

THE AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE GEORGIAN GROUP

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December 2011

Dear Friends,

This holiday season the American Friends of the Georgian Group are feeling especially grateful for an event-filled year and for the generosity of several members who have sponsored some delightful gatherings. In April, Eleanor Alger held a lovely reception at her apartment to honor the Lady Bradbury and in November, Sharon Casdin was hostess for an equally lovely party to honor the Viscountess Coke. Both events raised funds for the Georgian Group's restoration of their Fitzroy Square headquarters in London. Thanks to everyone who contributed. Betty Whiddington gave a luncheon for the Viscountess Coke and Sir Alan Collins gave a dinner at the British Consul's residence for Lady Nutting.

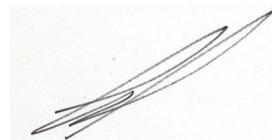
The annual tour to England, which took place the end of October, was popular as always. Dorset was full of beautiful architecture and art and the group had a wonderful time. In November, we joined with the Colonial Dames of America to sponsor Robert Hunter's lecture on the Myth, Magic, and Merriment of Georgian Ceramics. Our annual meeting was on November 30 at the George Baker house. We are grateful to Richard Jenrette for inviting us for the meeting and reception; Ralph Harvard and Margize Howell gave an entertaining talk together about the history of the house.

The coming year is shaping up. We are happy to announce that members will be able to pay for events with their credit cards in 2012. On Friday, January 20, we will have a special tour of the **Winter Antiques show** followed by **lunch at the Armory**. In the afternoon, we will have a **private tour of the Duncan Phyfe exhibition at the Metropolitan Museum**, preceded by a **talk by Peter Kenny**, administrator of the American Wing of the museum. A **Georgian musical evening** sponsored jointly with the Colonial Dames of American will take place on March 21. **Wendell Garrett** will continue his series of lectures on April 18 with a discussion of Georgian architecture in Colonial America and a trip is planned to visit **Hyde Hall** in Cooperstown in the summer. The Georgian Group trip in May to the **Venetian Adriatic** is almost full; visit our web site: www.americangeorgians.org for more information. We hope to see you all in 2012.

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***DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP IN THE AMERICAN
FRIENDS OF THE
GEORGIAN GROUP!***

Winter Antiques Show

special preview tour and luncheon

Friday, January 20, 2012, 11:00 a.m.

Park Avenue Armory

Park Avenue at 67th Street

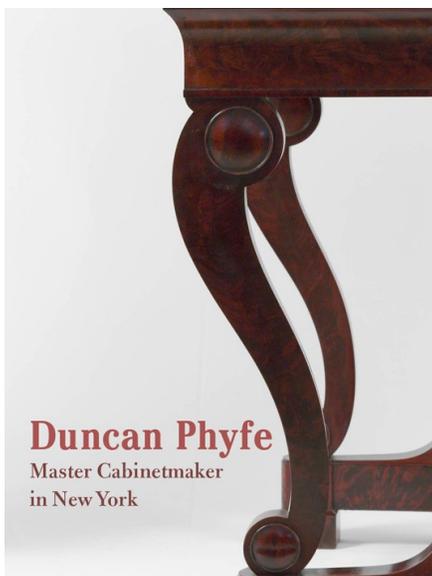
The fabulous Winter Antiques Show is again the first event on the AFGG calendar for the year. We are happy to offer a private tour of the show and luncheon in the beautiful Tiffany Room at the Park Avenue Armory. This year's show features the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Sleepy Hollow Restorations by John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Now called Historic Hudson Valley, the organization helps to preserve the art, architecture, and landscape of the historic properties of the Hudson Valley. You may sign up for the antiques show alone or join us after our visit for the lecture and tour described below.



Please reserve on the enclosed form and return it to us by January 13.

\$120 per person.

Our visit to the antiques show will be followed by a lecture and tour of the Duncan Phyfe exhibit at the Metropolitan.



Duncan Phyfe: Master Cabinetmaker in New York *lecture and tour*

Peter Kenny

Friday, January 20, 2012, 2:00 p.m.

The Metropolitan Museum, Uris Center, Sacerdote Lecture Hall

Fifth Avenue at 61st Street

(enter at the Uris Center, ground level, left of main entrance)

In the early nineteenth century, the furniture designed by Duncan Phyfe was so popular that he was known as “The American Rage.” The exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum is the first retrospective look at his work in ninety years. Peter Kenny, Ruth Bigelow Wriston Curator and Administrator of the Metropolitan’s American Wing, will tell us about the work of this outstanding artist. The exhibit features over one hundred examples of furniture from public and private collections around the country, including some never-before-seen documented masterpieces and furniture descended directly in the Phyfe family.

