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The NM Guide To PALM SPRINGS

Design rules in the Southern California capital of mid-century cool



A necklace with a modern edge
ROSE BOND
c.1950
Designer Jewelry



From tours of iconic mid-century homes to a vintage trader show, Palm Springs' annual **MODERNISM WEEK** (Feb. 23-24, 2014) doesn't disappoint. Sure to be a hot ticket this go-round: a design lecture by Tina Turk and pop-cult reception at the stunning 200-acre **Suttonsford Center B. Gordon**, only recently opened to the public. After the endless parade of hamlets, chairs and minimal art students, head to downtown Palm Springs and the year-old far-south housing **AVE MODERN**, where lines such as Madeline and Colorado blend. **Home Living Design** offers new takes on the '50s and '60s style. modernismweek.com journalofhome.com

L.A.-based interior designer Tracy Beckman and furniture designer Ryan Tombrige spent three years painstakingly restoring and renovating the included four-story **HOTEL LAUTNER** to fulfill the mid-century vision of its master architect John Lautner. A proponent of Frank Lloyd Wright, Lautner originally designed the Desert Inn Springs property as part of a planned community in 1947, but over the decades a full-time shop and various black metal, glass, steel and concrete lines, the steel hotel continues with regular, sun-filled rooms complete with Mid-Century Modern sofas and Bernini bar stools, succulent-scented patios, a saltwater dipping pool, and a fire pit perfect for sipping. hotelautner.com



From no tablecloth choice in the doors at year-old **WORKSHOP KITCHEN + BAR** in the rising Uptown hotel, a refreshing upgrade among the plentiful martini bar-style joints across town, Chef-owner Michael Beckman (who's cooked his way from Burgundy to Berlin to the Coachella Valley) wows with simple, seasonal plates such as mosquito-charged brunch spreads and white corn and poblano-pepper enchiladas. And in a city regularly obsessed with architecture and design, the dark space is also notable for its minimalist interiors, including custom-poured concrete benches serving around the original building's cathedral ceiling. workshopkitchen.com

A mid-century architect tour on our home? The nonprofit **PALM SPRINGS MODERN COMMITTEE** has developed just that. The app includes 80 properties across Palm Springs, mostly private residences but also public buildings such as the Coachella Valley

Springs and Lotus and the Truman Gas Station, so you can embark on a self-guided, GPS-enabled driving or bike tour at your leisure. Features allow you to cross-reference homes by architect, home or audio libraries, view iconic images by photographer John Shulman, view celebrity culture (especially colorful when it comes to the Frank Sinatra residence and its piano-shaped pool), and even take virtual tours of home interiors. Also compatible with the iPad, and Google Android phones and tablets. journalofhome.com

When it opens in February, the Palm Springs Art Museum's glass-in-kind series will be one of a few stand-alone spaces dedicated solely to architecture and design (inspiring everything from fashion to interiors to automobiles). Planned in the former **South Federal Savings and Loan**, a 1950s building by architect L. Stewart Williams, the **EDWARDS HARRIS REVLON** sits a few blocks from the museum itself. Williams incidentally designed the original museum as well, and a retrospective of his work will be the inaugural exhibit at the annex. journalofhome.com



A small tote with big personality
ROSE'S ARROW c.1950
\$195, Designer Handbags



take it from them

"You'd be mad to not visit **BON WYVANT**. Patrick and his hubby have the most incredible selection of mid-century pens and globes. They have an eclectic, commercialist point of view, and I make my annual pilgrimages to their vintage store. Also, don't miss dinner at **MISTER PARKIE'S**. It's a deconstructed formal bistro for eggs and seasonal courses."
—Jonathan Adler, Designer

"The newly opened **SPARROWS HOTEL** is a perfect weekend getaway spot. Its minimalist meets bohemian chic decor will make anyone forget it's only ten minutes away. And if it's a romantic getaway, the **EDGEMOOR HAWKS HOTEL** provides romantic glows with candles and romance. Reserve a table for two (naturally tucked away in an alcove of trees and bougainvillea)."
—Lisa Shaffer, PR Manager, NM Beverly Hills

"Start your day with the best breakfast in all of SoCal at **CHERRY'S**. I have friends who make the two-hour drive from L.A. just to eat their frittata on tablecloth-free tables when they open at 8 a.m. or be prepared to suffer long lines. Unlike the other brunches with brunchy spreads and maple bacon—yawn! In the afternoon, take a guided architectural tour of the area's most significant mid-century marvels. Thanks to our pride and the Palm Springs Modern Committee, these residential and commercial buildings have been meticulously restored. Call ahead to schedule with the **PALM SPRINGS MUSEUM** and you'll see why all of Hollywood anchored here and made it their California."
—Jim Moore, Creative Director, GQ

"**KING'S HIGHWAY** at the Ace Hotel is a great place for people watching and live music. Open until the wee hours, this retro-bar diner serves delicious dishes like the iron steak and fries and pasta carbonara. Their cocktails are also seasonal. The Desert Facial is one of my faves. And for shopping, the **DESIGN DISTRICT** is the best neighborhood for mid-century-modern finds."
—Kristen Spaulding, NM Social Media Editor

"Living in L.A., I'm fortunate to spend many weekends at my home in Palm Springs. There's something about that view off the freeway near Highway 111 that instantly puts me in a relaxed state of mind. Among my favorite haunts are **MODERNA'S** at The Parker (brave, rock, lobster and orange salad!) and **BIRRA** (Italian-inspired fusion and a great bar to sit at in Palm Springs after the drive from L.A.). If you happen to be there in November, don't miss the inspiring annual **PALM SPRINGS MODERN HERITAGE FUND** home tour. We've been going for over ten years."
—Tina Turk, Designer