration required](#).

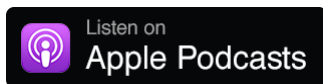
Thursday, May 23: [Thirst4Architecture](#), 5-7pm, at Z-House, 400 Webster Street, Cary, designed by Habanero Architecture. Co-hosted with New Native Realty. Join us for drinks and light appetizers, hosted by Joe Lopez, Tim Devinney, and Dani Devinney. Free, [registration required](#).

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May 24-26: **Iconic Houses** hosts the City Icons Amsterdam Tour: Housing Highlights. Includes the Museum Het Schip Model Home, Museum De Dageraad, Van Eesteren House Museum, Skyscraper by J. F. Staal, Sluishuis, Amsterdam-IJburg (East) by BIG, Pontsteiger, Amsterdam-Houthavens (West) by Arons & Gelauff Architects, The Valley, Amsterdam-Zuidas (South) by MVRDV.

Thursday, June 20: **Thirst4Architecture**, 5-7pm, at TRIG, Whitaker Mill Road, Raleigh. Join us at the TRIG wine bar as you discover modern art, furniture, fixtures, lighting, and rugs. Free, **registration required**.

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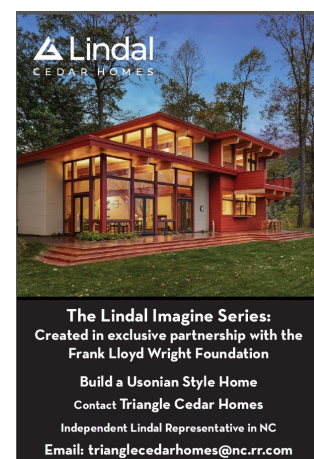
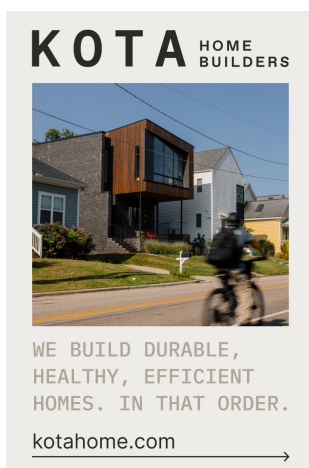
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There's a new edition out of the popular book *Midcentury Houses Today*, and we'll have one of the co-authors, architectural photographer **Michael Biondo**. Next up, someone we greatly admire for keeping Modernist houses on the radar in Los Angeles, filmmaker **Russell Brown**, founder of FORT LA, aka Friends of Residential Treasures. Later on,

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music from Durham's Sharp 9 Jazz club with pianist **Lenore Raphael** and guitarist **Howard Alden**.

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The 1962 Al and Sara Rothstein House in Raleigh NC was demolished last week. The house on Barfield Court was designed by [Mies Van der Rohe](#) protege [Milton Small](#). Small also designed houses in Raleigh for two of Rothstein's brothers. This Rothstein house was built by master Modernist contractor [Frank Walser](#) with landscape design by [Lewis Clarke](#). The good news is that the owners, who bought the house in 2017, plan to rebuild the house in a similar Modernist style - designed by Raleigh's award-winning in situ studio ([Zach Hoffman](#)) with construction starting soon.

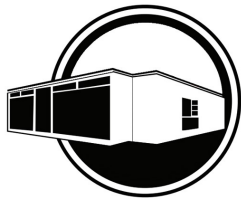


Then, the very next day, a 1951 [Macon Smith](#) house on Mayfair Street was destroyed in Raleigh. Although not Smith's best work, it was one of Raleigh's last small Modernist houses inside the Beltline. Originally costing \$17,000, Smith arranged construction with the builder [Sherman Yeargan](#), on a handshake. No word yet on what will replace it the lot.



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MATSUMOTO PRIZE

Submissions 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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Want your own Modernist church? The 1955 John Knox Presbyterian Church in Shelby NC is for sale for \$475,000. It was designed by **Breeze Holland & Riviere**. The church includes a sanctuary with a low-slung ceiling, exposed rafters, ante room, foyer, ample assembly area, 13 classrooms (with a majority having separate transom lights providing natural light to the corridors), six half-baths, two utility rooms, and seven small storage rooms.

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.



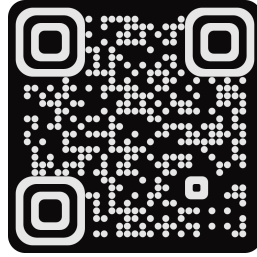
North Carolina Realtors and owners of NC Modernist houses can now list - for sale or for rent - on our free [NCModernist database](#). Listings limited to detached single family Modernist houses, old or new, and the house must be in North Carolina. [Details.](#)

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.

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