



THE AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE GEORGIAN GROUP

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Dear Members,

It's been a little longer than we would have liked since our last newsletter, but we've had several terrific events in the interim, with lots more to come for the remainder of 2016 and into 2017.

I'm happy to announce that Antonia Romeo has agreed to maintain the longstanding tradition of the British Consul-General being our Honorary Patron. In addition, on September 14th, we had our Annual Award Presentation where we honored the venerable Barbaralee Diamonstein-Spielvogel, Chair of the New York State Council on the Arts and author of more than 20 books. Ms. Diamonstein-Spielvogel has been a major force in historic preservation in New York City and we were fortunate to have her as our honoree. The evening's events, including remarks by esteemed guests Simeon Bankoff, Executive Director of the Historic Districts Council, Kent L. Barwick, President Emeritus of the Municipal Art Society, and Anthony C. Wood, Founder and Chair of the New York Preservation Archive Project, were recorded; the link to the video is on our website. We also co-sponsored an enlightening talk by Georgian Group trustee Wolf Burchard on the little-known architectural patronage of the first two Georgian monarchs and based on Wolf's 2014 exhibit at the Queen's Gallery.



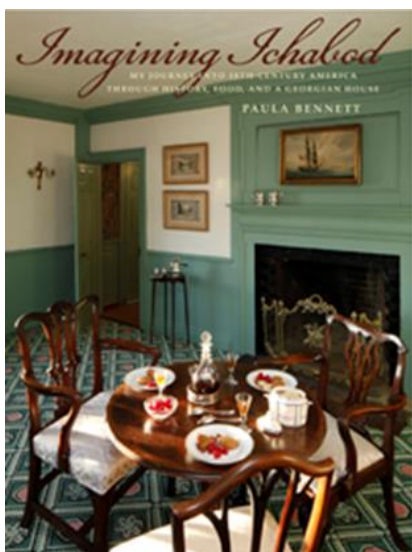
On Tuesday, October 4th, author Paula Bennett will be discussing her book, *Imagining Ichabod*, about her experiences renovating, and living in, an 18th Century Georgian home in New England. Event particulars are inside.

For those of you planning for the busy holiday season, please save December 8th for our holiday party and Annual General Meeting at the Baker House. And read on for early 2017 highlights, including the Winter Antiques Show, and many more exciting programs.

Lastly, The Young Georgians have also had several recent events, with even more to come this fall; check out their Facebook page for the schedule and details.

Regards,

John Kinnear, President



Paula Bennett: Imagining Ichabod

Lecture and Reception

Tuesday, October 4th at 6:00 pm

The Colonial Dames of America

417 East 61st Street

\$45 for AFGG members

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Prompted by a serendipitous visit to a bookstore, an epiphany led Paula Bennett and her husband, Harvey, to southern Maine where they spontaneously bought the General Ichabod Goodwin House with its original nine-over-six windows, wide-plank painted wood floors, early Georgian moldings, and an 8-ft wide hearth perfect for cooking.

While learning about 18th-century décor to inform the furnishing of her historic home, Paula diligently researched the house's first inhabitants. She began to imagine daily life in 18th-century New England, specifically for the first two Goodwins who lived on their property a father and son, both named Ichabod.

Join Paula and Harvey as their shared passion for history led to an archaeological dig outside their front door, connecting them even more to life in early America. In addition, their avid interest in the culinary arts led the author to explore and recreate historic recipes, 25 of which are woven throughout the text. Their journey culminates in cherry-picking from the past, recreating aspects of the 18th-century and adapting them into their 21st-century lifestyle.

Journey into America's past with this warm, personal account of living in a historic New England Georgian home and the family who owned it for over 200 years.

A Glorious Tour of English Country Houses

October 17th – 21st

This trip to Weston Park is sold out. Details about 2017's excursion coming soon!

