April 2009

Dear Member:

This May marks the fourth season for the Friends of Modern Architecture/Lincoln. Through your support this past year we were able to host:

• A spring tour of the “white house in the woods”, the 1971 Boyer House
• A fall tour of the unique and inspiring Brown’s Wood neighborhood
• A symposium, The Modern House Reborn, featuring two restored homes
• A Lincoln Winter Carnival screening of the documentary film 10 Finnish Architects

FoMA events not only focus on Lincoln’s unique role in Modernism, but also embody Lincoln’s sense of community. Each event brings together an array of owners, architects, artists, scholars, history-lovers, environmentalists, and other interested local residents, all of whom appreciate the quality and diversity of Lincoln’s Modern houses and their landscapes.

We have planned an exciting series of events for the upcoming year:

Our spring symposium, Modern Landscapes for Living: Design, Renovation & Sustainability, is on Saturday, May 16, from 3:00–5:00 at the Codman Carriage House. An overview of Modern landscape design will be given, including a presentation of several site reviews and advice on sustainable landscapes. A panel discussion will follow, offering an opportunity for discussion and questions.

A landscape tour on Sunday, June 7, from 3:00–5:30 will provide members the opportunity to explore two Modern landscape designs. We will tour the landscape of the Gropius House to learn about its features and restoration efforts. We will also see the landscape of the Henry Hoover house, as restored by landscape architect Jonathan Keep. The Stewardship Program of Historic New England now protects this property through preservation easements.

The fall house tour will feature a house designed over time by three architects: Cyrus Murphy (1937), Henry Hoover (1975), and Gary Wolf (2005). The modest size and design integrity of the house have been retained, even as spaces have been reconfigured to match the changing needs of the homeowners.

Please renew your membership by returning the enclosed card along with your tax-deductible check, and don’t forget to visit our website www.fomalincen.org for additional information about our events. We are appreciative of your support and we look forward to seeing you this year.

Sincerely,

The Board of Trustees of Friends of Modern Architecture/Lincoln