

CHARLOTTE'S ONLY MIDCENTURY MODERN HOME TOUR RETURNS FOR 13TH YEAR

Mad About Modern home tour with four historic homes and a VIP ticket option which includes an exclusive stop at an award-winning MCM church.

CHARLOTTE, N.C., Aug. 15, 2024 – Charlotte's *Mad About Modern* home tour returns for its 13th year on Saturday, Sept. 28, showcasing some of the best historic midcentury modern homes in the city.

Tickets include access to four historic midcentury homes representing four unique styles of architecture and design, highlighting the breadth of the midcentury movement in Charlotte. Guests are also encouraged to get their tickets to a special kickoff event on Sept. 27 at the newly restored Petit Philippe Fine Wine located in a restored midcentury drycleaner next to the Park Road Shopping Center – another midcentury design in the Queen City.

"The *Mad About Modern* home tour brings people inside some of the best midcentury and modern homes in the Queen City," said Terri L. White, president and CEO of the Charlotte Museum of History. "The tour is part of our preservation mission, and we hope it encourages people to preserve these historic homes that contribute to our city's unique streetscapes and character."

This year's tour features four stops. As always, the tour homes showcase essential elements of midcentury modern design, including open floor plans, asymmetrical exteriors, expansive windows and living areas that blur the line between indoors and outdoors.

All tour proceeds support the Charlotte Museum of History's mission of saving and sharing Charlotte's history.

The Kickoff Celebration at the Petit Philippe on Sept. 27

The museum will host a kickoff party on Friday, Sept. 27, to celebrate midcentury modern design and style. This year's event will be at the newly restored Petit Philippe Fine Wine

located next to Park Road Shopping Center. Petit Phillippe owners Mark Meissner and Casey Hickey converted this 4,500-square-foot dry cleaners in Montford Park, originally built in 1962, into a jewel box of a space for their upscale wine shop. By preserving the building's midcentury modern exterior and site, the restored space integrates authentically with neighbors that include the Park Road Shopping Center and The Kimberlee apartments, well-known midcentury modern landmarks in the Montford Park neighborhood. Petit Philippe received an honorable mention award at the 2024 Charlotte Gem Preservation Awards.

Tickets are \$25 and include a wine tasting, light bites, and a tour of the renovation led by owner Mark Meissner. Exclusive MAM merchandise and a midcentury-inspired raffle will also be available.

2024 TOUR LOCATIONS

813 Wingrave Drive

Built in 1961

Palm Springs meets Charlotte in this beautiful midcentury home. Large windows in the living area overlook a beautifully landscaped yard, complete with pool and putting green, inviting visitors to step seamlessly between inside and out. Furnishings and fixtures are a mix of original and midcentury inspired pieces with moments of whimsy, including a guest bathroom inspired by a 1960s pool party.

2130 Valencia Terrace

Built in 1965

This stunning midcentury gem returns to the tour with a beautiful backyard renovation and preserved midcentury charm. Vintage furnishings, texture, color, and the unique original orange light fixtures create a relaxing retreat, preserving the history while incorporating modern upgrades. The home is a beautiful example of how history and modernity can work together to enhance the spirit of a historic home.

4501 Town and Country Drive

Built in 1973

This midcentury gem is a post and beam kit house created by Huf Haus, in Germany. It was shipped to America in the 1970s, and assembled by the original owners who were German immigrants themselves. The current owners restored many of the original details, including revealing the original tile floors on the lower level. The home's original wood ceilings and mahogany beams add a sense of warmth and texture that are hallmarks of midcentury design.

913 Sumac Drive

Built in 1974

This home was designed and built by North Carolina architect Chet Helt in the 1970s for his own family. This two-story dog-trot structure is a beautiful example of how to integrate into, and celebrate, challenging terrain on a dramatically sloped lot. The home is nestled into its natural environment, grounded into the topography, and perching among trees, creating a sense of serenity in the midst of its bustling Southpark neighborhood. The current homeowners installed expansive windows that overlook the lush landscape and designed the beautiful gardens.

Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter – 216 N. Main Street, Belmont (VIP exclusive tour stop)

Built in 1959

Designed by award-winning architect Charles Bates, the Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter creates a sense of awe, encasing worshipers in a jewel box of color and light. Original floors and a unique pulpit add texture and softness to the space. Accompanying administrative spaces mimic the sanctuary design with cubby spaces in the hallways that incorporate the same colors and shapes of the stained glass.



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The 2024 *Mad About Modern* home tour is Saturday, Sept. 28, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The Mod Experience kickoff celebration is Friday, Sept. 27, at Petit Philippe.

HOW TO GO

Tickets are on sale now at madaboutmodern.com. Tickets are \$38 and include full tour access to four homes. Tickets to the Kickoff Celebration are \$25. Tickets for the VIP tour + kickoff experience bundle are \$150. Museum members can save 15% on all ticket purchases.

The Charlotte Museum of History exists to save and share the Charlotte region's history, helping create a better understanding of the past and inspiring dialogue about the future. The museum is the steward of the [1774 Hezekiah Alexander Rock House and homesite](#), which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is the oldest home in Mecklenburg County, and the home of the [historic Siloam School](#). Visit charlottemuseum.org and follow the museum on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#). The museum is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

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