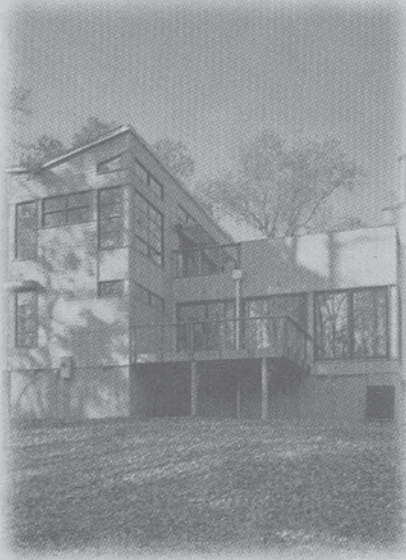


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# House of the Week



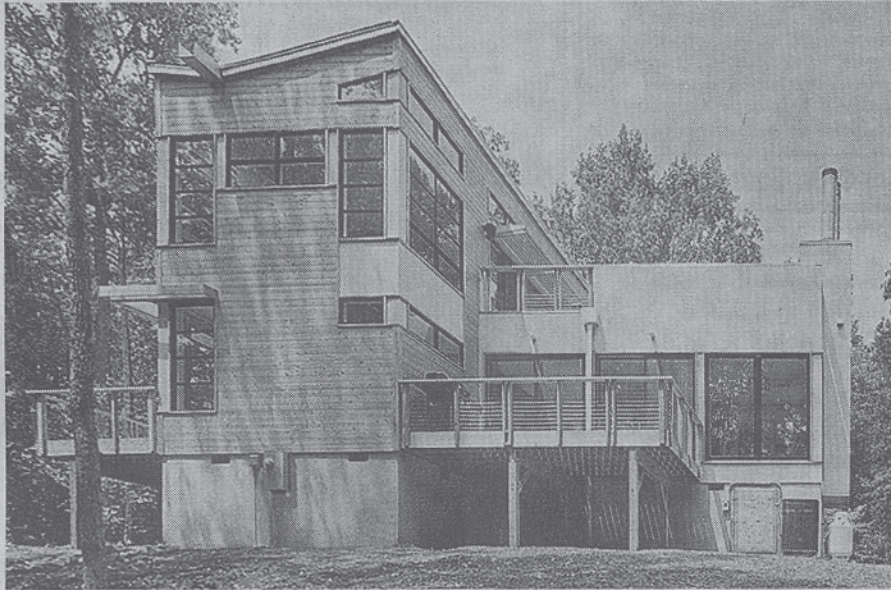
Jerry Markatos

No assembly required.  
This North Carolina  
**prefab home** carries an  
unusual pedigree. **W10**

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## House of the Week / Pedigreed Prefab



**What:** Two-story contemporary home with two bedrooms, 2½ bathrooms in 2,340 square feet on seven acres.

**Where:** Pittsboro, N.C., about 16 miles south of Chapel Hill.

**Amenities:** 650-square-foot roof deck with outdoor fireplace, guest bedroom or studio with separate entrance.

**Asking Price:**  
\$585,000

**Opening Bid:**  
\*\$550,000

**Listing Agents:**  
Re/Max United,  
(800) 479-1998

**Due Diligence:** This prefabricated house surrounded by forest is the result of an unusual contest among 16 architects. It all started in 2002, when Nathan Wieler and his wife, Ingrid, looked into buying a house in the artist-friendly area around the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. Focusing on a prefab home as a way to fit their budget, the couple contacted the author of a book on such houses, who also was an editor of the design magazine *Dwell*. The author suggested a contest in the magazine, Mr. Wieler says; the couple then bought hilltop land near a lake for about \$200,000. The winning design, by New York firm Resolution: 4 Architecture, includes indoor and outdoor fireplaces, two dozen windows and a master-bedroom suite with walk-in closet. Mr. Wieler, 33 years old, estimates the cost to design and construct the L-shaped, red cedar house at \$350,000 plus \$100,000 for heating and other on-site costs. The house, shipped in seven parts, took a year to complete. Mr. Wieler, a former multimedia entrepreneur, has become a real-estate developer.

—Troy McMullen



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\*The opening bid is Weekend Journal's estimate of a reasonable starting point for negotiations to buy the property, based on past sales, prevailing market conditions and interviews with local real-estate experts.