

To: Lesley Groff [REDACTED]
From: Terry Kafka
Sent: Tue 1/30/2018 9:00:26 PM
Subject: Re: New Canaan modern homes conversation....

Hi Lesley. Good to see you yesterday. I wasted - uh I mean I spent an hour and a half with jeff!

In Germany in the 1920's there was a modernist architecture and design group called the Bauhaus movement. This was the beginning of modernism as we know it now. The leaders of the movement, all feared hitler and naziism, which tries to stamp out the movement as being radical and anti German. So, In 1929 several fled to the US. Harvard took in i think around 8 of these bauhaus architects as professors.

There was much interest and excitement about their work and they started to get commissions to design homes near Cambridge. New Canaan become their "laboratory" due to a few early commissions from residents eager to build a new modern home. Then in the 50's an American architect, Phillip Johnson designed a glass house for his residence. This house is iconic for its 100% glass. Also very innovative and ground breaking. Google Phillip Johnson glass house. Some of the moderns of new Canaan haven't been kept up but many are still amazing. The design movement coined it international modernism and is known for the flat roofs and horizontal orientation. These architects also designed many iconic modern furniture pieces. Some of the architects were: walter Gropius, marcel Bruer, and others from the bauhaus school.

My best, terry

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> On Jan 30, 2018, at 3:01 PM, Lesley Groff [REDACTED] wrote:
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> HI Terry...our conversation was cut short yesterday, but I am very interested to know why there are so many modern homes built in New Canaan...if you can, when you have a moment, could you send me a quick email?
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> Lesley
> Assistant to Jeffrey Epstein