



# THE AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE GEORGIAN GROUP

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Dear Friends,

*The Georgian* accompanies this abbreviated newsletter and we know you will enjoy this very interesting issue of the Georgian Group magazine. If your copy is not enclosed it is because your membership has lapsed; be sure to send us your renewal so you won't miss another edition.

The Winter Antiques show was followed by a talk by Lee Manigault about the Miles Brewton House in Charleston. Everyone enjoyed this very interesting double feature. On February 10 we heard Camille Wells talk about Rosewell at a lecture sponsored jointly with the Colonial Dames of America. The year is off to a good start.

Coming events include a reception for Lady Sue Bradbury, chairman of the Georgian Group's Anglo-American Committee; a lecture by Wendell Garrett on April 14 (NOTE THE NEW DATE); lunch with Lord Kenneth Baker; our trip to Sicily in May; and a day trip to Sharon, Connecticut, in June. We look forward to seeing you at these delightful events.

Best wishes,



John Kinnear  
President

**MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2011**  
JOIN US AT A RECEPTION TO MEET  
**LADY SUE BRADBURY**  
AT THE HOME OF  
**MRS. ELEANOR ALGER**  
**19 EAST 72ND STREET**

Lady Bradbury is a trustee of the Georgian Group and chairman of its Anglo-American Committee.

*This event is being held to raise funds for the restoration of the Georgian Group headquarters at  
No. 6 Fitzroy Square, London*

Space is limited  
Invitations will be mailed separately  
\$125 per person

**Georgian Grace and Hanoverian Hubbub:  
the Paradox of the Georgian World**

*lecture and reception*

**Wendell Garrett**

Thursday, April 14, 2011, 6:00 **NOTE NEW DATE!!!**

Sotheby's Institute of Art

510 Lexington Avenue, 6th Floor

The superficial beauty and elegance of the Georgian age masked an underlying thirst for vice and violence. Wendell Garrett, whose delightful lectures on life in eighteenth-century England have entertained us many times, will give us a look behind the façade of harmonious proportions reflected in the work of Kent and Adam. The Georgian world was actually a paradoxical one, with ugliness and brutality lurking beneath the delicate surface. Art historian and author Wendell Garrett is an AFGG advisory board member and is editor-at-large of *The Magazine Antiques*. Our lecture will be followed by a reception.

Please reserve on the enclosed form and return it to us by April 7.

*\$45 per person; \$25 for members of the American Young Georgians.*

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**George Washington's War in Caricature and Print**  
*luncheon and illustrated presentation*

**Lord Kenneth Baker of Dorking CH PC**

Wednesday, April 20, 2011, 12:00 noon

The 3 West Club, 3 West 51st Street, New York City

Lord Baker draws upon his own collection of historical caricatures as well as other contemporary sources to describe the American Revolution from the British point of view. A distinguished author and former British Home Secretary, Lord Baker's experience of politics will enliven this entertaining presentation. We are happy that the St. George's Society of New York is joining us in sponsoring this event.

Invitations to this event will be mailed separately but you may reserve on the enclosed form as well. Space is limited, so please reserve early.

*\$95 per person. Copies of George Washington's War will be available for purchase at the event.*

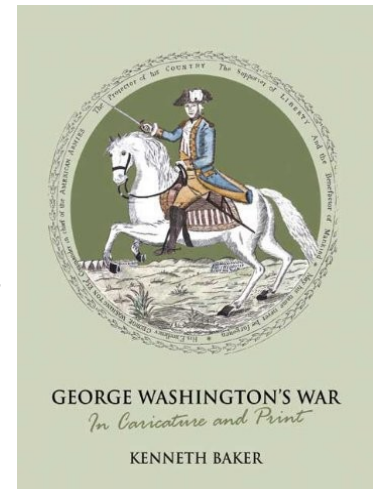
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**The Elegant Houses of Sharon, Connecticut**  
*day trip with luncheon*

Saturday, June 11, 2011

Join the American Friends of the Georgian Group for a tour of beautiful eighteenth-century houses in historic Sharon, Connecticut. We have been invited to visit some lovely private houses and will have lunch in the area. Details of this exclusive tour will follow soon.

*\$195 per person, which will include transportation and lunch.*



## EASTERN SHORE TRIP TEASER

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### *The Country Houses of Dorset Explored*

OCTOBER 17–21, 2011

Dorset, a county in the west of England, is full of legend and mystery, with colorful and ancient villages and important country houses and collections, inviting exploration. This tour begins the evening of October 16 with a candlelight reception in London in the elegant eighteenth-century Robert Adam rooms of the Georgian Group. We will depart the next morning for our luxurious hotel in the middle of Dorset. We stop en route for a visit to **Trafalgar House**, the nation's gift to the family of Admiral Lord Nelson, who famously defeated Napoleon at the battle of Trafalgar. We shall be visiting **Mapperton**, home of the Earl and Countess of Sandwich, where enchantment begins on approaching the sixteenth-century house with its procession of bay trees leading to the front door, which is guarded by a pair of eagles on the gate. The history of **Forde Abbey** reflects its transformation from a richly embellished medieval abbey to private ownership; a superb set of seventeenth-century Mortlake tapestries still hang in the room for which they were ordered. **Sherborne Castle** was granted to Sir Walter Raleigh by Queen Elizabeth in 1592. Its turbulent history will be explored along with its richly furnished interior. We shall enjoy a gala dinner at **Minterne** with Lord and Lady Digby. These are just a few houses among the several we will visit each day; often their owners will show us around. Our guide throughout is Jeffrey Haworth, formerly a regional director with the National Trust; he has deep knowledge of all aspects of England's rich heritage and will accompany us as we visit the hidden corners and fascinating houses of Dorset, this most tranquil county of England.



Details and reservation information will be mailed shortly for the AFGG annual trip to England. In the meantime, save the date for this wonderful trip to the country houses of Dorset, October 17–21, 2011.

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**RESERVATION FORM SPRING 2011**

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enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**TRIP DETAILS TO FOLLOW**

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\*Reserve by June 4

**Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

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