

## THE AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE GEORGIAN GROUP

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Dear Friends,

Spring and summer have been excellent, with many old and new friends getting together for our events—more this season than ever before. The roof of the historic Arsenal in Central Park was an appropriate setting for a lively and enlightening lecture by Sir Michael Rose comparing insurgencies in George Washington's time and our own. We admired the artistry of George Stubbs at a private tour of his work led by the Frick Collection's Denise Allen and afterwards enjoyed a charming reception upstairs. In June we learned about Georgian architecture in Jamaica from Eryn Brennan, who is an expert on historic preservation in the Caribbean. The fashionable Georgian-revival architect Mott Schmidt was the subject of a fascinating lecture by Mark Alan Hewitt in July. Both these events were held at the Collectors Club. Coming up this month is the private tour of the Piranesi exhibit at the Cooper-Hewitt Museum given by the renowned John Wilton-Ely, who is one of the show's curators. Space is still available for this tour and reception on September 26, so be sure to reserve right away.

Several AFGG members attended the gala Anniversary Georgian Ball in July in London; it was the highlight of the social season, and was featured in *Country Life* magazine. We are looking forward eagerly to the delightful trip to Shropshire and Staffordshire October 15–19. There are still a few openings for this marvellous trip; please get in touch with us to sign up.



AFGG members are always invited to take part in Georgian Group activities whenever they are in England, so be sure to check their calendar if you are planning a trip. See the link on our web site. Their events are also listed in your current issue of *The Georgian*, which accompanies this newsletter if you are a paid-up member of the AFGG.

You will notice above that our address has changed. In addition to our new mailing address, we have a new telephone number. You can use our e-mail address to make reservations for most events.

Our fall calendar brings a number of tempting treats. Saturday, October 13, we will tour some exquisite

Hudson Valley houses, including the unforgettable Edgewater, which has been devotedly restored by Richard Jenrette. On October 17 we will meet at the Claremont showroom, where Chris Ohrstrom will discuss reproducing early wallpaper. Revisit Hyde Hall during the Georgian era on November 14, when architectural historian Gilbert Vincent will tell us about Georgian style in early Cooperstown. Lady Nutting and Lady Bradbury will be our honored guests at the AFGG annual meeting on December 10 (please note the change of date) at the residence of Sir Alan Stanley Collins, KCVO, CMG, our honorary patron and Her Majesty's Consul-General, so you will want to note this date on your calendar; the meeting will, as always, be followed by our Christmas celebration.

We are very gratified that our membership has increased considerably this year and we hope it will continue to do so. Among the plans we are making for the coming year are a trip to Winterthur, a private tour of the new classical wing at the Metropolitan Museum, visits to historic buildings in New York City you might have overlooked, and a Friday afternoon preview of the Winter Antiques Show, preceded by luncheon at the Armory. Tell your friends about our great events and urge them to join us! Membership information is available at our web site: [www.americangeorgians.org](http://www.americangeorgians.org)

Best wishes,

John Kinnear  
President

*Sir Michael Rose at the Arsenal*





**Stately Homes of the Hudson Valley**  
*tour and luncheon*

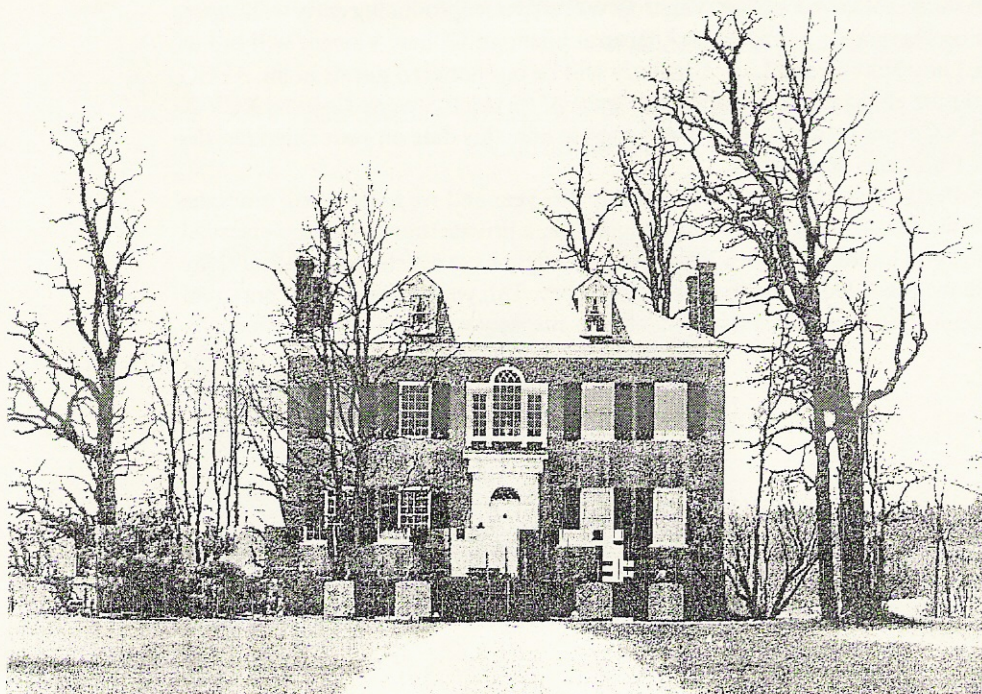
Saturday, October 13, 8:00 a.m.

