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Membership Party

Be Among the First to Experience DESERT TWO!

The Palm Springs Modern Committee invites you to an exclusive unveiling of a remarkable new all-steel home in Deepwell Estates designed by noted modernist architect Jim Jennings.

This first public showing of Desert Two (the second of Jim Jennings' desert projects) will take place from 6-8 pm on Saturday, April 27. Cocktails and light fare will be offered during the reception.



Desert One by Jim Jennings

Tickets are free for new and renewing PS ModCom members, \$15 for members not renewing at this time, and \$20 for non-members. Our Preservation and Restoration Level Members may attend for free.

For complete details and to be part of this exciting event please [click this link](#). The number of tickets is limited so please act quickly!

Vegas, Baby!

We are pleased to announce that following Peter Moruzzi's recent successful **designation of the El Cortez Hotel for the National Register**, PS



ModCom members are invited to attend the celebration of the City's recognition of his work with a **weekend tour to Las Vegas on May 10** for two nights.

The weekend will include a 3 hour bus tour, a celebratory luncheon with a slide show and talk, dinner at the Golden Steer, featured in Peter's new book "Classic Dining: Discovering America's Finest Mid-Century Restaurants", a tour of the Neon Museum and a visit to the Guardian Angel Cathedral designed by Paul R. Williams in 1963.



For further information on this casual tour and for those interested in car pooling please contact Nickie at psmodcom@earthlink.net for more information.

PS ModCom Events - Save the Dates!

This coming summer PS ModCom will be touring the architectural gems of **San Diego**. Tentatively scheduled for **September 6 - 8**, details of this weekend beachside getaway will be provided in the summer newsletter.

The **Annual Awards Luncheon** will be held on **Saturday, October 5**. Please forward your nominations as we once again honor those who contribute to preservation of our modern heritage. The numerous categories include, but are not limited to, preservation, restoration, adaptive reuse and excellence in new design.

Wrapping up... Modernism Week 2013 stayed true to its past history by once again surpassing all previous records and attracting 40,000 people to the events. On behalf of the board, **we would like to thank all the volunteers** for dedicating their time and energy to the numerous events that PS ModCom produced including the Silver Factory Gala, the Library Exhibit, the Iconic Home Tours and the Modernism Show booth, especially those volunteers who did a terrific job promoting membership and the app.

Patrick McGrew, 1941-2013

I was totally shocked and saddened by the recent death of Patrick McGrew. Patrick was a major force for architectural preservation here in the desert. For me, Patrick was one of the most important people working in preservation in Palm Springs right now. He had a passion, a way of speaking and a way of writing that was totally accessible to everyone that read or heard him. He did so much for this town. He wrote nominations for Class one historic status, he wrote beautiful and informative tribute journals for the Palm Springs Preservation Foundation. He spoke eloquently at lectures, at city council meetings and as the chair of the ADC. Yet he spoke with conviction and the amazing passion of someone who truly grasped the issues at hand.

Patrick McGrew really "got it." He had a deep knowledge and an amazing library, a research laboratory really. His computer was packed with as yet undocumented jewels of what Palm Springs was like in days gone by, just waiting to be brought to the light of day so that we can better love and preserve this very special town. I understand he was working on a book about the history of Palm Springs architecture, and I only hope he got a good chunk of it done and that it will be posthumously published.

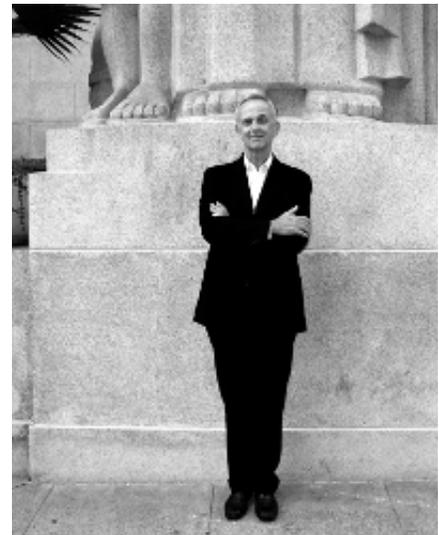


Photo Courtesy KCET

Patrick helped move preservation, and the understanding of why it is so important to a town like Palm Springs, to a new level. I am so honored that the Palm Springs Modern Committee was able to award him preservationist of the year in 2011. He was much loved and will be missed. It will be impossible to replace Patrick.

