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**CHARLOTTE GETS MORE MODERN
WITH THE 2016 MAD ABOUT MODERN HOME TOUR**

CHARLOTTE, N.C., August 11, 2016 – Fans of *Dwell* magazine and HBO's *Mad Men* can get their modern fix when Charlotte's only mid-century modern home tour comes back to town on Saturday, Sept. 10, from 10-4 p.m. This one-day, self-guided tour gets visitors inside some of the best examples of mid-century modern style and architecture in Charlotte.

This year's *Mad About Modern* home tour will feature eight privately-owned homes in the SouthPark area that are designed and decorated in the mid-century modern style, which was popular from roughly 1935 to 1965. The homes feature the hallmarks of mid-century modern, including living spaces that incorporate the outdoors and a focus on clean lines and open floor plans.

"Our city's historic places help us understand our past and our collective heritage," said Kay Peninger, president and CEO of The Charlotte Museum of History, which hosts the tour. "Mid-century modern buildings represent a unique time in Charlotte's history and also embody an aesthetic that focuses on simple, functional and beautiful spaces. We want to cultivate an appreciation of these places so they will be here to help tell our region's story for years to come."

People who purchase tickets by 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8, also will receive a ticket to the Bechtler Museum of Modern Art's *The House That Modernism Built* exhibit, which runs through Sunday, Sept. 11. The exhibit presents the Bechtler's rich mid-20th-century art collection alongside furniture, textile and ceramic holdings on loan from various institutions and private collectors.

The *Mad About Modern* home tour is now in its fifth year. It was previously organized by



Historic Charlotte, which merged with The Charlotte Museum of History in January 2016.

The 2016 tour is sponsored by Hans Krug Fine European Cabinetry, Design Within Reach, Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, New Gallery of Modern Art, Urban Home magazine and Dustin Peck Photography. All proceeds will 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. 10 10
a.m.–4 p.m.

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

HOW TO GO

- Advance tickets are available online at charlottemuseum.org (\$20 for Museum members and \$25 for non-members) through 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8.
- Day-of tickets are \$30 and can be purchased at Hans Krug Fine European Cabinetry (The Village at Southpark, 4310 Sharon Rd.)
- Please no children under 12.
- Guests will be asked to remove their shoes prior to entering all residences.
- Contact The Charlotte Museum of History with questions at 704.568.1774 or at info@charlottemuseum.org.

2016 MAD ABOUT MODERN TOUR HOMES

The eight homes on the 2016 tour are located in the SouthPark area. (*Closest cross streets in italics below*)

- **Battah Home, 715 Colville Rd. (*Lockley Dr.*)**
Built in 1958. This home features an exquisite kitchen with sleek, clean lines. The modern aesthetic is enhanced by the open floor plan and outdoor living space, which are connected by large sliding glass doors.
- **Felts Home, 5001 Addison Dr. (*Lyttleton Dr.*)**

Built in 1955. This home was extensively renovated in 2014 to restore the house to its mid-century modern roots, while creating an open floor plan. The interior of the home stays true to the mid-century modern aesthetic by connecting to the beautifully landscaped outdoors through a folding glass accordion door.

- **Hodges Home, 930 Longbow Rd. (*Shady Bluff Dr.*)**

Built in 1959. The original and only owner, an electrical engineer, designed this home. The house features exposed beams that span the interior and exterior ceilings in the living room and sunroom. It also has the original kitchen and a notto-be-missed interior bomb shelter.

- **van Soestbergen Home, 1141 Lynbrook Dr. (*Rama Rd.*)**

Built in 1960. International architect Alan Ingram, born in London and later based in his adopted home of Charlotte, designed this airy, spacious home with an abundance of glass. The home features exposed-beam ceilings, a beautiful floating staircase and a koi pond next to the large glass atrium. Other original features include light fixtures, a Chambers cooktop and walnut paneling throughout the house.

- **Bogues Home, 1238 Lynbrook Dr. (*Doncaster Dr.*)**

Built in 1952. This home has a true mid-century modern layout with a fireplace separating the living room from the kitchen. A sunroom with three walls of large windows is surrounded by two decks, connecting the interior with the exterior and providing great entertaining space.

- **Gibbons Home, 6420 Newhall Road (*Wingrave Dr.*)**

Built in 1963. Eichler Home-inspired ranch house features new landscaping that pulls the house forward to the street and a patio addition that respects the classic shallow pitch roofline and post-and-beam best described as “California Modern.” The stunning living room features floor-to-ceiling glass that brings the outside in, while high ribbon windows offer light and privacy in other parts of the home.

- **Luciani Home, 6530 Newhall Road (*Folger Dr.*)**

Built in 1962. This home has been extensively remodeled to meet the needs of a vibrant family of five. The open floor plan was created with entertaining in mind

and a kitchen built for a cook. The outdoor pool and pool house blend into the landscape.

- **Sellner Home, 2535 Cloister Drive (*Pickwick Lane*)**

Built in 1957. Charlotte architect Walter Bost of Odell Associates designed this home, which features the original walnut cabinetry and a dumbwaiter in the kitchen, plus a foyer with original metalwork and slate flooring. A cantilevered 40foot deck overlooks the lake and has original metal railings. The rectilinear home is built into the side of a hill, creating a basement that features an entire wall of free-floating Danish shelving.

About The Charlotte Museum of History

Founded in 1969, The Charlotte Museum of History and Hezekiah Alexander Home (built circa 1774) and Home Site comprise multiple venues on an eight-acre wooded campus in east Charlotte. The Museum offers educational programming on site and throughout the community that explores the history of the Charlotte region through the stories of its people, events, ideas, built environment and artifacts.

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