Bettina Harden: The Most Glorious Prospect

Lecture and Reception

Thursday, December 1st at 6:00 pm

Location details to follow

\$45 for AFGG members

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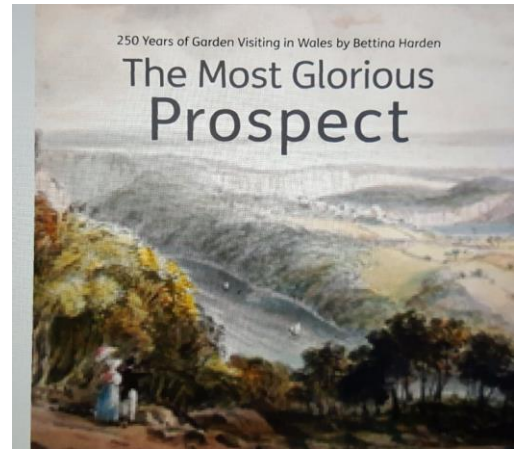
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Bettina Harden will be in the U.S. from Wales (where she resides at Nanhoron, a magnificent country estate), and will be speaking on her book, THE MOST GLORIOUS PROSPECT, about the historic gardens of Wales.



The AFGG Holiday Party and Annual General Meeting

Thursday, December 8th at 6:00 pm

The Baker House

67 East 93rd Street

\$65 for AFGG members

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\$30 for American Young Georgians

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Business/festive attire requested. More details to come closer to the event.

Early 2017 Highlights:

January:

Winter Antiques Show and Luncheon
Park Avenue Armory
Park Avenue at 67th Street
January 20th—Save the date!
Fee information to be announced
Spaces are limited—book early!



February:

Elizabeth Jamieson: THE COUNTRY HOUSE

Lecture and Reception

Date/time/location to be announced

Fee information to be announced

Elizabeth Jamieson will discuss the impact of horse-drawn transport on “the country house.”

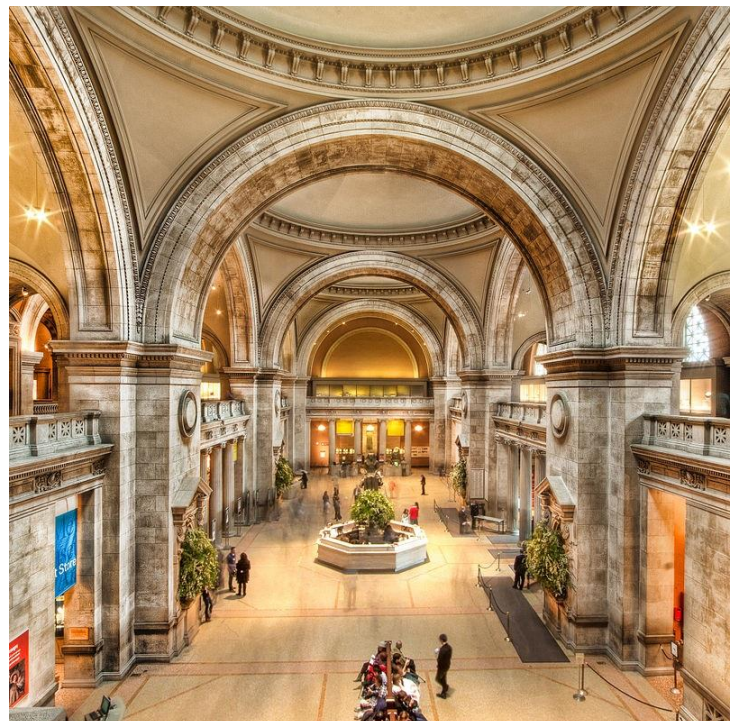
February or March:

Tour: Conservation Department at the Metropolitan Museum of Art

Date/time/meeting location to be announced

Fee information to be announced

We have been invited for a rare, behind-the-scenes visit to the Conservation Department at the Met, which will be working on the reinstallation of the British Art Collection. This is an event not to be missed and spaces will be limited!



June:

Millbrook, CT Tour

June 3rd—save the date!

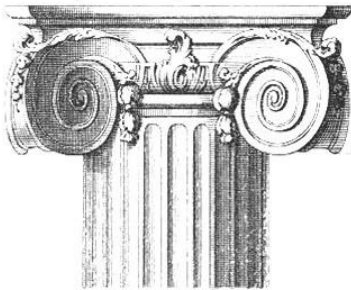
Time/pick-up location to be announced

Fee information to be announced

Join us for a trip to Millbrook where we will be seeing 4 or 5 houses we have not previously visited, as well as enjoying a lunch at the Tamarack Preserve Club.



In addition, we're also planning another trip to England. We'll share details early: the 2016 tour sold out by March, so you'll want to keep an eye out for details—spaces go quickly!



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