



# THE AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE GEORGIAN GROUP

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February 2012

Dear Friends,

The season for American Friends of the Georgian Group began auspiciously with a special visit to the Winter Antiques show and a private tour of the Duncan Phyfe exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum. Our guide at the museum, Peter Kenny, was gracious and erudite and everyone enjoyed the afternoon, including the bonus of seeing the American painting galleries.



The American Young Georgians began the year with a great party at the Jonathan Burden Gallery in Tribeca on January 18. Jonathan Maney and Gilbert Vincent gave a lively presentation about the current restoration projects at Hyde Hall. The Young Georgians raised enough to make a small donation to Hyde Hall.

Coming up on the calendar is a **lecture by Judy Anderson** this month on the **hand-painted wallpaper at the Jeremiah Lee Mansion**. In March we plan a **very special concert of Georgian music** performed by members of the **Gotham Early Music Scene**. The ever-popular **Wendell Garrett** will entertain us once more with a lecture on **Provincial Palladianism in Georgian America**, in April. We are delighted to visit an **extraordinary private apartment** here in the city in May. Our tour will be followed by a reception.

From April 29 to May 6 many AFGG members will be touring the **Adriatic**, visiting historic sights from Venice to the Dalmatian coast on this fabulous excursion. Another wonderful trip is planned closer to home for July, when we will visit **Hyde Hall** and other lovely houses in Cooperstown and Sharon Springs, New York.

Many of our members have expressed the wish to pay for their membership and for events with their credit cards. We are happy to announce that this is now possible. You can sign up for all our upcoming activities by completing the form on the reservation sheet or by calling the AFGG office. Of course, you may also still pay by check if you prefer.

The newest issue of *The Georgian* is enclosed with this newsletter if you are a current member. If you have not yet renewed for 2012, this is the last issue you will receive, so be sure to renew today. Members are eligible to take part in many exclusive trips and programs. You are also invited to participate in Georgian Group events and to visit Georgian Group headquarters in the Robert Adam townhouse at No. 6 Fitzroy Square when you are visiting England.

We look forward to seeing you all this spring.

John Kinnear  
President

**Glorious Splendor: the 18th-Century Wallpapers in the Jeremiah Lee Mansion  
lecture and reception**

**Judy Anderson**

Wednesday, February 29, 2012, 6:00

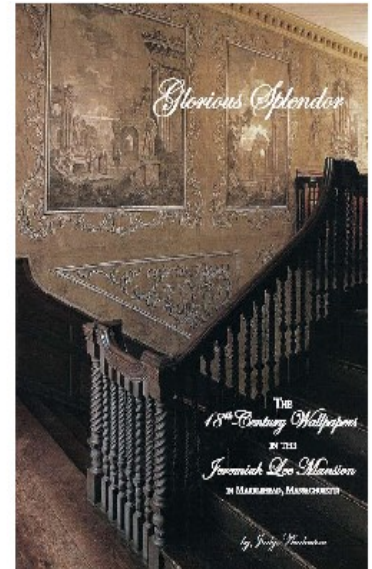
The Colonial Dames of America

417 East 61st Street

The magnificent original wallpapers in the Jeremiah Lee Mansion in Marblehead, Massachusetts, were hand painted in the 1760s and, amazingly, survive today. Judy Anderson, former curator of the Lee Mansion, will discuss her book about the English mural papers and the block-printed wallpapers that decorate the Palladian house built in 1766-1768 for the wealthy ship owner Jeremiah Lee.

This lecture is sponsored together with the Colonial Dames of America; a reception follows the lecture and copies of the book will be available for purchase.