bus leaves promptly at 8 o'clock from the southeast corner of 72nd and Park

The Livingstons are among the oldest and most important families in the history of New York. We will visit three of the many houses the Livingstons built during the eighteenth century along the east bank of the Hudson River. Clermont, a National Historic Landmark, sits on five hundred acres with a view of the Catskills across the river. It was built by Robert Livingston between 1730 and 1750. Teviotdale occupies another five hundred acres in Linlithgo. It was constructed in 1773 and was the country home of Walter Livingston and his son-in-law Robert Fulton. A hint of Southern gentility graces Edgewater, built for the daughter of John R. Livingston by, it is thought, an architect from Charleston. It is now owned by Richard Jenrette, who has lovingly transformed its interior with Federal and early American furniture. This rare exclusive visit is a wonderful opportunity to view a true historic gem and its beautiful contents. Our trip includes luncheon in the charming old village of Red Hook.

Please make your reservation on the form enclosed and return it to us by October 1.

*\$175 per person.*





### **Historic Block-printed Wallpaper**

#### ***tour and reception***

**Chris Ohrstrom**

Wednesday, October 17, 2007, 5:00

Claremont Furnishing Fabrics Company, 2nd Floor  
1059 Third Avenue, New York City

Wallpaper scholar Chris Ohrstrom, owner, with Steve Larson, of Adelphi Paper Hangings, will show us how his company reproduces wallpapers using the same methods and materials employed from the early eighteenth to mid-nineteenth century. They have successfully re-created wallpaper from American, French, and English patterns, as well as historic papers from the Smithsonian, Williamsburg, the Musée du Papier Peint, and many other archives. Our exclusive tour will be followed by a reception.



Please make your reservation on the form enclosed and return it to us by October 8.

*\$45 per person.*

### **Post-Revolutionary Architecture in Cooperstown**

#### ***lecture and reception***

**Gilbert T. Vincent**

Wednesday, November 14, 2007, 6:00

The Collectors Club

22 East 35th Street, New York City



Cooperstown was founded by William Cooper, father of James Fenimore Cooper, in 1786. During its early decades, Cooperstown grew rapidly and a number of Georgian-style buildings were constructed there. The jewel, of course, was Hyde Hall, which our members visited in 2006. Gilbert T. Vincent is an architectural historian and scholar; he will give us a close look at old Cooperstown and its lovely Georgian masterpieces. Our lecture will be followed by a reception.

Please make your reservation on the form enclosed and return it to us by November 5.

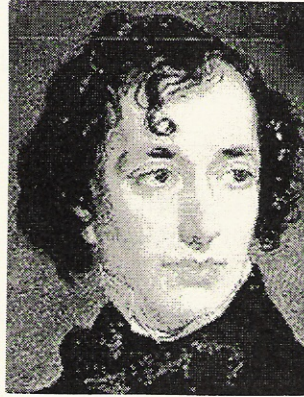
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A few places remain for our autumn tour of the  
*Great Houses of Shropshire and Staffordshire*  
October 15—19, 2007

Please call or e-mail us right away to reserve your place  
212/991-9191  
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Benjamin Disraeli slept at Weston Park.  
*Shouldn't you?*

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*American Friends of the Georgian Group*  
*Annual meeting and Christmas party*  
*Monday, December 10, 2007*

**Be sure to SAVE THE DATE!!!**

*Invitations will be mailed separately*

*Georgian Group Chairman, Lady Nutting and*  
*Anglo-American Committee Chairman, Lady Bradbury*  
*will be our honored guests*

Sir Alan Stanley Collins, KCVO, CMG, honorary patron of the AFGG and Her Majesty's  
Consul-General, will be our host at his residence.



*AFGG members at the Metropolitan Museum*