

THE AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE GEORGIAN GROUP

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Dear Friends,

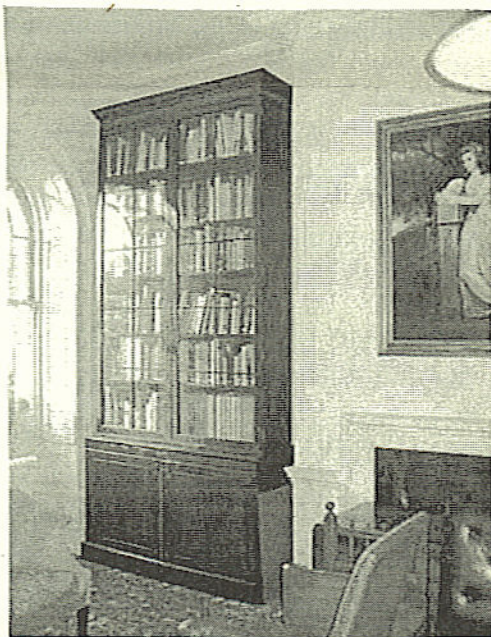
Our annual general meeting, on December 4, was very well attended and our Christmas party, which followed the meeting, was festive indeed. We are grateful to Carlton Hobbs and Stephanie Rinza for inviting us again to their magnificent John Russell Pope mansion. Our thanks go also to Dr. B. J. Rahn; we all enjoyed her delightful talk on Greenway, Agatha Christie's Georgian house in Devon.

We are sad to report the death of our treasurer and longtime member, Cordelia Richards. Cordy was one of the earliest members of the AFGG and the group was close to her heart. Many of you both here and in England knew her and loved her and we will all miss her greatly. Last year Cordy donated her mother's forty-eight-volume collection of the *Correspondence of Horace Walpole* to the Georgian Group and it now resides at Fitzroy Square. In Cordy's memory, a fund has been established, the proceeds of which will be used to install a bookcase in the library there.

Buckinghamshire was the destination for AFGG members taking part in our annual trip to England this fall. This happy group visited Mrs. Victoria Press at her elegant house in Cheyne Walk, the Earl and Countess of Verulam at Gorhambury, the Rothschild's private cellars at Waddesdon Manor, and Georgian Group president Lord Crathorne, at Cliveden, among many delightful sites. A candlelit dinner at Georgian Group headquarters in Fitzroy Square made a perfect ending to a perfect tour.

For 2007 we have planned a full calendar of events. We will start early in the year with an exclusive tour of the Winter Antiques Show; in February we will visit the American wing at the Metropolitan Museum and, also in February, hear a lecture about John Hawks's Tryon Palace in North Carolina. We will learn the history of Georgian frames at the Lowy Frame Company in March, and in April we will attend a lecture by Wendell Garrett at Sotheby's. In May (date and place to be announced), Sir Michael Rose, our guest of honor at Hyde Hall last summer, will return to the United States to introduce his new book, which is about George Washington and the Revolution from the British perspective. A day trip to the print collection at Yale, as well as lectures by Gilbert Vincent and John Wilton-Ely, are among the activities planned for later in the year. Be sure to see the enclosed notice about Weston Park and mark your calendars for our October 15—20 trip to England. We look forward to seeing you at all these upcoming events and remind you, if you have not already done so, to renew your membership so you won't miss any of them. Be sure to check our web site at www.americangeorgians.org for information about our calendar and about joining the American Friends of the Georgian Group.

We wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy new year!



Best wishes,

John Kinnear
President

*The American Friends of the Georgian Group
has established a fund in memory of Cordelia
Richards. Proceeds will be used to install a
bookcase like this one at Georgian Group
headquarters in Fitzroy Square.*



Winter Antiques Show
exclusive preview tour, special
exhibit, and luncheon
Friday, January 19, 2007, 11:00 a.m.
Seventh Regiment Armory
Park Avenue at 67th Street

The Winter Antiques Show is a highlight of the season and we will have an exclusive preview tour conducted by one of the show's expert exhibitors. The tour will feature the special exhibit "Southern Perspective: A Sampling from the Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts." The museum, in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, contains the world's most comprehensive collection of line and decorative arts made before 1820 in the American South.

Our tour will be followed by luncheon in the beautiful Louis Comfort Tiffany room, a designated landmark. After lunch we will be free to visit the rest of the show on our own.

Space for this event is very limited and is open to AFGG members only.

