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**Restore Oregon Presents 2017 Mid-Century Modern Tour,
Companion Lecture, and After-Tour Celebration
Will Shine Spotlight on Residential Work of Master Architect, William Fletcher**

PORTLAND, OR – On Saturday, September 23, Restore Oregon will host their 2017 Mid-Century Modern Tour, featuring residences designed by celebrated Northwest Modernist architect, William Fletcher. This tour marks the first time these homes – some of Fletcher’s finest greater-Portland area work -- have ever been open to the public, or curated as a group.

Fletcher, founder of the architectural firm Fletcher Farr Ayotte (now known as FFA Architecture and Interiors, Inc.), began his career in 1955, in the basement of his home. The following year, he established an office in downtown Portland, where he shared space with Saul Zaik, Donald Blair, John Reese, Frank Blachly, Alex Pierce, and designer George Schwarz. These cohorts later became known as the 14th Street Gang of architects.

Initially, Fletcher found inspiration in the works of Mies van der Rohe and the International Style movement. He later joined contemporaries John Yeon, Pietro Belluschi, John Storrs and Van Evera Bailey in helping to shape the Northwest Regional Style of architecture, sometimes referred to as Northwest Modernism.

Constructed primarily of wood native to the Pacific Northwest, Fletcher’s homes employ strong geometry and a deft use of proportion. Fletcher’s careful attention to site placement helps his mid-century dwellings overcome the lighting challenges unique to our region, and allows them to blend effortlessly into the landscape. Later in his career, Fletcher brought these same approaches -- and his unique aesthetic -- to several well-known commercial projects, including Black Butte Ranch in Central Oregon, and Rex Hill Winery in Newberg.

As part of the 2017 Mid-Century Modern Tour, ticket holders will also have access to two companion events: a lecture on “The Work and Legacy of William Fletcher, Northwest Modernist” and an exclusive after-tour party hosted by Rejuvenation. The lecture is open to the public for a suggested donation of \$10.

Event Details: Mid-Century Modern Tour of Works by William Fletcher

Saturday, September 23, 2017 from 10am – 4pm
\$45 General Admission / \$35 Restore Oregon Members
Advance ticket purchase required; includes access to lecture and after-tour party

Lecture: “The Work and Legacy of William Fletcher, Northwest Modernist”

By Troy Ainsworth, Principal of FFA Architecture and Interiors, Inc.
Friday, September 22, 2017 from 6pm – 8pm
Held at Design Within Reach

825 NW 13th Ave, Portland, OR 97209
Open to public; \$10 Donation (included with Mid-Century Modern ticket)

After-tour Party: Celebrate Fletcher & Meet Other Architects at Rejuvenation

Saturday, September 23, 2017 from 6pm – 7pm
Exclusive after-tour party open only to Mid-Century Modern ticket holders
Held at Rejuvenation's Flagship Store in SE Portland
1100 SE Grand Avenue
Portland, OR 97214

Purchase tickets at <https://restoreoregon.org/event/mcm/>. For more information, please call 503-243-1923.

Restore Oregon works throughout Oregon to save and protect our state's historic places. All proceeds from our 2017 Mid Century Modern Tour will benefit our statewide education and advocacy programs. (For house tour photos, please contact Jeannette Shupp at jeannette@restoreoregon.org)

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About Restore Oregon: Founded in 1977, Restore Oregon is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization which advocates for sound preservation policy and legislation. Our mission is to preserve, reuse and pass forward the historic places that create livable communities. Each year, we provide statewide educational programming and technical assistance, while working to save the sites and structures featured on our annual list of Oregon's Most Endangered Places. We hold over 40 conservation easements on historic properties, thereby protecting them in perpetuity. Learn more at www.restoreoregon.org

About FFA Architecture and Interiors, Inc.: FFA Architecture and Interiors (FFA) is a full-service design firm providing expertise in architecture, planning, and interior design. Committed to having a positive impact on our communities, FFA has designed compelling award-winning buildings since its founding by Bill Fletcher in 1956. For over 60 years we have provided high quality building designs that fit within the framework of the site and embody the history, culture, and values of our clients. Marketing Contact: Sue Johnson, sjohnson@ffadesign.com, 503-327-0347