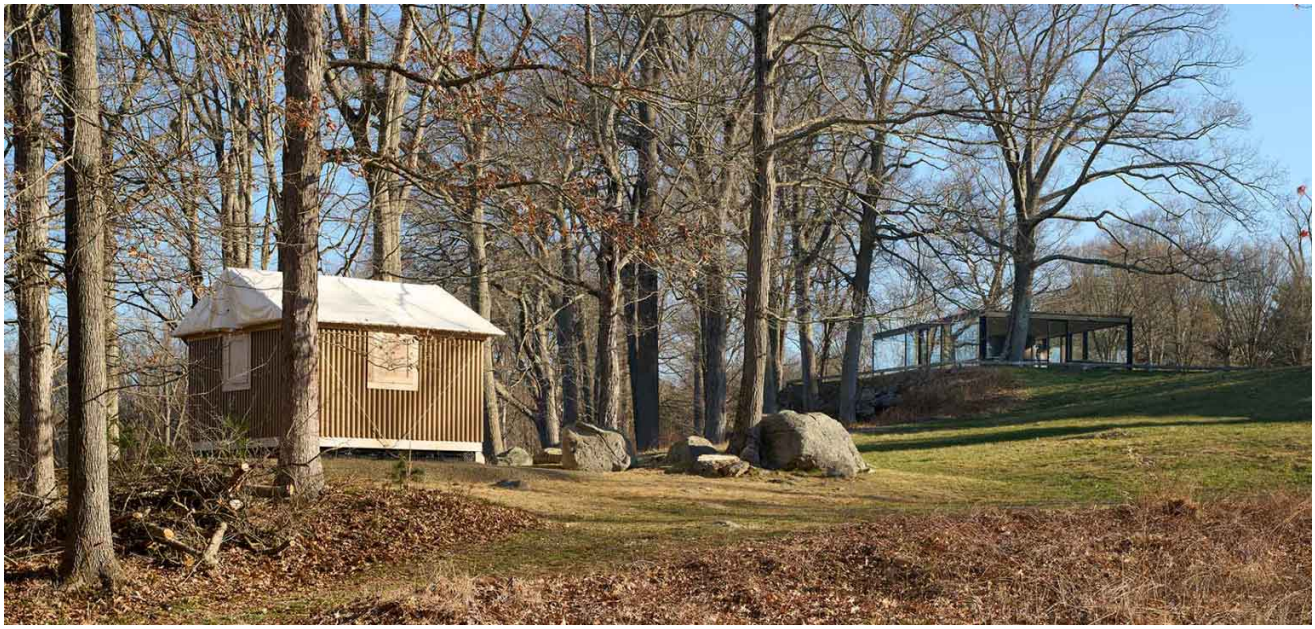
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The Paper Log House at the Glass House in Conn., US



The Paper Log House was on display at the architect Philip Johnson's former estate in New Canaan, Connecticut, from April 15 through December 15, 2024, as part of activities marking the Glass House's 75th anniversary as well as the restoration of the Brick House also completed in 1949.

The idea for this exhibition project was incubated last fall when Ban's partner and former classmate Dean Maltz took him to the Glass House for a tour.

The Paper Log House was originally designed in 1995 as a shelter for victims of the Great Hanshin Earthquake in Kobe, Japan. This time, the house was assembled by 39 architecture students from the Cooper Union, Ban's alma mater, using milk crates filled with sandbags for the foundation instead of beer cases that are usually used in Japan.

How Ban's evolving paper architecture stands next to Johnson's glass and brick constructions across time has been featured in the New York Times. For those subscribing to NYT, please find the article from the link below:

https://www.nytimes.com/2024/04/19/realestate/shigeru-ban-glass-house-connecticut.html

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