Chris Menrad
President

Chart House, The Final Chapter

The Chart House building has been demolished despite our best efforts at an outcome that would have recreated the building on site. Because of the extensive efforts of PS ModCom's attorney, this was an expensive battle, utilizing a sizeable portion of our annual budget. **But preservation advocacy is one of the primary reasons for the existence of PS ModCom and we are committed to dedicating our resources to this effort. Thank you, members, for your financial support that makes our work possible.** We may have lost the Chart House but because of you, we can continue to fight the good fight in preserving the Desert's historic modern heritage.



Peter Moruzzi
Advocacy Chair

Have App, Will Travel

Can't get your friends into a private tour of Palm Springs modern architecture? Get "the App" and they'll be able to see hundreds of architectural photos, high-definition video, architect biographies and comprehensive descriptions of 80+ properties, just from the seat of their car as they self-drive around town.

The Palm Springs Modern: **Mid-Century Architecture Tours App** is a really fun and informative way to tour Palm Springs modern architecture, either in person, or from your sofa anywhere in the world! Visit [iTunes](#) or [Google Play](#) to download the App to your iPhone, iPad or Android device.

Simply search iTunes or Google Play for "Palm Springs Modern" and start touring now! The App is made possible in part through the generous support of [Palm Springs Life](#) and [TTKrepresents.com](#).



One final note: Don't be discouraged by the long download time - there are at least 27 minutes of video, audio on over 80 properties and hundreds of architectural photographs! We recommend you download and install the app overnight, and be sure your phone has enough space (currently 1.8 GB) before you get started.

New Krisel Prints Now Available in our Shop

Our newest limited edition print by renowned architect William Krisel, AIA, is a special portfolio of

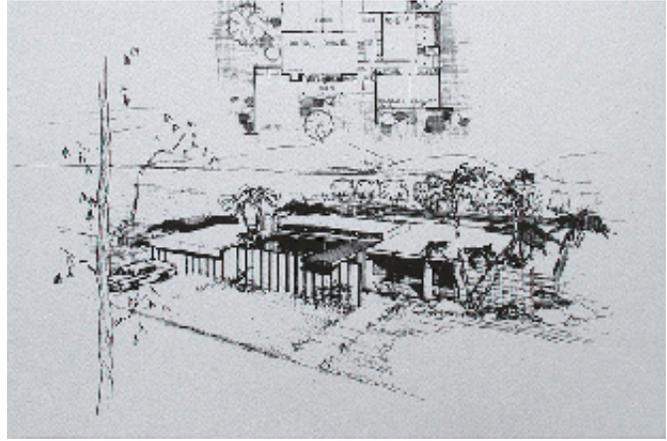


four prints!

The prints of **Krisel's Valley of the Sun project**, which was completed in 1957 in Rancho Mirage. Each of the four prints is signed and numbered by the architect and delivered in a special presentation envelope.

Each print measures 9"x12" in size, and can be framed individually or as a group.

Edition limited to 75, priced at \$125 per set, plus tax, shipping & handling. [View a complete set in our online shop.](#)



Membership Has Its Benefits

In an effort to better acknowledge and engage our members, the Membership Committee is adding new options and benefits! Please join us on April 27th at DESERT TWO to hear about the changes. After the 27th, complete information will be available at psmodcom.org. We'd like to extend a big thank you to each and every member for your ongoing support. **Our advocacy, education and outreach work would not be possible without you!**

Kenny Cassady
Membership Chair

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