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## Message from your Executive Director, plus details on Modernism Week 2014

As another year comes to a close I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of our volunteers for their continuing support of the events we host throughout the year. The recent Fall Home Tour was a great example of the vital role volunteers play in making these events such a huge success. Your time and dedication is greatly appreciated!

Breaking News: As a PS ModCom member, you are the first to know... **The Annual Gala Benefit to be held on Saturday, February 15th will celebrate "A Night at the Casbah" at the stunning hillside estate of Dorothy and Harold Meyerman.** We invite you to enjoy an authentic Moroccan evening at this seldom opened private estate, with delicious hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, belly dancing, sword dancers, fire-eaters and snake charming, while dancing under the stars.

This year we have two pricing options, \$150 for members and \$175 for non-members, so if you would like to join the fun please buy your tickets quickly as the event is limited to 200 tickets. Tickets will go on sale via the [Modernism Week website](#) on **December 1st.**

Planning and ticket sales for Modernism Week 2014 is





now in full swing, check out their website for the myriad of events including **PS ModCom's Iconic Home Tours**. We have added two new locations, the **Grace Miller House by Richard Neutra, 1937** and the **Wexler Residence by Donald Wexler, 1955**. Adding to the tours will be the very popular **Palm Springs Glass House by William Cody, 1967** and the **Edris House by E. Stewart Williams, 1953**. Personal thanks go out to members Catherine Meyler, Daniel Giles, David Zippel, Michael Johnston and JR Roberts for their generosity in providing their wonderful homes.

If you would like to **volunteer** to assist in running these tours please note the dates and times when they are released on the Modernism Week website December 1st and contact me at [nickie@psmodcom.org](mailto:nickie@psmodcom.org).

PS ModCom's booth at the 2014 Modernism Show, from Friday, February 14 through Monday, February 17, will focus on **The Town & Country Center, which continues to be our major preservation focus**. Volunteers will have the opportunity to discuss PS ModCom's role within the community, encourage membership enrollment, the mobile app and sell fun merchandise. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Barbara Cain directly at [caincos@mindspring.com](mailto:caincos@mindspring.com).

This year's annual Library Exhibit will feature the work of architect **Hugh Kaptur** who will be receiving the 2014 Star dedication. Education Chair, Robert Imber and his sub committee will produce the exhibit, which will open for Modernism Week and run for four weeks.



Grace Miller House

Thank you to all of our members and volunteers for their support in 2013 - happy holidays!

Nickie McLaughlin  
Executive Director

## President's Message

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our members, partners, and friends a very happy holiday season and a most modern new year! **This past year has been an especially great one for the Palm Springs Modern Committee and it's all because of you truly wonderful members and volunteers that care so passionately about Palm Springs and our desert modern architectural heritage.** We are all doing such a great job of preserving and educating everyone that Palm Springs is hotter than ever (and not just in the summer)! Visitors continue to come in ever increasing numbers from all over and the press at large celebrates Palm Springs and our unique environment ever more frequently. Real estate is on fire, so many of you are putting your money where your passion is!

We here at the Palm Springs Modern Committee see it in our increased membership numbers, new levels of participation in our **Preservation and Advocacy Partner** levels, and our tours are always sold

out! We had two greatly successful tours this year. One to San Diego and the other our annual Fall Home Tour which included amazing homes, both here in Palm Springs and also in Rancho Mirage. During Modernism Week 2013 we opened several homes to the public on our Iconic Home tour series and our amazing Gala was a super success as we recreated Andy Warhol's Factory. Next year for Modernism Week we will have some really amazing homes open again, including the rarely open iconic Miller House by Richard Neutra! **And our Gala will again knock your modern socks off!** I think it will truly be the most amazing ever.

In October, our annual awards luncheon was again a fantastic success. **Preservationist of the year, Beth Harris, gave a very important and heartfelt speech** that was the highlight of that event. And our scholarships went to some very deserving and special students in Palm Springs, Cathedral City and Desert Hot Springs. **Next year, due to your generosity, we will increase the scholarship amounts to each student.** And finally, last June, the American Institute of Architects Awards, bestowed upon PS ModCom a special award of Collaborative Achievement for our outstanding contribution to the field of architecture, through education awareness and preservation.

So it was a productive year. I also want to take this opportunity to thank all of our board members who work so tirelessly to put together our programs, events, create fun products for sale, and work with our attorneys and elected officials to maximize our impact when preservation issues come forward. And a final thank you to each of you, for without you and your support we would not exist!

Happy holidays,

Chris Menrad  
President

### Congrats to Palm Springs' Newest Historic District!

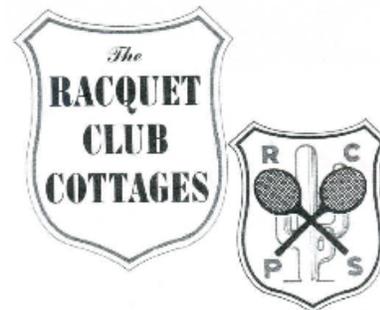
We'd like to take a moment to acknowledge the tireless efforts of, and say congratulations to, PS ModCom board member **Kim Zakowski**, for her recent success in obtaining an **Historic District designation for Racquet Club Cottages West**, by the City of Palm Springs.

Also serving as HOA Board President, Kim and neighbors and friends pulled out all the stops by attending the City Council meeting sporting tennis racquets to show their support for the designation.

Well done Kim!

### Give the Gift of Preservation

This holiday season, **share your passion for modern architecture with a friend by giving them a PS ModCom membership.** Your gift will not only help ignite and feed their passion but it will also help PS ModCom, and it's tax deductible!



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For a limited time, we are offering a **complimentary DVD of Desert Holiday**, a jaunty documentary chronicling the history of the Coachella Valley as seen through vintage postcards, produced and narrated by PS ModCom Founder, Peter Moruzzi. You may keep this DVD for yourself, or send along with your gift membership, AND, in the spirit of giving, we'll also send your gift recipient a **complimentary copy of the Palm Springs Modern Map**.

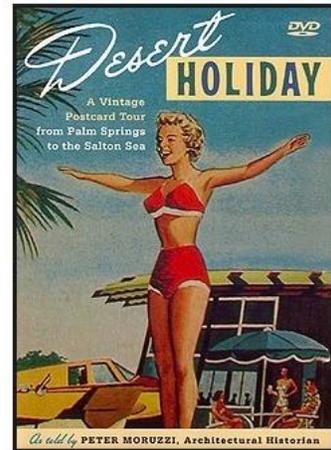
It's super easy to give AND get - simply [click here](#) to get started.

And if you're feeling extra generous, please consider making a [year-end gift to PS ModCom](#). We can never say thank you enough for your support all year long. Without you, we could not be successful in our mission of preservation, education and advocacy.

Thank you, and have a wonderful holiday season!

Kenny Cassady  
Chair, Membership

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