Please reserve on the enclosed form and return it to us by January 13.

\$60 per person.

FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO ATTEND BOTH THE ANTIQUES SHOW TOUR AND LUNCHEON AND THE DUNCAN PHYFE LECTURE AND TOUR, THE COST WILL BE \$160.

THE LECTURE IS SPONSORED JOINTLY WITH THE DECORATIVE ARTS TRUST.



**AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE GEORGIAN GROUP
RESERVATION FORM**

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tour and luncheon, **Friday, January 20, 2012, 11:00 a.m.**

Park Avenue Armory

Please reserve _____ places at \$120 per person

enclosed \$ _____

*Reserve by January 13

Duncan Phyfe, Master Cabinetmaker

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Metropolitan Museum of Art

Please reserve _____ places at \$60 per person

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*** PLEASE RESERVE _____ places for BOTH the antiques show and the lecture at \$160 per person**

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AFGG HONORS ANDREW M. BLUM

On September 28, the American Friends of the Georgian Group honored Andrew Blum at a reception at the Arsenal in Central Park. Andy has been Chairman of the Board at Hyde Hall since 2004 and was commended for his efforts to preserve this National Historic Landmark and New York State Historic Site. Proceeds from the event were donated to Hyde Hall.

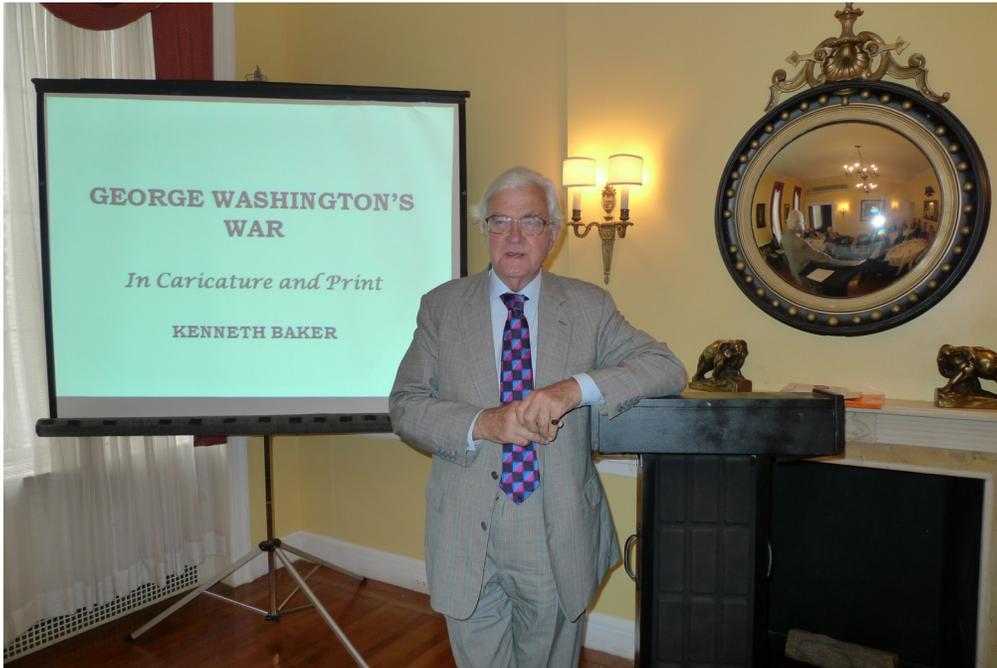
Andy Blum receives award from John Kinnear



AMERICAN YOUNG GEORGIANS

SAVE THE DATE!!

Be sure to save Wednesday, January 18, for a special American Young Georgian party at the downtown gallery, Jonathan Burden LLC, in Tribeca. At the party distinguished guest speakers from Hyde Hall in Cooperstown, New York, will introduce us to this fascinating Anglo-American house and speak about some of the current restoration projects. It should be a wonderful way to kick off the new year. Please keep track on our web site for more details, or e-mail us at ayg@americangeorgians.org for more information.



Lord (Kenneth) Baker of Dorking, CH PC, entertained us in April with a talk about his book, *George Washington's War in Caricature and Print*.