



THE AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE GEORGIAN GROUP

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Spring 2011

Dear Friends,

The long winter was easier to get through with the fun and interesting events on the AFGG calendar. The wonderful winter antiques show was enhanced this year with the afternoon lecture following the show. Lee Manigault discussed the Miles Brewton House in Charleston to a large group at Richard Jenrette's Baker House. In February, Camille Wells talked about Rosewell at a lecture sponsored with the Colonial Dames of America. Our reception for the Lady Bradbury, generously given by our member Eleanor Alger, was very well attended and successfully raised funds to support the restoration of Georgian Group headquarters in Fitzroy Square. Many of us were entertained again by Wendell Garrett's delightful talk about life in the Georgian era. Lord Kenneth Baker spoke at a luncheon in April about how George Washington was depicted in British cartoons during the Revolution. Our American Young Georgians got through the winter doldrums with a tour of the Baker House and a lecture by Francis Morrone.

Several AFGG members are about to leave for the fabulous trip to **Sicily** at the end of May. Travel opportunities abound in the coming months. A day trip in June will feature the historic architecture of **Sharon, Connecticut**. In September, **Ralph Harvard** will lead a group to the remote **Eastern Shore of Virginia**. Our annual visit to England still has a few openings for those eager to explore the **country houses of Dorset**. The Georgian Group is also organizing a weekend in the **East Riding of Yorkshire**, which will precede the Dorset trip, as well as a week touring the **palaces of Genoa**. Why not plan to spend your October with the Georgian Group?

The fall program locally is still being firmed up but some dates have been confirmed. In early October we have been invited to visit the beautiful **Clinton Howell Antiques** showroom. The following month we will visit the home of one of our members for a reception honoring the **Viscountess Coke**. We will keep you posted about other events as the details are fixed. The date and place for the annual meeting in December have yet to be determined.

You will have received our e-mail regarding the very exiting **raffle** sponsored by the Georgian Group. Six different holidays are being offered to raise money for the preservation of historic buildings and gardens from the Georgian period. Be sure to get your tickets soon. Support the Georgian Group and win a magnificent vacation at the same time.

Have you told your friends about the AFGG? Have you seen our web site at www.americangeorgians.org? Do you know any young people who would be interested in meeting other Young Georgians? There are so many ways to enjoy your membership. We hope to see you at all our upcoming events.



Weatherstone

John Kinnear
President



The Elegant Houses of Sharon day trip and luncheon

Saturday, June 11, 2011

Bus departs at 8:00 am from
Park Avenue at 72nd Street

Beautiful Sharon, Connecticut, is our destination on this trip. We will tour Weatherstone, c. 1765, whose exterior has been completely restored following a fire in 1998. The marvelous gardens of Cobble

Pond, designed by the Olmstead brothers between 1929 and 1950, contain meticulously groomed trees and gorgeous blossoms. The original trees are now in glorious maturity and our stroll through the park will take us past clipped conifers, walled gardens, and an apple orchard. This area is full of very fine examples of Federal and Greek Revival architecture. We will see a significant Federal house on Main Street in Salisbury, and we will enjoy an example of Greek Revival at our luncheon and tour of Ragamont House. This mid-nineteenth-century landmark building has been a New England inn for more than 120 years.

Our bus will leave from Park Avenue and 72nd Street at 8:00 and we plan to return to the city at around 6:00.

Please reserve on the enclosed form and return it to us by June 4.

\$195 per person.

Clinton Howell Antiques

showroom tour and reception

Wednesday, October 5, 2011, 6:00

150 East 72nd Street



When we visited Clinton Howell a few years ago he gave us his secret formula for furniture polish. Who knows what restorative recipes he may divulge on this occasion. Clinton Howell is passionate about English furniture and he is eloquent in describing the history and eccentricities of the objects in his wonderful collection. A gracious host, he enjoys telling visitors anecdotes about each piece and answering questions about eighteenth-century high style or rustic examples, about all of which he is an expert.

Our visit will be followed by a reception at a private apartment nearby.

Please reserve on the enclosed form and return it to us by September 28.

\$45 per person.

UPCOMING GEORGIAN GROUP EVENTS

As a member of the American Friends of the Georgian Group you are invited to take part in Georgian Group events whenever you are in England. Their program for June and October is also on their web site at www.georgiangroup.org.uk.

June 3 a tour of Lancaster House in London, known as its greatest townhouse

October 22–28 the fabulous trip to Genoa, described within.

June 6 a tour of Brighton and Hove Walk, Montpelier Terrace, Wykeham Terrace, and Mount Zion Place, among other sights

June 9 comprehensive guided tour of the house and gardens of Chatsworth

June 10 study day at the house and gardens of Wilton, including parts of the grounds usually inaccessible

June 13 visit newly restored Strawberry Hill, intended by its original owner, Horace Walpole, to be a theatrical experience.



