



THE AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE GEORGIAN GROUP

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Summer 2014

Dear Friends,

Everyone enjoyed the day trip to Millbrook in June. One fabulous house after another plus a delicious lunch, what was not to like? Thanks to Mary Ann Free for all the organizing; she did a beautiful job. On July 16, we joined our fellow British-American societies for a delightful garden party at Union Theological Seminary. The food and wine were abundant and it was a perfect midsummer treat.



The fall will bring the customary return to business, and the AFGG is planning a busy season. On September 16 we will honor John Foreman at our annual preservation award reception on the roof (we hope) of the Arsenal in Central Park. At the end of the month, we will visit the showroom of Warp and Weft, where we will learn about antique Oriental rugs. In October, Phillip James Dodd will talk about his book, *The Art of Classical Details*, which is highly acclaimed.

Cary Briggs, a manufacturer and expert on 18th-century bricks, will give a talk in November on their history and how they are made today.

The Treasure Houses in England's Norfolk is the destination for this year's annual fall trip to England. A few places remain; call us if you are interested. This is a very popular trip and some of the most beautiful and important houses in Britain are on the tour.

The American Friends of the Georgian Group will return to one of our favorite places, Richard Jenrette's Baker House, for our annual meeting on December 3. Be sure to mark your calendar.

We would like to thank Maggie Moore for establishing and leading the American Young Georgians. We are happy to announce that Hillary Mazanec and Lansing Moore will be carrying on leadership of the AYG.

Our membership has grown this year, and we encourage you to let friends know about the group. Renewal notices will be mailed in October as always, but if you have not renewed for 2014, please do so right away.

Enjoy the long summer days! We look forward to seeing everyone in the fall.

Best wishes,

John Kinnear
President



Big Old Houses
annual preservation award reception

Guest of Honor, John Foreman

Tuesday, September 16, 2014, 6:00

The Arsenal, Central Park
Fifth Avenue at 64th Street

John Foreman has been a partisan of historic preservation for almost fifty years. He found beauty and architectural value in Manhattan's Upper West Side back in the 1980s, when lots of people refused even to go there. He worked on restoration of houses in Tuxedo Park and Millbrook, wrote *The Vanderbilts and the Gilded Age*, which Louis Auchincloss called "the definitive book on the Vanderbilts," as well as *Old Houses in Millbrook: their families and follies from Colonial times through the Gilded Age*. Currently, John does the "House" column for the New York Social Diary website. His blog, "Big Old Houses," won the Victorian Society's Best New Media award. We will honor him at our annual preservation award reception on the roof of the Arsenal or, if it rains, indoors.

\$45 per person for AFGG members; \$55 for non-members; \$20 for American Young Georgians

Oriental Carpets: Timeless Expressions of Design and Beauty
showroom visit

Warp and Weft

Tuesday, September 30, 2014, 6:00

145 Madison Avenue (between 31st and 32nd)

In Europe, Oriental rugs were originally used as decoration, draped over tables or spinets or hung on walls, because they were considered too precious to walk on. Grand Georgian houses had rugs on display in elegant reception rooms. The Tabriz and Oushak designs were particularly popular.

Michael Mandapatie, owner of Warp and Weft, will tell us about the history of these beautiful works of art, showing many different patterns and styles. He will also talk about the care and restoration of antique carpets. A reception will follow his remarks.



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Oushak, from west Anatolia

The Art of Classical Details

lecture and reception

Phillip James Dodd

Thursday, October 9, 2014, 6:00

Sotheby's Institute of Art

570 Lexington Avenue, 6th Floor



Phillip James Dodd will talk about his recent book, *The Art of Classical Details: Theory Design and Craftsmanship*. In his book, he examines some of the finest examples of contemporary classical architecture. Phillip Dodd attended the Prince of Wales' Institute of Architecture in London and earned his masters in architecture at the University of Notre Dame. He is a fellow emeritus at the Institute of Classical Architecture and Art and was recently elected a member of the International Network for Traditional Building, Architecture and Urbanism College of Traditional Practitioners.

A reception follows the lecture.

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Colonial Williamsburg Bricks: Georgian Brickmaking in Colonial America

lecture and reception

Cary Briggs

Tuesday, November 18, 2014, 6:00

The Colonial Dames of America

417 East 61st Street



Cary Briggs is founder and creative director of Tidewater Brick Co., the exclusive distributor of Colonial Williamsburg Bricks. In his illustrated presentation, he will tell the history and reveal the variety of bricks made and employed in the Georgian era. He will focus on the heritage and conservation of wood fired bricks during that period and highlight some of the brickwork projects that are being carried out in Williamsburg and at various historic sites in Britain.

This lecture is sponsored with the Colonial Dames of America. A reception will follow.

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RESERVATION FORM, Summer 2014

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