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## **HISTORIC HOME TOUR MAKES CHARLOTTE MODERN**

***Charlotte's only midcentury modern home tour returns for its seventh year***

**CHARLOTTE, N.C., July 30, 2018** – Charlotte's only midcentury modern home tour comes back for its seventh year on Saturday, Sept. 29. Attendees get insider access to a curated collection of Charlotte's best midcentury modern style and architecture.

The 2018 *Mad About Modern* home tour features seven private homes in the South Park area, including the Barclay Downs, Cloisters, Foxcroft and Town & Country neighborhoods. All the homes were built in the 1950s and 1960s, when midcentury modern architecture had its heyday, and they feature the hallmarks of the style – from clean lines and open floor plans to living areas that bring the outdoors inside.

“Like other historic places in Charlotte, these homes help tell the story of our city,” said Adria Focht, president and CEO of The Charlotte Museum of History, which presents the tour. “We believe when people see these buildings up close, they will be inspired to preserve them. In fact, one of the homes on this year's tour was restored by a person who attended a previous *Mad About Modern* tour, where she became determined to live in one of these beautiful pieces of history.”

Major sponsors for this year's tour are Big Sushi, Bolt Group, Charlie Miller and Rodgers Builders. Support also comes from Arcadia Homes, Barringer Construction, Bella Adobe Design, Dustin Peck Photography, Fos Restoration Co., Josh Allison Architecture, LS3P, Modbox, Shain Gallery, Shelco, Sozo Gallery, Summit Engineering and Walker Engineering. All proceeds support The Charlotte Museum of History and its mission to share the Charlotte region's history through stories of its people, places and events.

## WHEN

Saturday, Sept. 29

10 a.m.– 4 p.m.

Ticket holders can view the homes at their own pace on this self-guided tour.

## HOW TO GO

- Tickets go on sale Wednesday, Aug. 1, at [madaboutmodern.com](http://madaboutmodern.com).
- Advance tickets are \$20 for museum members and \$25 for non-members. If available, day-of tickets are \$30.
- Please no children under 12.
- Contact The Charlotte Museum of History with questions at 704.568.1774 or at [info@charlottemuseum.org](mailto:info@charlottemuseum.org).

## 2018 MAD ABOUT MODERN TOUR HOMES

The seven homes on the 2018 tour are located in the SouthPark area.

- **3800 Ayscough Road**

Barclay Downs neighborhood. Built in 1966. Homeowners recently renovated this four-bedroom, classic 1960s ranch with an eye to maintaining the home's midcentury charm. The renovations expand the living space, while using midcentury architectural details in the new design – a low-slung, low-pitched roof with deep overhangs; large expanses of glass to let in natural light and exposed structural beams. Don't miss special features such as the custom-designed, floating bookcase and a hidden storage room, both designed to house the owners' extensive Lego collection.

- **3715 Carmel Acres Drive**

Carmel Acres neighborhood. Built in 1956. When the current owners purchased this home 19 years ago, it was on the verge of being torn down by developers. The owners feel the home, purchased at an affordable price from the previous homeowner, "chose us." Since then, the owners have renovated the interior while leaving the footprint of the home intact. The home now features an open floor plan, updated windows and skylights, and a renovated kitchen and baths.

- **2152 Cloister Drive**

The Cloisters neighborhood. Built in 1955. Designed by architect B. Atwood Skinner, this remodeled ranch house boasts stunning cantilevered front bedrooms that make the home appear to float above its site. The renovated home includes original features such as massive, poured-in-place concrete fireplace caps, red oak floors, solid cherry doors and repurposed original wood paneling in the master bath. A period-sensitive cantilevered addition mimics the original vision for the home and adds space for a master bathroom and closet.

- **3637 Pelham Lane**

Foxcroft neighborhood. Built in 1955. This five-bedroom home has an open floor plan that offers expansive views from virtually every room. The use of contrasting materials such as glass, black metal and stained horizontal wood evokes the home's midcentury roots. Originally designed by Ralph Mesrobian, the home has been enlarged to include a guest and master suite that echoes the clean lines of the original design.

- **3116 Pendleton Avenue**

Fairmeadows neighborhood. Built in 1958. This L-shaped ranch began life as a Crosland model home and was featured on the Charlotte Parade of Homes in 1959. The original design included a dramatic wall of windows, which have been tied into the newly renovated interior. The original windows and header beam were duplicated in the addition for a seamless feel from old to new. Midcentury enthusiasts should look for the homeowner's collection of midcentury furniture, artwork and kitschy trinkets.

- **6366 Sharon Hills Road**

Sharon Hills neighborhood. Built in 1968. North Carolina architect Murray Whisnant designed this home as his personal residence. The American Institute of Architects honored it with a Merit Award in 1970, and it was featured in *Architectural Record* magazine in 1974. It remains a favorite with design enthusiasts because of its unusual architectural features, including two sets of I-beams that span both sides of the house and support a stunning, cantilevered

deck. Situated on a hill, the home feels like a tree house, with soaring views that take full advantage of the site's natural beauty.

- **2130 Valencia Terrace**

Town & Country neighborhood. Built 1965. This home includes several distinctive midcentury features: horizontal windows; deep, overhanging eaves; a strong connection to the natural world and one-story brick construction. Special features include original light fixtures, framed pictures of the home's original wallpaper in the kitchen and period furnishings.

### **About The Charlotte Museum of History**

The Charlotte Museum of History engages a broad audience in the history of the Charlotte region through the stories of its people, places and events to promote dialogue and historical perspective. The museum is the steward of the Hezekiah Alexander House (ca. 1774) and home site, a site listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the oldest home in Mecklenburg County. To learn more, visit [charlottemuseum.org](http://charlottemuseum.org) and follow the museum on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).

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