

# THE AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE GEORGIAN GROUP

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Dear Friends,

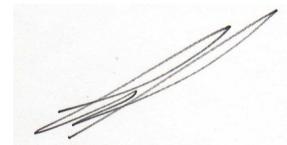
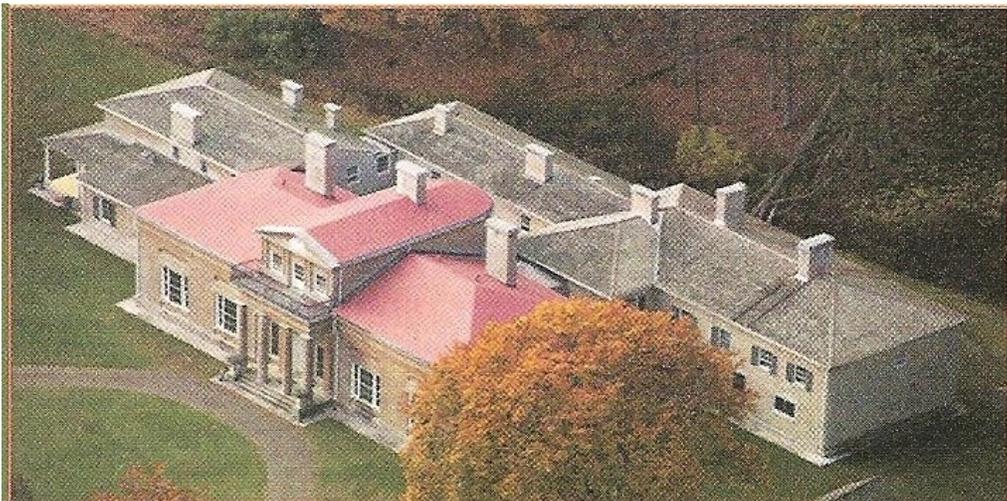
It is hard to believe that the year is half over. The American Friends of the Georgian Group had a wonderful day trip to Sharon and Salisbury, Connecticut, in June that everyone enjoyed very much. We are looking forward now to our lively fall program.

Our upcoming calendar includes several exciting trips. **Ralph Harvard** will lead a group to the remote **Eastern Shore of Virginia**, in September. Then, for a totally Georgian October, join our super group: a weekend in the **East Riding of Yorkshire**, followed by our visit to the **country houses of Dorset**. The original tour to **the palaces of Genoa** following the Dorset trip is full, however a second, identical, tour will take place October 28 to November 3 and space is still available for that and the East Riding and Dorset trips as well.

We have added a **roof-top reception honoring Andrew Blum and his work at Hyde Hall** to the fall program, which will also feature our visit to the beautiful showroom of **Clinton Howell Antiques**. A reception honoring the **Viscountess Coke** will be held in November. We will hold our **annual** meeting in December as always and we will let you know when and where in our next mailing.

There is still time to enter the very exciting **raffle** sponsored by the Georgian Group. Six different holidays are being offered to raise money for the preservation of historic buildings and gardens from the Georgian period. Your ticket supports the Georgian Group and you have an excellent chance to win a magnificent vacation at the same time since the pool of participants is limited. Tickets are available on line at our web site. Go to [www.americangeorgians.org](http://www.americangeorgians.org) and click on the calendar. If you prefer, we can mail tickets to you; just call us at 212/991-9191.

Enjoy the summer. We will look for you in September.