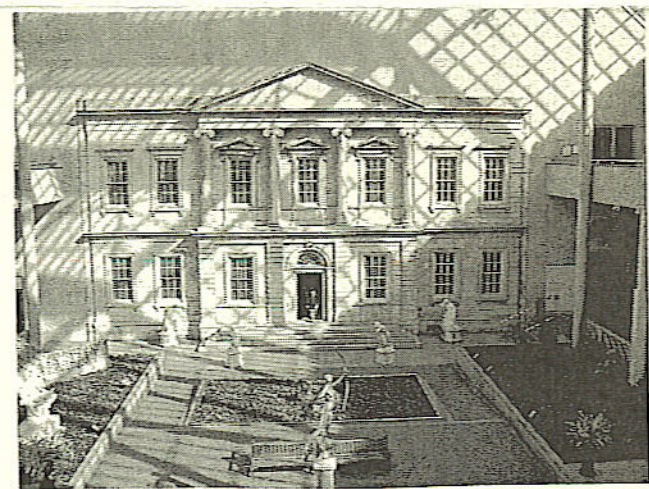
Please make your reservation on the form enclosed and return it to us by January 10.

\$125 per person. Members only.



American Wing private tour
and reception

Tuesday, February 6, 2007, 3:00 p.m.
Metropolitan Museum of Art, lobby
Fifth Avenue at 82nd Street



Peter Kenny, curator of American decorative arts and administrator of the Metropolitan Museum's American wing, and J. Michael Kelley, who spoke to us last year about his historic restoration of the Winne House, will conduct a private tour of the new American classical gallery at the museum. We will have a behind-the-scenes look at the restoration work in progress and visit the Winne House itself to see the materialization of the project.

AFGG board member Mrs. David Prager has invited us to her apartment near the museum for a reception following our tour.

Please make your reservation on the form enclosed and return it to us by January 29.

\$60 per person

**Tryon Palace: Reinterpreting American Georgian Architecture
lecture and reception**

Nancy Richards and Peter Sandbeck

Thursday, February 15, 2007, 6:00

The Collectors Club

22 East 35th Street, New York City

Tryon Palace, in New Bern, North Carolina, was designed by English architect John Hawks as the legislative capitol for the colony and the residence of the royal governor. It was built between 1767 and 1770 and was regarded as the finest Georgian-style public building in America. The main building was destroyed by fire in 1798 and the stable is the only part of the original structure that survives today. Tryon Palace was restored in the 1950s, however a letter from Hawks discovered a few years ago gave new information about the architectural trim and several of the rooms. Based on this, the decision was made to re-restore parts of the site to conform as nearly as possible with Hawks's original designs.

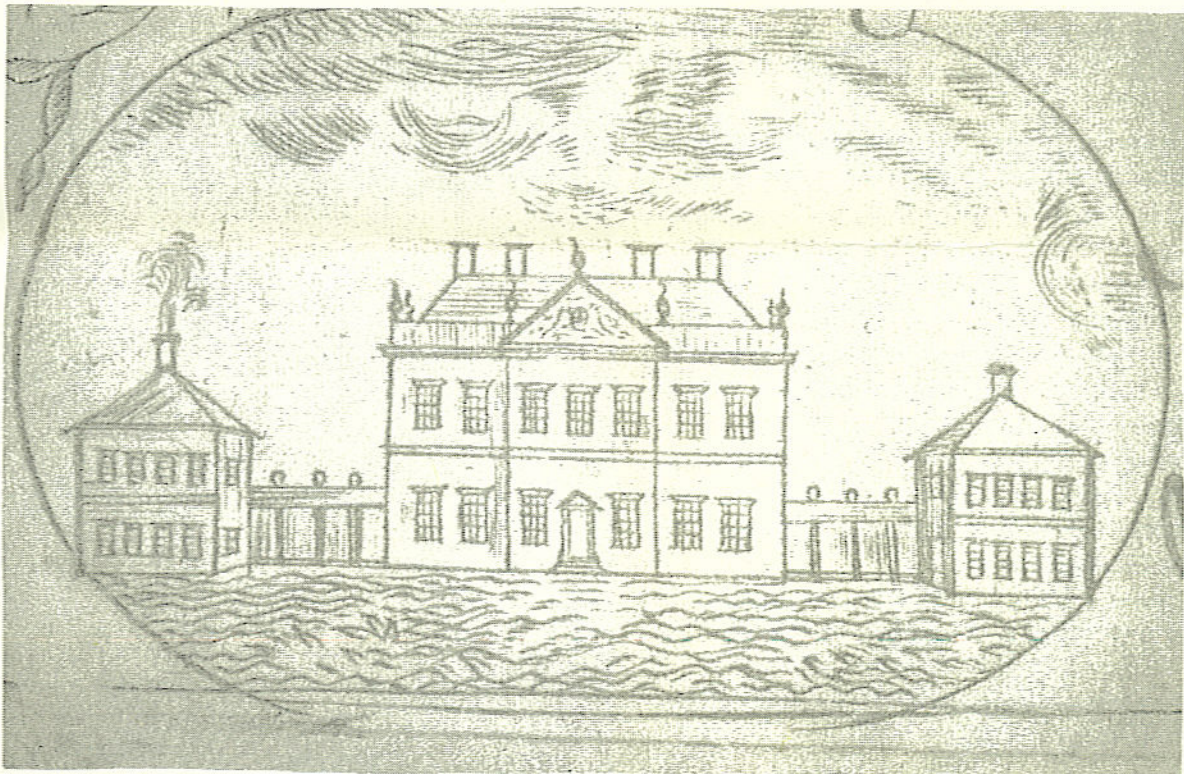
Nancy Richards is curator of collections at Tryon Palace; Peter Sandbeck is an architectural historian in charge of the preservation section of the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources. Their talk will cover the history of Tryon Palace and its restoration, as well as other work by John Hawks.

