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Hollyhock House Launches Digital Archive, Richard Neutra Home Listed, and More News in Los Angeles

Here's what you need to know

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Piccalilli was designed by Alexis Readinger of Preen.

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Los Angeles is brimming with design delights and happenings. For all the goings-on around town and news you need to know, AD PRO's weekly news roundup is here to keep you filled in.

Preservation

Frank Lloyd Wright's Hollyhock House Launches Digital Archive

The Frank Lloyd Wright–[designed](#) Hollyhock House has [announced](#) the revealing of a digital archive of the home supported by the California Arts Council and Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs. The archive will be free and open to the public, and will cover over 500 works of blueprints, drawings, and ephemera dating from 1918 through today.

“We are creating a unique, user-friendly, world-class experience at Hollyhock House, both on-site and virtually,” said council member Mitch O’Farrell in a statement. “Since the facility was selected as part of a UNESCO World Heritage designation, we are furthering our work to create an architectural centerpiece for the City of Los Angeles.”

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Openings

Piccalilli, Designed by Preen, Opens in Culver City

Alexis Readinger, of Chinatown-headquartered Preen, has designed the new Piccalilli restaurant in Culver City, a project that is reflective of the firm’s self-described “metamagical” style. The creative team developed an unconventional imagined narrative to guide the design process. “It’s like a coordinate in the future, which two lovers had set as their meeting point,” Readinger tells AD PRO. The corner space features an original [Chris Wolston](#) tropical sculpture and Vladimir Stankovic illustrations that accentuate the saturated palette—all enhanced with bespoke architectural lighting by John Barlow of Light Speed.

Events

“The Body, the Object, the Other” Opens at the Craft Contemporary

The Craft Contemporary presents its second Clay Biennial this weekend. The exhibition, dubbed “The Body, the Object, the Other,” features ceramic works by Alex Anderson, Jenny Hata Blumenfield, Sharif Farrag, Nicki Green, Raven Halfmoon, Roxanne Jackson, Anabel Juarez, and Gerardo Monterrubio, among others. Admission is \$10 for the general public, and free for museum members. The exhibition opens on Saturday, February 1, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Real Estate

Richard Neutra House and Other Significant Properties Go on the Market

Several notable homes in the L.A. area have been listed for sale. Architect [Charles Ward’s](#) former home in Venice is on the market for \$4.25 million with Mark Kitching of [Douglas Elliman](#). A Linda Pollari and Robert Somol–designed corrugated steel home on Olympic Boulevard and Highland Avenue is also on the market for [\\$1.45 million](#), while [Richard Neutra’s](#) compact Taylor House is listed for [\\$1.75 million](#) by Crosby Doe Associates.

Hires

WATG Names Raj Chandnani Chief Development Officer

International design firm WATG, founded in 1945 by George “Pete” Wimberly, has promoted Raj Chandnani from VP of strategy to chief development officer. Chandnani, who also serves as co-chair of the American Hotel & Lodging Association’s Hospitality Investment Roundtable and is on the Cornell University School of Hotel Administration’s Dean’s advisory board, is based in the company’s Irvine office, and will work closely with WATG’s Wimberly Interiors arm.

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In the News

Colette Shelton’s *Cococozy Design House* Premieres on Amazon Prime Video

L.A.-based lifestyle and design blogger Colette Shelton has released her 15-part short-format reality series on Amazon Prime Video. Each episode of *Cococozy Design House* tracks Shelton as she undertakes a renovation of a 1930s Spanish Colonial Revival-style house. Seasoned real estate investor and designer Steve Jones serves as Shelton’s mentor on the project.

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