John Kinnear  
President

*Hyde Hall*



**Preserving Hyde Hall: an Evening with Andrew Blum**  
*cocktail reception*

**Guest of Honor, Andrew Blum**  
Wednesday, September 28, 2011, 6:00  
The Arsenal, Central Park  
Fifth Avenue at 64th Street

Elegant Hyde Hall, in Cooperstown, New York, is one of the finest examples of romantic classicism in America. It was constructed by George Clarke, an Englishman who settled in the United States and married the widow of Richard Cooper, elder brother of James Fennimore Cooper. Hyde Hall was named after the Clark family's ancient seat in England. The property was acquired by the State of New York in 1963 but the financial and administrative responsibilities for its preservation and restoration belong entirely to Hyde Hall, Inc., a non-profit organization that has raised several million dollars for this purpose. Andrew M. Blum, a prominent New York businessman, has been on the board of Hyde Hall since 1999 and its chairman since 2004. He has worked with great energy to help preserve this National Historic Landmark and New York State Historic Site. Join us on the roof of the Arsenal (or on the third floor if it is raining) to express our appreciation for all Andy has done for this classical jewel.

Please reserve on the enclosed form and return it to us by September 21.

*\$45 per person, \$20 for American Young Georgians.*

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**Clinton Howell Antiques**  
*showroom tour and reception*

Wednesday, October 5, 2011, 6:00  
150 East 72nd Street



When we visited Clinton Howell a few years ago he gave us his secret formula for furniture polish. Who knows what restorative recipes he may divulge on this occasion. Clinton Howell is passionate about English furniture and he is eloquent in describing the history and eccentricities of the objects in his wonderful collection. A gracious host, he enjoys telling visitors anecdotes about each piece and answering questions about eighteenth-century high style or rustic examples, about all of which he is an expert.

Our visit will be followed by a reception at a private apartment nearby.

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## *AFGG Members Visit Sharon, Connecticut*

On Saturday, June 11, AFGG members visited Sharon and Salisbury, two lovely historic towns in Connecticut. The first stop was "Weatherstone," Carolyne Roehm's incredible 1765 Palladian fieldstone country house. Ms. Roehm was our hostess and guided us through her beautifully reconstructed house. We visited Weatherstone ten years ago, and saw the restoration she had accomplished then. A few years after our visit, the interiors of the house were gutted by fire. What we toured on our latest trip was an amazing transformation of the interior. Ms. Rhoem then escorted us on a tour of her renowned gardens and landscape.

Our next stop was Cobble Pond Farm in Sharon, home of the Metzses. Their gardens and landscapes were designed by the Olmsted brothers in the 1920s. The Metzses have restored and expanded the gardens, which are resplendent with specimen trees from many parts of the world, and a wonderful variety of outdoor rooms and special views of the surrounding farm.

We then motored to Salisbury to visit the 1805 Federal home of Nina and Brian Goodall. Those of you who were on the Pawling trip last year will remember meeting the Goodalls at their previous home, the Governor Thomas Dewey house. It was interesting to see what they have done with this much earlier house, which is a five-bay Federal with a beautiful Palladian window over the entry; various additions have been made over the years. The house is beautifully appointed, with many of the furnishings and art we recognized from our visit last year. These work well in the new setting.

A traditional rowing clubhouse was the last stop. We enjoyed a lovely lunch at this restaurant, called the Boathouse.



*interior of Weatherstone*

### ***SAVE THE DATE!***

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2011, 6:00**

**JOIN US AT A RECEPTION TO MEET**

**VISCOUNTESS COKE**

**AT THE HOME OF**

**SHARON CASDIN**

**211 CENTRAL PARK WEST**

**Valeria, Viscountess Coke is a member of the Georgian Group**

**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**

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**RESERVATION FORM**

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***Reception honoring Viscountess Coke***

211 Central Park West

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places at \$125 per person

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

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

Please make your check payable to **The American Friends of the Georgian Group** and mail it to us at  
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*garden at Weatherstone*

**AMERICAN YOUNG GEORGIAN  
GROUP**

The American Young Georgians are planning a day trip to **Edgewater**, the beautiful country house of Richard Jenrette, and to **Montgomery Place**, built to honor the memory of General Montgomery, a hero of the Revolution, by his widow. The trip will be on Saturday, July 23. For more information and to reserve your place, e-mail [ayg@americangeorgians.org](mailto:ayg@americangeorgians.org).

