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Dear Friends of Modern Architecture,

In 2015 FoMA celebrates its tenth anniversary, a milestone that has prompted the Board to consider our original objectives and how best to implement and strengthen them in the future. To supplement our programming of house tours, lectures, and film series, we have explored ways in which FoMA can build collaborations with other organizations and enhance our educational programming. Lincoln has one of the most comprehensive collections of Modern architecture (1937-1970) in the country, with outstanding examples representative of almost all major periods, and is thus most deserving of our attention.

As we continue with our work, we depend more than ever on member support. Please renew your membership if you have not already done so, by returning your check in the enclosed envelope or online through PayPal. And if you are able, we very much appreciate donations of any amount to support the programs mentioned below.

Our Education and Outreach sub-committee develops programs to educate town residents and the public about Lincoln's unique legacy of Modern architecture. Recent and upcoming events include:

- January 29, 2015: lecture by Katherine Mierzwa on Lincoln's unique "Alcoa House"
- February 2015: welcome gathering for new homeowners who have recently purchased a Modern home
- March 15, 2015: presentation by Christine Cipriani and Peter McMahon, authors of the recently published book, Cape Cod Modern
- Late April or May: an exciting Design Research/ Marimekko event featuring guest speakers Jane Thompson and Susan Ward; details to follow
- May 31, 2015: spring house tour in collaboration with the Lexington Historical Society
- October 2015-March 2016: exhibition titled "Middlesex County Modern," organized by the Concord Art Museum with FoMA's collaboration

The Preservation sub-committee is committed to the preservation of Lincoln's cultural history. As recognized in Lincoln's 1958 Braun-Elliott report, our Town's appeal derives from its natural character as well as its architecture which includes "the harmonious and attractive older buildings in the center of town, and the predominance of unobtrusive residences that blend into the landscape by irregular setbacks and generous foliage barriers." In the spirit of this vision and our mission, FoMA is:

- Partnering with Lincoln's Rural Land Foundation and Modern house owners to preserve Modern houses adjacent to conservation trails, woodlots, and fields
- Beginning long-term planning to provide financial assistance with preservation-related projects

The Documentation sub-committee records and documents mid-century Modern architectural material in a variety of media:

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Inventory of approximately 230 of Lincoln's Modern houses (built 1937-1970) through a locally funded State-wide program, with recent funding provided through the Community Preservation Act Modern house plans and drawings: we can provide advice and assistance if you have plans and are not sure how best to preserve them. Polly Flansburgh donated her husband, Earl Flansburgh's, extensive archive of architectural drawings and plans to FoMA and Historic New England. Upon completion of scanning, these documents will be available online through the HNE website Grant from the Lincoln Cultural Council, awarded December 2014, provides initial funding for an Oral Histories project to begin winter, 2015.

Other news and updates:

Dana Robbat, founding member and president of FoMA since its inception, is on leave this year in order to complete her book on Lincoln's Modern architecture. Judith Lawler and Ellen Meadors have joined our Board of Directors. We are pleased to be a supporter of the important upcoming publication, *Breaking Ground: Henry B. Hoover, New England Modern Architect* by Henry B. Hoover Jr. and Lucretia Hoover Giese (founding members of FoMA), slated for publication by University Press of New England in mid-2015. Watch for an announcement this fall about FoMA's gala Annual Meeting event to which all members are invited. The Historical layers in the Town of Lincoln online Geographic Information System (GIS) were updated in 2014. They now include: Town of Lincoln Historic Districts, Massachusetts Historical Commission listed buildings and areas, mid- century modern houses surveyed by FoMA, and houses with Historic Preservation Restrictions. In addition, for the first time, the Historic Restriction documents have been attached to the parcels and can be viewed and downloaded by users of the website. The web address is: <http://www.caigisonline.com/LincolnMA/Default.aspx>

We are enormously grateful for the support our members provide and encourage you to contact us if you have ideas for new programs or other suggestions. We hope you will mark your calendars for the many new programs we have planned for 2015 and we look forward to seeing you there!

With kind regards,

Sandra Grindlay, membership committee