

# THE AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE GEORGIAN GROUP

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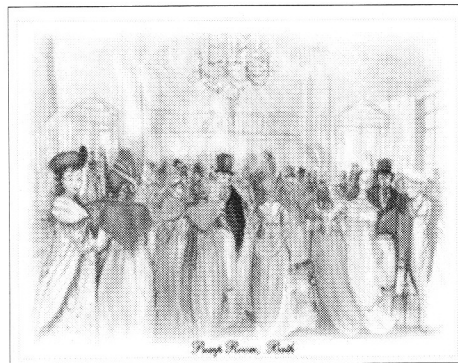
Dear Friends,

This letter brings you news of our programs and events for the spring and we hope to see you often. The American Friends of the Georgian Group really is an unusual organization, in large part because of the intimate scale of our events, the congeniality among our members, and the remarkable number of fascinating subjects to explore dating from the Georgian era.

We are especially inviting you all to at Marsha and Michael Ambler's house on AFGG at the reception will receive a **25 per-** members of the AFGG board will be present to members Wendell Garrett and Ralph Harvard and architecture. So be sure to bring your welcoming them warmly. **If you have not yet [office@americangeorgians.org](mailto:office@americangeorgians.org).**

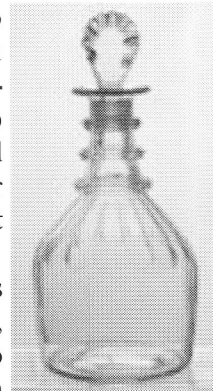
Our annual meeting and Christmas stimulating presentations by Robert Bargery, the Georgian Group, and Peter Kenny, who Phyfe show at the Metropolitan Museum. In tour of the Winter Antiques Show and luncheon at the historic Park Avenue Armory. We also enjoyed a wonderful lecture by Curt DiCamillo on *le goût Rothschild*. The season has begun auspiciously and there are many interesting items on this year's schedule.

You will see a number of lectures and tours planned for the spring described in these pages. Please be sure to reserve as soon as possible. Our calendar is also listed on our web site: [www.americangeorgians.org](http://www.americangeorgians.org), where you can download membership information as well, and find links to other groups who share our interests.



Our visit to the Veneto, April 21–28, to celebrate the architecture of Andrea Palladio, is well subscribed and promises to be a beautiful trip. The Georgian Group is busy planning our annual country-house trip to England in October. We will send you details about the dates and location soon.

Your copy of *The Georgian* accompanies this newsletter. If you have not yet renewed your membership for 2009 this will be your final issue, so be sure to send us your dues. You won't want to miss any of our upcoming events and you probably have friends who would enjoy our programs as well, so bring them along to our new members' party on February 26. See you then! Cheers!



**bring your friends** to our **new members' reception** February 26. Each of your friends who joins the **cent discount** on their 2009 membership. Officers and answer questions about the group and advisory board will discuss the importance of preserving Georgian art friends to this delightful party. We look forward to **reserved, please call 212/991-9191 or e-mail us at**

reception was well attended and we were treated to who came from London to give us news of the work of offered a tantalizing glimpse of the upcoming Duncan January members were treated to a special preview

John Kinnear  
President

## **From Federal to Greek Revival**

### *lecture and reception*

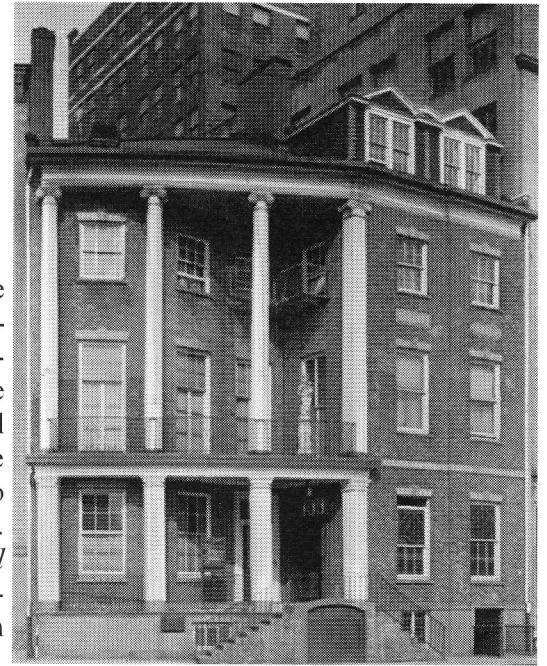
**Francis Morrone**

Thursday, March 26, 2009, 6:00

The Collectors Club

22 East 35th Street

Hum...Is it Federal or is it Greek Revival? Can you tell the difference between these two related—yet very different—styles? Red brick, neoclassical row houses were a common feature in early New York. In this illustrated lecture, architectural historian, Francis Morrone, will discuss the origins of these styles, show typical examples, and talk about the overall historical contexts in which the styles emerged and to which they gave expression. We are very pleased to welcome back Francis Morrone, who has entertained us before with talks on the architectural history of the city. His most recent book, *The Park Slope Neighborhood and Architectural History Guide*, is published by the Brooklyn Historical Society. He is currently working on a comprehensive architectural history of Brooklyn Heights.



*Watson House*

A reception will follow the lecture.

Please reserve on the enclosed form and return it to us by March 19.

*\$45 per person.*



*St. Mary Church*

## **Discovering American History in England**

### *lecture and reception*

**Catherine Leitch**

Wednesday, April 8, 2009, 6:00

The Collectors Club

22 East 35th Street

Catherine Leitch is an American who has been living in England for over a decade and has developed an interest in the “special relationship” that exists between the British and their former colony. She has brought together a wonderful collection of anecdotes, maps, and surprising descriptions of the connections shared by the two cultures. She will discuss her journeys around England, where she came upon references to American history in unexpected places, such as St. Mary church in Somerset, which houses the remains of Maurice Berkeley, whose family established many ties to the American colonies. Catherine Leitch holds a master’s degree in history. Copies of her book, *Discovering American History in England: an illustrated traveler’s guide*, will be available for purchase at the lecture.

The lecture will be followed by a reception.

Please make your reservation on the form enclosed and return it to us by April 1.

*\$45 per person.*

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**RESERVATION FORM, SPRING 2009**

***From Federal to Greek Revival***

lecture and reception, Thursday, March 26, 6:00  
The Collectors Club, 22 East 35th Street, New York City  
Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places at \$45 per person

enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Reserve by April 1**

***London's Country Houses***

lecture and reception, Monday, April 13, 6:00  
The Grolier Club, 47 East 60th Street, New York City  
Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places at \$45 per person

enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Reserve by April 6**

***The Brother Gardeners***

lecture and reception, Monday, May 4, 6:00  
The Collectors Club, 22 East 35th Street, New York City  
Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places at \$45 per person

enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Reserve by April 27**

***Preview Visit to the American Wing***

tour and reception, Thursday, May 14, 3:00  
The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City  
Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places at \$60 per person

enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Reserve by May 7**

***Life in Nelson's Navy***

lecture and reception, Wednesday, May 27, 6:00  
The New York Yacht Club, 37 West 44th Street, New York City  
Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places at \$60 per person

enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Reserve by May 20**

**Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

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