SAVE THE DATE!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2011, 6:00

JOIN US AT A RECEPTION TO MEET

VISCOUNTESS COKE

AT THE HOME OF

SHARON CASDIN

211 CENTRAL PARK WEST

Valeria, Viscountess Coke is a member of the Georgian Group

Anglo-American Committee

This event is being held to raise funds for the restoration of the Georgian Group headquarters at No. 6 Fitzroy Square, London

Space is limited

Invitations will be mailed separately

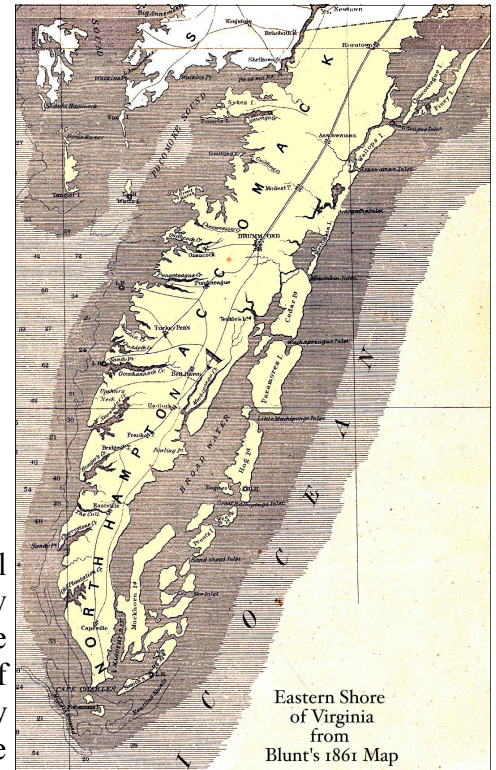
\$125 per person

The Distinctive Architecture of the Eastern Shore

September 23–September 25, 2011

Join the American Friends of the Georgian Group for a special visit to the remote parts of the Eastern Shore of Virginia. A narrow peninsula that separates the Atlantic Ocean from the Chesapeake Bay, the Shore was settled before 1610 and developed its own distinct style of architecture and vernacular furniture production. The legacy of the early settlers is the economy, still today driven by water and agriculture. By the eighteenth century, wheat surpassed tobacco as the major crop, resulting in smaller farms with outbuildings and dependencies clustered close to the primary dwellings. Its twentieth-century isolation helped preserve many excellent examples of plantation houses and support buildings that winningly combine sophistication and rusticity.

The weekend will begin with an introductory lecture by Ralph Harvard, who will be leading the trip, followed by a reception at Ker Place, the dazzling Federal mansion that houses the Eastern Shore Historical Society. Saturday we will visit private houses in Northampton County and have lunch at the charming Eastville Inn; the county seat has the oldest continuous court records in the United States. Dinner that evening will be in an important and obscure historic home. Sunday morning we will head north into Accomack County and finish mid day with lunch in a delightful Dutch-roofed house of 1786. Most of the houses we will see are still centers of large farms and are located on the water, either the tranquil Bayside or the more dramatic Seaside, and all are architectural landmarks.



Brownsville Plantation, c. 1810

The Distinctive Architecture of the Eastern Shore

The trip to the Eastern Shore will start at 5:00 PM at Ker Place, 69 Market Street, Onancock, Virginia. The cost of the trip is \$695.00 per person, which includes two lunches and two dinners as well as local transportation. **Please note: hotel accommodation and travel to and from Virginia are not included.** A non-refundable deposit of \$345.00 is required by August 15, 2011, to hold your place. If the trip becomes full we will establish a waiting list. The balance of \$350.00 will be due by September 10.

Cancellations must be made in writing before September 10, 2011, after which no payments can be refunded.

We recommend that all travelers take out full trip insurance. The American Friends of the Georgian Group cannot be responsible for circumstances beyond our control. All participants must be AFGG members.

Hotel accommodations are available at the Holiday Inn Express and Suites, 3446 Lankford Highway, Exmore, Virginia; telephone 757/442-5522; www.hiexpress.com. We advise that you book your hotel accommodations as early as possible, as the hotel is not holding rooms. Travel time from New York is about six hours by car; travelers can also fly to Norfolk, Virginia, about one hour's drive from Exmore, and rent a car.

Registration

Please reserve _____ place(s) for the September 23–September 25 trip to the Eastern Shore at \$695.00 per person.

