

THE AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE GEORGIAN GROUP

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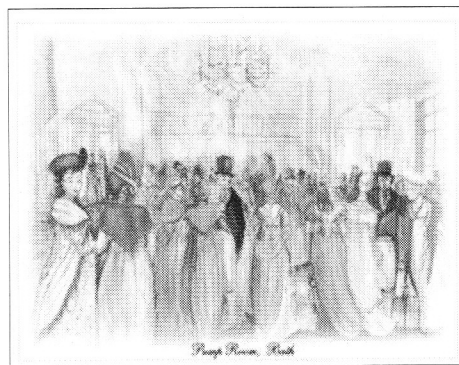
Dear Friends,

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.

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, where you can download membership information as well, and find links to other groups who share our interests.



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

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!

John Kinnear
President



From Federal to Greek Revival

lecture and reception

Francis Morrone

Thursday, March 26, 2009, 6:00

The Collectors Club

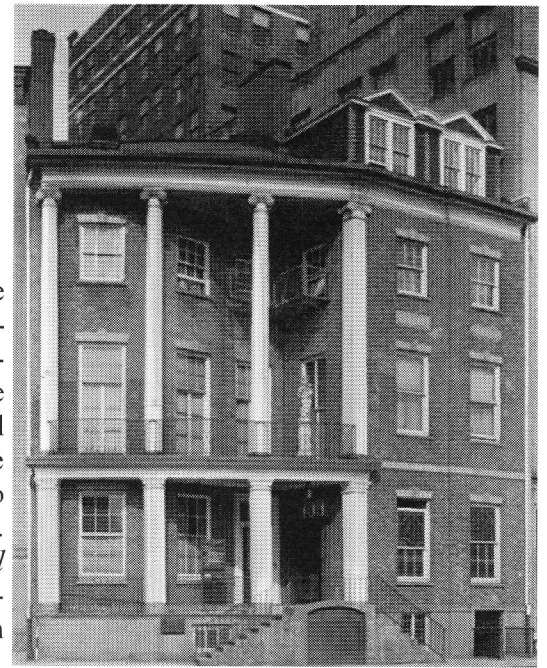
22 East 35th Street

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.

A reception will follow the lecture.

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

\$45 per person.



Watson House



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.

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London's Country Houses

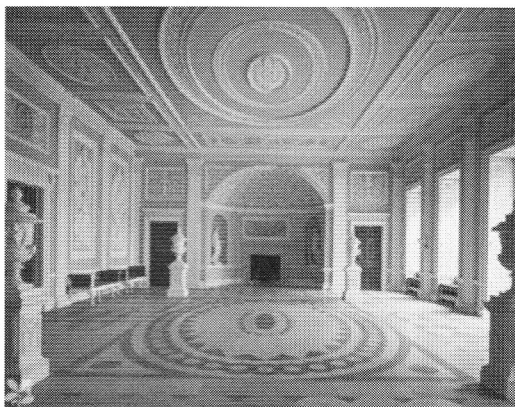
lecture and reception

Caroline Knight

Monday, April 13, 2009, 6:00

The Grolier Club

47 East 60th Street



Osterley House

We are pleased, indeed, to join with the Royal Oak Foundation in offering this lecture by Caroline Knight on the country houses of London. When they were originally built, these mansions were actually in the country. Owing to the city's expansion, many are now within the Greater London area, existing in an urban environment quite different from that for which they were designed. Caroline Knight is an architectural historian whose particular interest is in 16th-to-18th-century British houses. She gives courses at the Victoria and Albert Museum and has taught at University College, London, The Courtauld Institute, and the Cooper-Hewitt Museum. She is a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries. Her talk will focus on the relaxed social life of the courtiers, government ministers, and City businessmen who built these country retreats. Copies of her newly published book, *London's Country Houses*, will be available at the lecture for purchase.

Our lecture will be followed by a reception.

Please reserve on the enclosed form and return it to us by April 6.

