



THE AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE GEORGIAN GROUP

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December 2007

Dear Friends,

Greetings of the season to all! Many of you attended our annual meeting on December 10, which was particularly delightful this year. The meeting and our Christmas party took place at the residence of our honorary patron, Sir Alan Collins, the British Consul-General. Although Sir Alan was obliged to be in England, his lovely wife, Ann, was our hostess. The Lady Bradbury, chairman of the Georgian Group Anglo-American committee, was the honored guest. It was a gala event indeed, and we are very grateful to Sir Alan and Lady Ann for their hospitality.

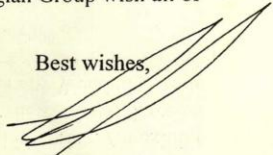
Our annual trip to England is always a highlight of the season and this year's visit to Weston Park and the stately homes of Shropshire and Staffordshire was no exception. We toured the very grand Willey Park, which is surrounded by eight thousand acres, saw architecture by Francis Smith, James Gibbs, John Nash, and John Soane, and visited the Wedgwood Centre. Elegant Weston Park, where we stayed, felt like our very own stately home.

The AFGG offered a range of entertaining events in 2007 and 2008 promises to be equally exciting. First on the calendar is a return to the Winter Antiques Show, which was enthusiastically attended last winter. Our exclusive visit will include luncheon in the historic armory. In February we will have an opportunity to view the Greek and Roman galleries at the Metropolitan with a very special tour of this new wing. We will also hear a lecture on fine Georgian revival buildings from the late 19th century to the present day in New York, Boston, and Philadelphia by Francis Morrone, noted architectural historian. An exhibit of Meissen porcelain will allow us to revisit the elegant Frick Collection in March, where we will have an exclusive tour of the show with a reception to follow. If you missed last season's lecture by Wendell Garrett on Georgian rakehells, be sure to sign up this year, when Mr. Garrett will be talking about Georgian Grace. In June we will visit Gracie Mansion, an architectural gem right in our own neighborhood. Trips farther afield are planned to Winterthur and nearby historic houses in May and to see the eighteenth-century houses of Newport in the fall. The visit to Newport will be our first jointly organized trip with the Georgian Group in the U.S. Other upcoming events include a lecture on the great houses of New York and a tour of the Metropolitan's collection of Georgian paintings. We are also looking forward to our trip to Gloucestershire in October.

You will all be aware by now that we moved our offices this past year. Our new address is above and we have a new telephone number and e-mail address as well. Our web site, www.americangeorgians.org, gives up-to-date information on all our events, as well as membership information and links to our newsletters. We look forward to seeing everyone in 2008. If you have not yet renewed your membership, be sure to do so now so you won't miss out on any of our wonderful activities.

All of us at the American Friends of the Georgian Group wish all of you a very merry Christmas and a happy new year!

Best wishes,


John Kinnear
President



Richard Jenrette entertained us in the fall at his beautifully restored Edgewater

Winter Antiques Show
*exclusive preview tour, special
exhibit, and luncheon*

Friday, January 18, 2008, 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. This year's special exhibit is devoted to material from the Shaker Museum and Library in Old Chatham, New York, which contains an outstanding collection of objects demonstrating the Shaker belief in earthly perfection.

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.

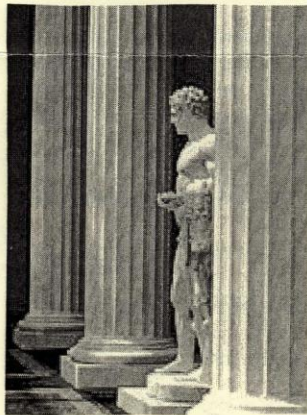
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\$125 per person. Members only.



New Greek and Roman Galleries
tour and reception

Tuesday, February 5, 2008, 3:00
Metropolitan Museum of Art, lobby
Fifth Avenue at 82nd Street



This new wing of the Metropolitan Museum contains the antiquities that inspired Georgian art and architecture. We will have a special tour of the Hellenistic, Etruscan, and Roman galleries and see the source of the passion for classical art that fevered the eighteenth-century imagination. Join us for our own private "grand tour" of the ancient world.

Our tour will be followed by a reception.

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

\$60 per person

Georgian Revival in New York, Boston, and Philadelphia
lecture and reception

Francis Morrone

Thursday, February 28, 2008, 6:00

The Collectors Club

22 East 35th Street, New York City

Historian, journalist, author, lecturer, and teacher, Francis Morrone is noted for his interest in architecture and social history. He teaches at New York University and is a fellow at the Institute of Classical Architecture & Classical America. His lecture will focus on the Georgian revival architecture of the major urban centers of the East Coast: New York, Boston, and Philadelphia.



The lecture will be followed by a reception.

Please make your reservation on the form enclosed and return it by February 21.

\$45 per person.

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