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## **Docomomo US Tour Day 2019 Highlights the Diversity of Modernism**

Docomomo US is pleased to announce the schedule of tours and events taking place on **October 12, 2019 and throughout the month of October** for Tour Day 2019. The only national program of its kind, Tour Day is devoted to the appreciation of modern architecture in the United States. Tours and events focused on architecture and design of the Modern Movement are hosted by Docomomo US chapters, partners, and leading voices in preservation. This year's thematic focus is the diversity of modernism. As midcentury buildings and sites have become increasingly endangered, Docomomo US and its chapters have become more aware of sites designed by minority and female architects, landscape architects, designers, and engineers. In many cases, little is known about the designer or their legacy. This year's Tour Day events will cast a light on the significance of these sites and the need to preserve them.

A list of tours and map of tour locations is available at [www.docomomo-us.org/events/tour-day](http://www.docomomo-us.org/events/tour-day).

Participants can share their Tour Day experience using the hashtags:  
#DiversityofModernism #TourDay2019 #ExploreModern #DocomomoUS

### **Tour Day Highlights:**

- *The Shape of Things to Come: Reclaiming the Legacy of Detroit's Black Architects*  
*Detroit, MI, October 12*  
Docomomo US/Michigan will explore two midcentury churches designed by architect Nathan Johnson, one of the many black architects who shaped Detroit,

yet whose work and legacy remains largely unknown.

■ *Norcell Haywood: The Community Architect*

*San Antonio, TX, October 12*

The MidTexMod chapter of Docomomo US will host an open house and oral history opportunity at the Second Baptist Church and San Antonia Public Library. Both were designed by Norcell Haywood, who championed the concept of the community architect.

■ *Modernism in San Francisco's Chinatown*

*San Francisco, CA, October 12*

Although commonly known for its narrow streets lined with red lanterns and eclectic shops, Chinatown in fact has some of San Francisco's best modernist architecture, much of it designed by Chinese American architects. Explore the modern side of Chinatown with Docomomo US/NOCA.

■ *Kaneji Domoto in Usonia*

*Pleasantville, NY, October 12*

Kaneji Domoto designed five of the Usonian homes in Frank Lloyd Wright's planned community in Pleasantville, NY. Docomomo US/New York Tri-State takes participants on exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of all five.

■ *Under/Represented: A Conversation about Diversity in Modernism*

*Los Angeles, CA October 12*

Docomomo US/Southern California will host a panel discussion in celebration of four architects who helped to shape LA's Modernist legacy: Gin Wong, Norma Sklarek, Robert Kennard, and Paul R. Williams.

■ *Howard Modern: The Legacy of the African American University's Architects and Architecture*

*Washington, DC, October 26*

Docomomo US/DC and Howard University's Department of Architecture will host a tour of modern sites on the historically black university's campus in Washington, DC, designed by architects such as Hilyard Robinson and Paul R. Williams.

For Tour Day 2019, Docomomo US is excited to partner with organizations such as Noir Design Parti, the San Antonio African American Community Archive and Museum, Howard University's Department of Architecture, RGVMOD, and FDR Four Freedoms

Park. We are grateful for the participation of leaders in the preservation field such as the Historic Albany Foundation, Preservation Utah, Palm Springs Modernism Week, New Haven Preservation Trust, Preservation New Jersey, the Alden B. Dow Home & Studio, the Paul Rudolph Heritage Foundation, and the Schweikher House Preservation Trust.

Docomomo stands for the Documentation and Conservation of buildings, sites and neighborhoods of the Modern Movement. Docomomo US is a 501(c)3 registered non-profit organization consisting of a union of 17 regional chapters and 6 friend organizations that shares its members' knowledge of and enthusiasm for the Modern Movement, promotes public interest in it through lectures and walking tours, and organizes advocacy efforts to protect endangered sites and buildings. Docomomo US operates as a volunteer organization comprised of enthusiasts, historians, architects, designers, students, and preservationists. Its Board of Directors represents the diverse professional and academic interests and its presence in regions across the country.

## **All Participating Docomomo US Chapters and Partners**

### **California**

Docomomo US/Southern California  
Docomomo US/Northern California  
Palm Springs Modernism Week

### **Connecticut**

New Haven Preservation Trust  
Highland Green Foundation

### **District of Columbia**

Docomomo US/DC  
Howard University Department of Architecture

### **Hawaii**

Docomomo US/Hawaii

### **Indiana**

Historic New Harmony  
University of Southern Indiana

**Illinois**

Docomomo US/Chicago  
James R. Thompson Historical Society  
Schweikher House Preservation Trust

**Michigan**

Alden B. Dow Home & Studio  
Docomomo US/Michigan  
Noir Design Party  
City of Southfield, MI  
Southfield Historical Society

**Minnesota**

Docomomo US/Minnesota

**Nevada**

Paradise Palms Las Vegas

**New Jersey**

Preservation New Jersey  
James Rose Center

**New York**

Docomomo US/New York Tri-State  
FDR Four Freedoms Park  
Historic Albany Foundation  
Paul Rudolph Heritage Foundation

**Oregon**

Docomomo US/Oregon  
Pennsylvania  
Docomomo US/Greater Philadelphia  
Pittsburgh Modern Committee

**Texas**

Docomomo US/North Texas  
Docomomo US/Mid Tex Mod  
Harlingen Mod

Historic Fort Worth

RGVMod

San Antonio African American Community Archive

San Antonio Public Library (Carver Branch)

Second Baptist Church

**Washington**

Docomomo US/Western Washington

**Utah**

Preservation Utah

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