Deposit (\$345.00 per person) is enclosed _____

If you are not a current member of the American Friends of the Georgian Group,
please add \$100 _____

Total enclosed (*please make checks payable to the American Friends of
the Georgian Group*) _____

Name

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Telephone E-mail address



The East Riding of Yorkshire

October 14–October 16, 2011

The Georgian Group invites members of the American Friends to a Yorkshire country visit to Beverley and Burton Constable. Emeritus professor John Wilton-Ely, *cicerone* of the very successful Rome tour in 2010, leads this weekend tour of under-explored Beverley, an exceptional Georgian market town in deepest East Riding, with gems to rival Fairfax House in York. Apart from the awesome Minster with its treasures—A. L. Rowse called the Percy tomb “the most perfect masterpiece of mediaeval stonework”—and St. Mary’s Church, daunting enough to be mistaken for the Minster, there is a rich seam of Georgian buildings with top-ranked specimens such as Lairgate Hall, which has one of two wonderful Chinese rooms in the neighborhood; the guildhall; the Sessions House, where we plan to have lunch; Norwood House; and the Carr of York Assembly Rooms. As an interlude to our perambulations we shall take an excursion to Burton Constable, a magnificent Elizabethan country house renowned for its Georgian interiors, including the Wyatt Drawing Room with fine Chippendale furniture and another Chinese room with Chippendale wallpaper. Dinner on the Saturday night is included.

AFGG members who are going on the trip to the country houses of Dorset, October 17–October 21 are welcome to join this lovely trip, which will take place on the weekend before. The program will allow you to be back in London in time for the Fitzroy Square reception on Sunday evening.

If you would like to take part in the trip to the East Riding of Yorkshire, please call the AFGG office at 212/991-9191 or e-mail us at office@americangeorgians.org. Details, including the cost of the trip, are not yet available, but we will be happy to let you know as soon as they are.



Chinese room at Burton Constable

THE GEORGIAN RAFFLE 2011

Six magnificent prizes!

Your chance to win a week's superb holiday accommodation in California, Switzerland,

Italy, the Scottish Highlands, or Chelsea. The raffle is in aid of The Georgian Group, helping to preserve Britain's historic buildings and gardens. More information is at our web site: www.americangeorgians.org. ***Enter by August 31, 2011.***



ENTRY FORM

- ☐ 1 week in an apartment in a Venetian palazzo on the Grand Canal
- ☐ 1 week in an apartment off the King's Road in Chelsea
- ☐ 1 week in an apartment in the Swiss mountain resort of Les Crosets, near Lake Geneva
- ☐ 1 week in a private house in the coastal resort of Carmel, California
- ☐ 1 week in a private villa, La Meridiana, Oliveto, thirty miles from Rome
- ☐ 1 week's cottage holiday with fishing in Sutherland, Scottish Highlands

Please indicate the number of tickets you are purchasing for each holiday.

Entries are \$45 each or \$400 for ten entries. All prizes will be drawn separately. You can enter as many times as you wish, for yourself or for others, for as many prizes as you wish. You can enter online at www.georgiangroup.org.uk

Name _____

Address _____

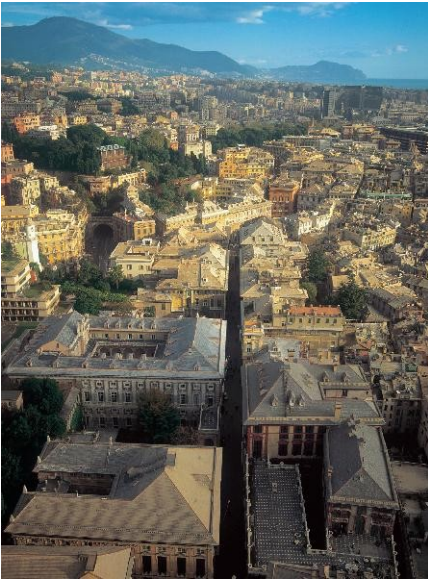
Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Total number of tickets @\$45 each _____ or ten for \$400. Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Please return this form with payment (checks payable to the American Friends of the Georgian Group) to American Friends of the Georgian Group, 20 West 44th Street, #508, New York, New York 10036. You must be 18 or over to buy raffle tickets.

Genova: la Superba!

October 22–October 28, 2011



Genoa, capital of the Italian Riviera, lies in a natural amphitheater between the mountains and the sea. A crossroads of trade and culture between Europe and the Near East, its historic center, including its mediaeval network of dense alleys called *caruggi*, is one of the largest UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Europe.

The city's golden age was in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, when splendid Mannerist-Baroque palaces were built by prosperous merchants and aristocratic Genoese families: the Balbi, Doria, Grimaldi, Pallavicini, and Serra clans. From the mid sixteenth century survives the most complete street of Mannerist palaces in Europe—*la Strada Nuova*, now the Via Garibaldi—which still has the feeling of a receding street vista by Scamozzi in Palladio's Teatro Olimpico in Vicenza. Many palazzi now have an engaging overlay from later ages, including unexpected appearances of a light-touch eighteenth-century Rococo. Our exploration of this fascinating architectural legacy will be complemented by sorties out of the city to visit churches, villas, and castles in the hinterland and on the Ligurian coastline.

