

## THE AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE GEORGIAN GROUP

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Dear Friends,

As the new year gets under way we are pleased to announce an exciting series of events. Our winter tour to the John Russell Pope house on 93rd Street in Manhattan was quickly sold out. The lucky guests were treated to a real architectural gem.

Next month we are offering a glimpse of a completely different part of the country. William H. Bates III will give us a taste of classical Charleston. Mr. Bates teaches at the American College of the Building Arts in Charleston, which, a few years ago, inherited the Smithsonian's annual festival of Masters of the Building Arts. The event draws craftsmen from around the world.

How to build a house within a house is the subject of a lecture by J. Michael Kelley. In April, Mr. Kelley will discuss his dismantling of the early Dutch Daniel Winne House and his installation of it at the American Wing of the Metropolitan Museum. Mr. Kelley is the president of J. M. Kelley, Ltd., a consulting and contracting company specializing in restoration and replication of historic architecture.

Our field trip in May will take us to Ridgefield, Connecticut, where we will visit several classically inspired private houses in this historic town. The day will include lunch at the Elms Inn.

We are particularly pleased that our friends at historic Hyde Hall, in Cooperstown, New York, are arranging a wonderful two-day event for us in July. Our honorary patron, Sir Philip Thomas, KCVO, CMG, Her Majesty's Consul General, will be our guest for a dinner in his honor at Hyde Hall and at a performance of the Pirates of Penzance at the Glimmerglass Opera. Our visit will also include visits to private houses dating from the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries.

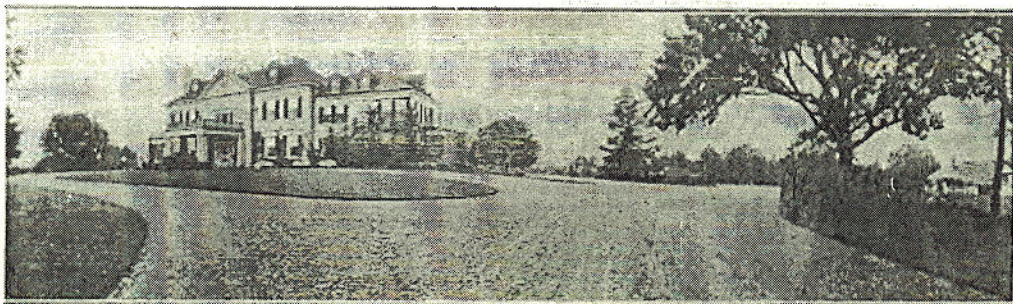
In the fall we will visit historic houses in the neighborhood of Millbrook, New York. We also plan a fabulous evening learning about and tasting wines popular in the Georgian era. Our annual meeting and Christmas party will be on December 4 and we hope you will mark the date now.

Please note that now you can check the latest calendar listings on our new web site, [www.americangeorgians.org](http://www.americangeorgians.org). The web site also has a link to the Georgian Group in England, where their detailed calendar is listed. If you plan to visit England you should definitely check this site as well. As a member of the AFGG you are welcome to take part in Georgian Group events in England and to visit their headquarters at 6 Fitzroy Square. Your membership in the AFGG has helped pay for the restoration of this Robert Adam townhouse.

I very much look forward to seeing you at this year's events.

Best wishes,

John Kinnear





**Preservation and New Construction in Charleston, South Carolina**

**William H. Bates III, American College of the Building Arts**

Thursday, March 16, 2006 6:00 p.m.

The Collectors Club

22 East 35th Street, New York City

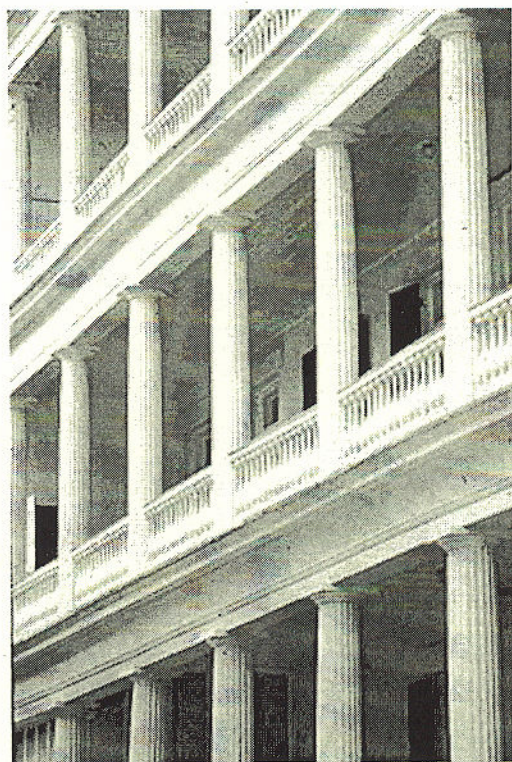
Three years ago the American College of the Building Arts took over the annual festival of Masters of the Building Arts, previously held by the Smithsonian. The festival provides a forum for craftsmen from around the world such as the Scottish sculptor Alexander Stoddart and the famous Barthe family of plasterers from New Orleans.

