

1967 In his office Craig Ellwood and Associates On Robertson Blvd, west of Olympic Blvd.

Photo: Erin Ellwood

#### California Modern

# The architecture of **Craig Ellwood** aka Jon Nelson Burke W'40







#### 1949 The Lappin House Location: Cheviot Hills, CA

Recognized as Ellwood's first completed building project. The house has a dining room, family room addition, pool, spa and attached carport. The two story house with three bedrooms and three and one half baths was featured in the 1950 Los Angeles Times Home Magazine. The story is credited with helping launch Ellwood's career.

The home was built by Lamport Cofer Salzman, the construction firm he worked at, as a cost estimator before Ellwood established his own design firm.





The original fireplace features a brick surround, now partially painted white. Flanking both sides are Ellwood's wood-clad, "floating walls".

### 1953 The Byron Lamar Johnson House Location: Brentwood, CA

The three bedroom house spreads out horizontally along the hillside, with only the carport visible from the street. Wood ceiling beams, precisely fitted into steel frame, carry the eye out to dramatic views of city and coastline. It has three bedrooms, two baths, studio and a carport. In 2020 the renovated house sold for \$3.75 million.











#### The Hunt House 1957 Location: Malibu, CA

Designed by Craig Ellwood with design associate Jerrold Lomax. Honored as an *Architectural Record* House of The Year in 1959. In 2020, the Residential Design Award of Excellence is given for the restoration of the Hunt House. Restoration began in 2018 with a team of Ellwood experts and a skilled team of architects, designers and craftspeople who worked on three previous Ellwood homes. The first owners were Dr. Hunt and his wife, Elizabeth, who wanted a small house for the weekends on the beach.













1953 Henry Salzman House Case Study House #16\* Location: Bel-Air, CA

The house was commissioned by Henry Salzman who was one of Craig's former employees. It has a steel structural frame. The two bedroom and two bath house sold in 2019 for nearly \$3 million.



\*Case study houses were experiments in American residential architecture sponsored by *Arts & Architecture* magazine, which commissioned major architects of the day.

## 1965 The Moore House Location: Las Feliz, CA

Glazed walls, teak flooring and an original koi pond are featured in this hillside single story 1,700 sq. ft. three bedroom, two bath home. The house was updated while preserving many of its original details. The house sold in 2016 for \$2.23 million.



















1976 Craig Ellwood





#### 1976 The Bridge building at the Art Center College of Design Location: Pasadena, CA

The bridge form happened to be the most economical solution to the school's hilly canyon site. The building is 192 feet across at its longest point. The building took six years to complete. His associate James "Jim" Tyler acted as project architect and is thought by many to have been the principal designer of the innovative building. Stephen Woolley was the project manager. It was one of the final commissions of Craig Elwood and Associates before the firm closed in 1977. An addition to Art Center was completed in 1991 by Tyler.









#### 1965 The Kubly House Location: Pasadena, CA

Designed for Don and Sally Kubly. Don later became the president of Art Center. It is a single story four bedroom, two bath house, 2,156 sq. ft. with an outdoor swimming pool. There is a skylight above the kitchen which brings in natural light. Sliding door storage areas are next to the fire place. The house sold in May 2022 for \$3.9 million.