

# BEVERLY HILLS REAL ESTATE

## Getty To Host Fourth International Iconic Houses Conference Next Week

By Victoria Talbot

The 4th International Iconic Houses Conference is coming to the Getty Center, hosted by the Getty

Conservation Institute and The Getty Foundation on Feb. 17-19 with an agenda that includes tours, speakers and networking activities focusing on Modern residential architecture. The event will celebrate California's unique expression of Mid-Century Modern homes and is themed,

"A California State of Mind: The Modern House Museum in Southern California."

Attendees from around the world will tour the Gamble House, Hollyhock, the Schindler House, and Neutra VDL Studio and Residences in day one.

Guest of honor, Architect Harry Gesner will speak following a visit to his home, the Sand Castle, and to the Wave House, both in Malibu.

At 90, "Gesner (who is still working) is the most charming man I've ever met. He is a womanizer still," said Natascha Drabbe, founder of Iconic Houses. Gesner is also the architect of the Cahuenga Pass "Boat Houses," designed in 1959 and crafted by Norwegian shipbuilders.

The conference will culmi-

nate in a final cocktail party at the triangular Sheats-Goldstein House, by John Lautner, on the edge of Beverly Hills. The party

pressive architectural treasure chest, though preservation has not historically been a priority. Dishman and the LA Conservancy are at the forefront of conservation efforts, and it is expected that her talk will address the Los Angeles penchant for demolition and Mansionization.

A smaller post-conference group will visit Palm Springs in a tour that will encompass an array of Mid-Century Mod-

ern opportunities throughout Rancho Mirage and Palm Springs, organized by The Annenberg Retreat at Sunnyland and the Palm Springs Art Museum.

"In only three and a half years, we have built a solid reputation as a unique platform for professional debate concerning the conservation, policy and management of modern house museums. . . Our members are empowered to



Harry Gesner's iconic wave house in Malibu

undertake new initiatives to develop the potential of their house museums from marketing to programming events to

century residential architecture and a resource," said conference organizer Drabbe.

This is a great opportunity to visit a score of iconic homes throughout L.A. in tours carefully planned to maximize the adventure and minimize the traffic delays.

The conference is a global opportunity for modern museum homes, with over 150 20th Century homes listed on the Iconic Houses website in 30 different countries. 100 architects of global significance designed these

homes, and about one-fifth are still privately owned and occupied, while also admitting visitors.

Limited conference tickets are still available; email [info@iconichouses.org](mailto:info@iconichouses.org). For more information visit [www.iconichouses.org](http://www.iconichouses.org).



Sandcastle by Natascha Drabbe

collaborations with other houses.

"The major aim of Iconic Houses is to study the most important houses of the 20th Century and to raise awareness of their significance and their need for protection. Iconic Houses therefore aims to become an important center for the study of the history of 20th

## WILSHIRE CORRIDOR



### 10450 WILSHIRE BLVD #9J

Large 2 bedroom plus den (possible 3rd bedroom) 2.5 bath corner unit. Over 2000 SF. Sweeping panoramic views. Luxury full service building.

**\$1,275,000**

Margie Markus • 818 807-7414  
BRE#01275621



we all need  
**PARKS**  
for healthy, thriving and engaged communities



### City of Beverly Hills Recreation and Parks Commission Invites the Public

The public is invited to participate in the Los Angeles County Park and Recreation Needs Assessment by providing input about potential park project interests in the Beverly Hills community either at the Recreation and Parks Commission meeting or the County's survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LQSGWZZ>.

**Where:** Recreation and Parks Commission Meeting  
City Hall, 455 North Rexford Drive, Room 280-A

**When:** Tuesday, February 23, 2016 | 2 p.m.

**Online Survey Link:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LQSGWZZ>

The City of Beverly Hills is participating in the Los Angeles Countywide Comprehensive Park & Recreation Needs Assessment. The public's input gathered at this meeting as well as through online surveys will provide us with information to be submitted to L.A. County for inclusion in their assessment report. Questions and inquiries should be directed to [sharris@beverlyhills.org](mailto:sharris@beverlyhills.org) or call 310-285-2531.