*\$45 per person, \$20 for American Young Georgians and students; please reserve by February 22.*



**A Musical Feast in the Palaces of the Georgian Era  
concert and reception**

**Gotham Early Music Scene**

Wednesday, March 21, 2012, 6:00

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The American Friends of the Georgian Group join with the Colonial Dames of America, Gotham Early Music Scene, and the St. George's Society to present an evocation of an evening in the palaces and county houses of England's four great Georges, with an introduction to the musical developments of the period featuring

works by Purcell, Bach, Handel, Haydn, and Mozart. The performers include Rufus Müller, tenor; Marika Holmqvist, violin; Dongmyung Ahn, violin; Rachel Evans, viola; Christine Gummere, cello; Dongsok Shin, fortepiano and harpsichord. A slide show by John Kinnear will be presented and a reception will follow the concert.

*\$35 per person, discount for students and American Young Georgians; please reserve by March 14.*

**Provincial Palladianism in Georgian America: Old World Dreams, New World Realities**  
*lecture and reception*

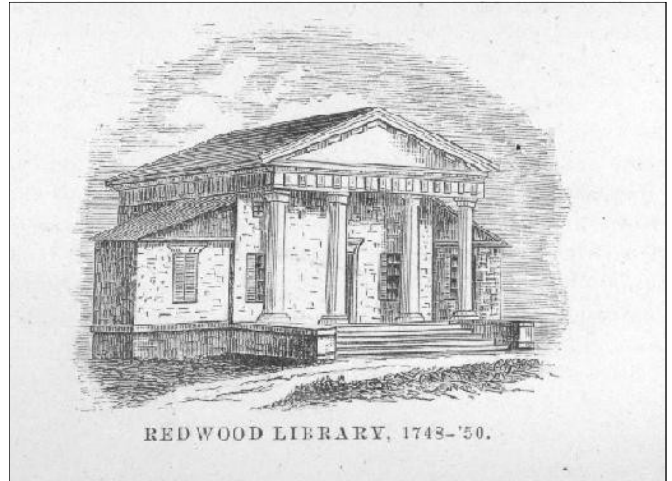
**Wendell Garrett**

Wednesday, April 18, 2012, 6:00  
Sotheby's Institute of Art  
570 Lexington Avenue, 6th Floor

The “aristocrats” of Colonial America established themselves in houses that reflected their owners’ importance in the community and they built public buildings that followed the principles of classical architecture. AFGG advisory board member Wendell Garrett, architectural historian and delightful lecturer, will tell us how the qualities exemplified by the Palladian style were translated to the New World and used to make social and economic statements. Buildings such as Monticello, in Virginia, and the Redwood Library, in Newport, were typical of this style.

The lecture will be followed by a reception.

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*tour and reception*

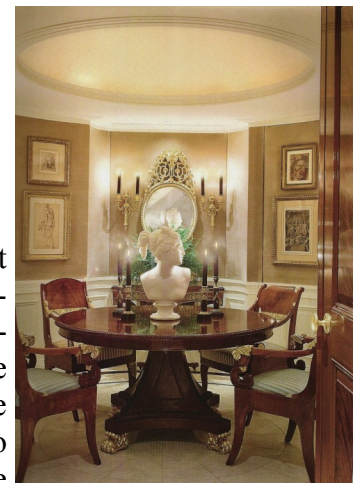
Wednesday, May 16, 2012, 6:00  
222 East 57th Street



Many of our members had the opportunity last year to visit Weatherstone, the beautiful country house of one of the most prominent designers anywhere. Renowned for her unerring eye and innate sense of style, this friend of the AFGG has invited us for an exceptional visit to her New York apartment, where we will be able to enjoy the urban version of her exquisite taste.

The tour will be followed by a reception.

*\$95 per person. Note: space is limited and advance reservations are required for this event.*



**AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE GEORGIAN GROUP**  
**RESERVATION FORM, February 2012**

***Glorious Splendor: Jeremiah Lee Mansion Wallpaper***

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*American Georgians*

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**SAVE THE DATE !!!**  
**QUEEN ELIZABETH'S DIAMOND JUBILEE**  
**CELEBRATION**  
**TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2012**

**The American Friends of the Georgian Group are among the organizations taking part in this festive event. Details to follow. Mark your calendar!**