The group will be staying at the Hotel Bristol, in the cultural heart of Genoa. A walking tour on the first day will take us to the **Palazzo Rosso**, with masterpieces by Van Dyck, Veronese, Dürer, and Bernardo Strozzi; the **Palazzo Carrega Cataldi**, and the **Palazzo Pantaleo Spinola**, where we will have a private lunch. In the afternoon we will visit villas in the elegant **Albaro** district and we will finish the day with drinks and dinner at the **Villa Saluzzo Bombrini**.

The next day we will see the late Baroque **Villa Faraggiana** in Savona, built in various phases from 1717–1765 by the Durazzo family, with spectacular interiors and gardens. The afternoon will feature the **Villa Gavotti**, birthplace of Pope Julius II. We will return to Genoa for dinner at a fine restaurant near the hotel.

Tuesday's program includes a private tour of the **Palazzo San Giorgio**, with its remarkable painted façade; **Palazzo de Marini Cross**, which has a monumental staircase; the **Chiesa di San Luca**, rebuilt between 1626 and 1650, with stunning frescoes and inlaid floors; **Via Balbi**, visiting the **Basilica of SS. Annunziata del Vastato**; and the **Palazzo Reale**, with its mirrored ballroom. A coach will take us in the afternoon to the sixteenth-century **Palazzo Doria Pamphili**, restored by the Pamphili family, with frescoed gallery and vast terraced garden. Dinner will be at one of Genoa's little-known gems near the cathedral.

A short ferry journey will take us on Wednesday to **San Fruttuoso**, accessible only by sea, to visit the Ligurian **San Fruttuoso Abbey**, a cliff-top monastic complex. In the afternoon we will go to **Portofino**, perhaps the most beautiful Mediterranean port.

Thursday morning we visit the **Palazzo Tobia Pallavicino**, with its stuccoed and gilded interiors; the Romanesque **San Donato**, the **Duomo**, and the **Galleria Nazionale di Palazzo Spinola**. In the afternoon we will see the **Staglieno Cemetery**, before taking a scenic railway journey through the hills to Casella, where our coach will rejoin us for a private visit to a hilltop castle.

Our tour will be led by Peter Schmitt, former keeper of schools at the Royal Academy, and Michael Borozdin-Bidnell. The tour advisor is Richard Garnier.



Genova: la Superba!

The tour of the palaces of Genoa, October 22–28, 2011, will begin on Saturday, when we will rendez-vous at the four-star Hotel Bristol in time for dinner and an introductory talk starting at 6:30. The cost of the trip is \$2700.00 per person, which includes six nights at the Hotel Bristol, breakfast, three lunches and six dinners, and all local transportation. **Please note: flights to and from Genoa are not included.** A non-refundable deposit of \$1000.00 is required at the time of booking. If the trip becomes full, we will establish a waiting list. The balance of your payment is due by September 1, 2011.

Cancellations must be made in writing before September 1, 2011, when all payment except the deposit will be refunded. No refund can be made after September 1, 2011.

There is no extra charge for a single room, however a supplemental charge of \$500.00 per person will be added for those requesting single use of a double room

We recommend that all travelers take out full trip insurance. The American Friends of the Georgian Group cannot be responsible for circumstances beyond our control. All participants must be AFGG members.

Members planning to take part in the tour of the country houses of Dorset, October 17–21, are cordially invited to spend the following week in Italy as a superb way to complete a month of wonderful Georgian experiences.

Registration

Please reserve _____ place(s) for the October 22–28 tour of the plazzi di Genova at \$2700.00 per person.

Deposit (\$1000.00 per person) is enclosed _____

Supplement for single use of double room (\$500.00) is enclosed _____

If you are not a current member of the American Friends of the
Georgian Group, please add \$100.00 _____

Total enclosed (*please make checks payable to the American Friends of
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RESERVATION FORM

The Elegant Houses of Sharon

day trip and luncheon, **Saturday, June 11**

Meet the bus

Please reserve _____ places at \$195 per person

enclosed \$ _____

*Reserve by June 4

Clinton Howell Antiques

showroom tour and reception, **Wednesday, October 5, 6:00**

150 East 72nd Street

Please reserve _____ places at \$45 per person

enclosed \$ _____

*Reserve by September 28

Reception honoring Viscountess Coke

211 Central Park West

Please reserve _____ places at \$125 per person

enclosed \$ _____

*Reserve by November 3

Total enclosed \$ _____

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