A reception will follow the lecture.

The lecture is co-sponsored by the Institute for Classical Architecture & Classical America.

Please make your reservation on the form enclosed and return it to us by February 7.

\$45 per person



The Secret Lives of Frames

private tour and reception

Thursday, March 29, 2007, 6:00 p.m.

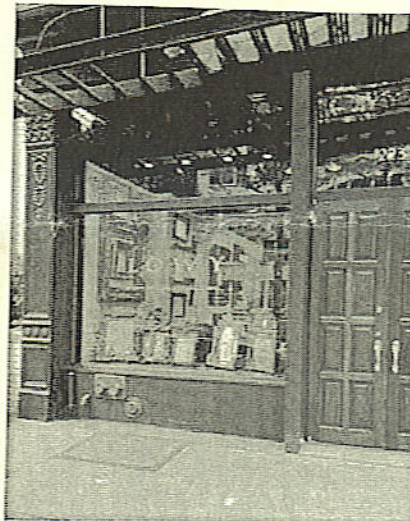
Lowy Frame and Restoring Company

223 East 80th Street, New York City

A private tour of the oldest framing and art restoration firm in the country will focus on the history of American and English Georgian framers' art and artistry. Deborah Davis's new book on the greatest frames to pass through the company's hands will be available at the shop. A reception will follow our tour.

Space for this event is limited to 30 and reservations must be made in advance. Please reserve on the form enclosed and return it to us by March 21.

\$45 per person. Reserve early to ensure your place.



Raising Georgian Spirits: Drink and Debauchery in the Age of Reason

lecture and reception

Wendell Garrett

Thursday, April 26, 2007, 6:00 p.m.

Sotheby's, 1334 York Ave. at 72nd St., 9th Floor

AFGG advisory board member Wendell Garrett will describe the world of Adam, Chippendale, Reynolds, and Baskerville, in which Englishmen of good breeding were obsessed with high-stakes gambling and cruel blood sports. During the period when England grew from a small influential maritime state to become the leading empire in the world, luxury and elegance existed side by side with debauchery and riot.

Wendell Garrett is a senior vice president at Sotheby's and an expert on Federal-style architecture, as well as a frequent appraiser on Antiques Roadshow.

The lecture will be followed by a reception.

Make your reservation on the form enclosed and return it to us by April 18.

\$60 per person

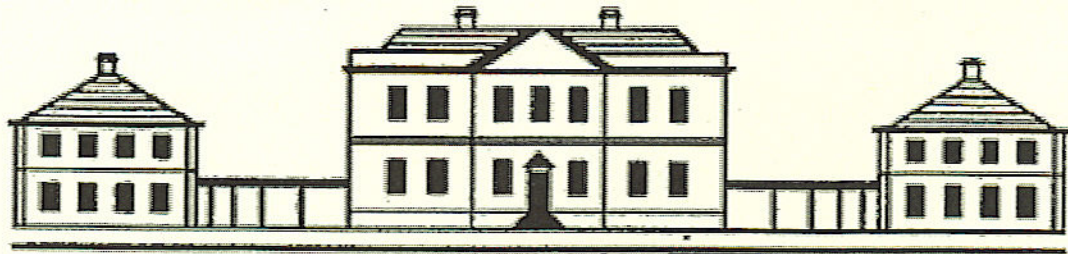


Weston Park

October 15—20, 2007



Weston Park will be the exclusive home for members of the American Friends of the Georgian Group from October 15—20, 2007. The collection of the 7th Earl of Bradford contains a wealth of superb objects and pictures, including Gobelin tapestries, outstanding ceramics, and some of the finest Van Dyck portraits in Britain. The list of visitors over the years has included royalty and other distinguished personages. Nineteenth century prime minister Benjamin Disraeli declared, "You will find Weston beautiful. I marvel whether I shall ever see the like of it again!" We think you will agree. From Weston Park our group will make visits to other country houses and points of interest. *Don't forget this trip is open only to AFGG members so be sure your membership is up to date!*



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RESERVATION FORM

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tour, exhibit, and luncheon, Friday, January 19, 11:00 a.m.

Please reserve _____ places at \$125 per person (**MEMBERS ONLY**)

enclosed \$ _____

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Total enclosed \$ _____

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