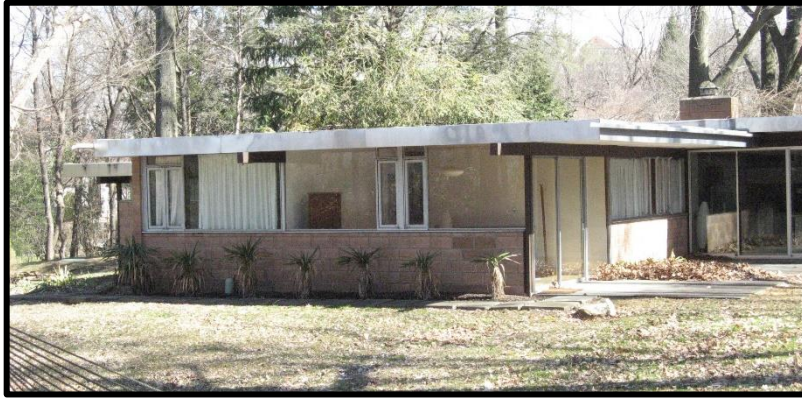


Two Modernist Gems in East Falls *A Rare Opportunity to Visit*

The central section of East Falls – the old “Falls Village” – is known for its 19th-century row houses and twins, many in the Italianate, Gothic Revival, and Second Empire styles. Going up the hill, an alert visitor will enjoy seeing our Tudor East Falls Historic



District, our unusual Spanish Revival rows, and, finally, the many fine Tudor and Colonial Revival houses east of Henry Avenue, the area once known as “Queen Lane Manor.” But East Falls also can boast of important “mid-century modernist” houses (and also a former nurses home and a fire station in

modernist mode). The modernist houses are mostly to the north, along School House Lane and Apalogen Road.

Among the mid-century Modern houses in East Falls are the Hassrick House and the Rothner House, both of which will be visited on this tour. Designed by internationally-recognized California architect Richard Neutra, and now part of the Jefferson campus, the Hassrick House exemplifies Modern architecture as it was widely produced in the decades following World War II. Though currently unfurnished, it is still an impressive residence. The Rothner House is owned by architect and aficionado Janet Grace, who has furnished it with excellent examples of mid-century Modern design. This building was created by respected local architect Norman Rice, known for important contributions to the “Philadelphia School” of Modern architecture.

The tour will be led by David Breiner, PhD of Jefferson University, and Alison Eberhardt, MA, an architectural historian and photographer.

Date and time: Saturday, October 15, 10 am.

Fee: \$10 EFHS members; \$15 others, to be collected at the start of the tour.

Attendance has to be limited: please register via email using eastfallshistory@gmail.com. The meeting point and parking information will be emailed to registrants.

East Falls Historical Society Members are being notified of this program before information is released to the general public.