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The Brother Gardeners

lecture and reception

Andrea Wulf

Monday, May 4, 2009, 6:00

The Collectors Club

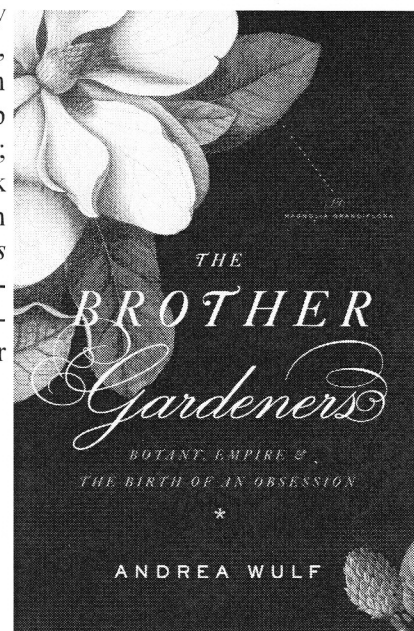
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The British passion for gardening began with a small group of eighteenth-century naturalists whose zeal transformed the Georgian landscape with lustrous evergreens, fiery autumn foliage, and colorful shrubs. The story began with John Bartram, an American farmer who sent hundreds of boxes of seeds to England. It includes Philip Miller, author of the *Gardener's Dictionary*; Carl Linneaus, the Swedish botanist; Joseph Banks and Daniel Solander, who sailed on Cook's *Endeavour* to bring back exotic blooms. Andrea Wulf (www.andreawulf.com) was trained as a design historian at the Royal College of Art and is the author, with Emma Gieben-Gamal, of *This Other Eden: Seven Great Gardens and 300 Years of English History*, as well as numerous pieces for the *Sunday Times*, the *Financial Times*, *The Garden*, and *Architects' Journal*. Copies of her new work, *The Brother Gardeners*, will be available for purchase at the lecture.

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**Preview Visit to the American Wing
tour and reception**

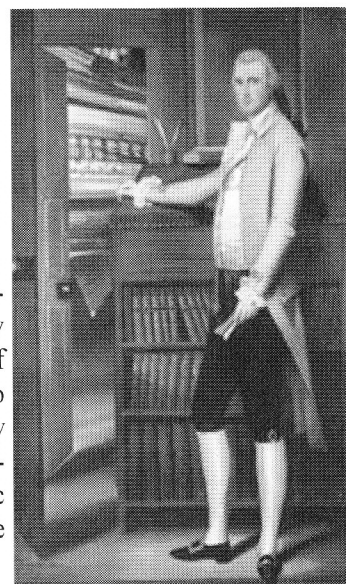
J. Michael Kelley and Peter Kenny

Thursday, May 14, 3:00

The Metropolitan Museum of Art, Fifth Avenue at 82nd Street

meet at the tour desk in the lobby

A special treat is in store for us at the Metropolitan Museum when we join J. Michael Kelley and Peter Kenny on an exclusive preview tour of the brand new American Wing. Many of us have been lucky enough to follow the progress of this completely new presentation of the museum's outstanding American collection, joining Mike Kelley and Peter Kenny to visit parts of the new wing as it has been developing. Many of the 17th- and 18th-century period rooms are being moved or replaced as the architectural holdings are being enhanced. Our visit will take place before this phase of the renovation is open to the public and will give us a golden opportunity to view treasures from this period at our own pace and in the company of these two informative and congenial guides.



Our tour will be followed by a reception.

Please make your reservation on the enclosed form and return it to us by May 7.

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**Life in Nelson's Navy
lecture and reception**

Brian Lavery

Wednesday, May 27, 2009, 6:00

New York Yacht Club

37 West 44th Street

As dramatically described in the works of C. S. Forester and Patrick O'Brian, the life of an eighteenth-century British seaman was dangerous and uncomfortable. The Royal Navy embodied British power in the Georgian era: defending the island nation and protecting her empire. Naval officers were popular heroes; common sailors were often impressed into service, although they fought valiantly on occasion. Brian Lavery has written more than twenty books on maritime history. He has served as a curator in the National Maritime Museum and at Chatham Historic Dockyard, and as a trustee at the Royal Navy Museum at Portsmouth; he is on the advisory committee of HMS *Victory*. His talk will describe the recruitment and training of naval officers and life on board Nelson's ships of war, as well as the work and dangers of the naval profession and the reasons for its success in battle. He will also examine some of the paradoxes of the age: why oppressed seamen fought so well, the contrast between shore elegance and nautical roughness, and many others.

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We are very pleased that this lecture has been underwritten in part by AFGG member Nancy de Waart, who arranged for the perfectly appropriate setting; we thank her for her generosity. We are also happy to be joining the Jane Austen Society in sponsoring this event.

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