William Bates will discuss, in general, preservation and new construction in Charleston and, specifically, how the College of Building Arts is developing a curriculum to meet the needs of craftsmen around the country. The lecture will be accompanied with illustrations.

William H. Bates III holds a masters degree in architecture from the University of Miami and is a fellow of the Institute of Classical Architecture/Classical America, where he has also taught. He teaches drawing and design at the American College of the Building Arts and lectures on architecture, preservation, antique furniture, and decorative arts.

Our lecture will be followed by a reception.

*\$50 per person*



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**REGISTRATION**

Lecture and reception, March 16, 2006

price per person \$50.00 (amount enclosed) \_\_\_\_\_

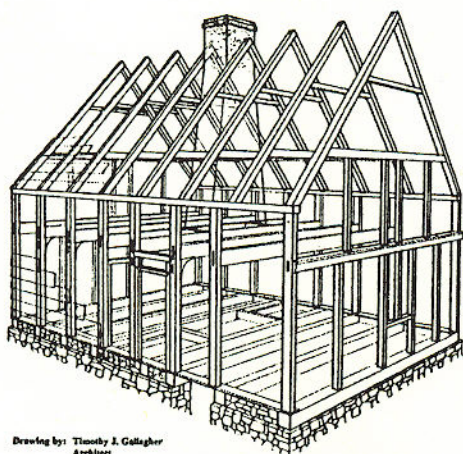
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NAMES OF GUESTS \_\_\_\_\_

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**The Daniel Winne House:  
Its Installation at  
the Metropolitan Museum**  
**J. Michael Kelley, president,  
J. M. Kelley, Ltd.,  
consultants and contractors**  
Monday, April 10, 2006 6:00 p.m.  
The Leash  
42 East 63rd Street, New York City

The Daniel Winne House (1751) is an early Dutch vernacular house that has recently been installed in the American Wing of the Metropolitan Museum. Michael Kelley, a consultant and contractor to the American Wing, was responsible for documenting and dismantling the house and installing it at the museum. He will illustrate and discuss the process of moving the house, giving us an inside view of this unusual aspect of preservation.

J. Michael Kelley has worked for nearly twenty years in the field of historic preservation. His projects have included the restoration of the Hendrick Smit House (1709) in Ulster County and the creation of the Old Chatham Sheepherding Company Inn, Shaker Barn, and outbuildings in Old Chatham, New York. As a consultant at the Metropolitan he has been asked to evaluate some of the architectural artifacts in the American Wing and is currently moving and reconstructing some of the historic classical interiors for its redesign. Michael Kelley has been a member of the Georgian Group in England for six years and recently joined the AFGG as well.

Our lecture will be followed by a reception.

**As space for this lecture is limited it is open to members only; reservations must be received by April 3 and will be taken in the order in which they are received.**

*\$60 per person (MEMBERS ONLY)*

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**Field Trip to Ridgefield, Connecticut**  
Saturday, May 20, 2006

Ridgefield, in Fairfield County, Connecticut, has a rich history that is reflected in its architectural treasures, some dating from before the Revolution. We will tour private houses and enjoy luncheon at the Elms Inn.  
*\$150. per person, details to follow*



**Hyde Hall, Cooperstown, Glimmerglass Opera**  
Wednesday, July 26–Thursday, July 27, 2006

Our honorary patron, Sir Philip Thomas, Her Majesty's Consul General, has kindly agreed to be our guest for this exciting trip to historic Cooperstown, New York. Our visit will include dinner honoring Sir Philip at the Palladian mansion Hyde Hall, a performance at the Glimmerglass Opera of Gilbert and Sullivan's *Pirates of Penzance* at which our group will be guests at a special cocktail reception, and tours of private houses in the area dating from the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. Full details for this exclusive visit will be mailed soon, but be sure to save the dates.

*\$500. per person. LIMITED TO 20 PEOPLE; MEMBERS ONLY*

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
2006**

- Thursday, March 16* William H. Bates III, lecture and reception
- Monday, April 10* J. Michael Kelley, lecture and reception *(Members only)*
- Saturday, May 20* Field trip to Ridgefield Connecticut
- Wednesday, July 26–Thursday, July 27* Trip to Cooperstown, New York; dinner at Hyde Hall with Sir Philip Thomas; the *Pirates of Penzance* at the Glimmerglass Opera

**COMING IN THE FALL—DATES TO BE ANNOUNCED**

- Field trip to Millbrook, New York** *fine private Georgian and revival houses, lunch at a local restaurant in a beautiful setting*
- A Georgian Wine Tasting** *a renowned wine expert will talk about Georgian-era wines while we taste them in a very private, very British venue*
- Monday, December 4* *Our annual general meeting and Christmas party*

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