Re-envisioning a Historic Home: Andre Steiner Remodel and Renovation

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Abstract

In our work, we confront the renovation of a historic mid-century modern home designed by Andre Steiner. Steiner was a Bauhaus trained, Czechoslovak and American architect who moved to Atlanta, Georgia in 1950. He took part in an illegal group during World War Two and is credited with saving thousands of Slovak Jews. His contributions as an architect to the city of Atlanta, along with his actions during World War Two, make him a notable figure in Atlanta’s history. As we approach the actual renovation of one of Steiner’s homes, it is our intention to create something that remains true to the original design intent of Steiner’s work.

Our project involves working one on one with the current owner of the home to re-design the space in a way that they deem to be both functional and aesthetically pleasing. Through interviewing our clients and observing the home’s current interior situation, we are making decisions based on the explicit requests of our clients, but it is also our job to provide the insight and knowledge to form a cohesive environment based on the architect’s intentions in his original design. The medium for our display involves the use of 3-D modeling and presentation software, interior finish samples, and a scale model to convey the final outcome for our renovation proposal.