



# THE AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE GEORGIAN GROUP

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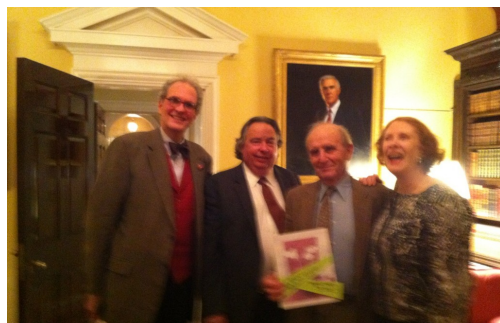
Dear Friends,

Ring in the new year at the **59th Winter Antiques Show**. Join us on January 25 for luncheon and a private tour of the show, which this year features the Preservation Society of Newport County. Happily, we will visit the fabulous **Lee Jofa design studios** on February 12, and on February 27 we have been invited to the wonderful **Farrow & Ball wallpaper showroom**. On April 2, **Michael Kathrens** will give a lecture on the architecture of **Horace Trumbauer**.

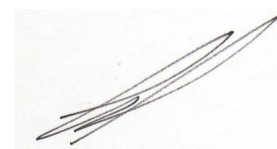
Our annual meeting was held at the gorgeous Baker House in November. In addition to the business of the meeting, we heard a delightful talk by Ralph Harvard on the Carolina Low Country, and enjoyed the hospitality of Richard Jenrette and his welcoming staff. Board member David Michael Wood donated a stunning orchid plant, which was raffled for the benefit of the AFGG. The lucky winner was Harry deWaart!

Wendell Garrett, a long-time member of the AFGG advisory board and dear friend, died November 14. Wendell was a frequent lecturer to the AFGG members; his highly entertaining talks on Georgian manners and customs were among our most popular events and we will miss him.

Happy New Year,



*David Wood, John Kinnear, and Nancy de Waart congratulate Harry on winning the orchid!*



John Kinnear  
President

The American Friends of the Georgian Group would like your friends to be our friends. In the holiday spirit, we are offering all our members the opportunity to give the gift of a free year's membership in the AFGG at no cost to you. For members who have not yet renewed, you can do so now and include a free membership for a friend.

Please send us the name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address of the friend you have selected. We will let them know that you have given them a one-year membership courtesy of the AFGG. Your friend will receive all the benefits of membership during 2013, including newsletters and invitations and the chance to take part in the annual trip to England in the fall.

Be sure to take advantage of this offer now; it is open only until January 7, 2013.

*Best wishes for the holiday season from THE AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE GEORGIAN GROUP*



**Winter Antiques Show**  
***special preview tour and luncheon***  
 Friday, January 25, 2013, 11:00 a.m.  
 Park Avenue Armory  
 Park Avenue at 67th Street

The fabulous Winter Antiques Show is a wonderful way to start off the new year. We are happy to offer a private tour of the show and luncheon in the beautiful Tiffany Room at the Park Avenue Armory. This year's show features the Preservation Society of Newport County, and will present art and objects from the eighteenth century as well as many other periods. This is always a popular event with our members.

*\$120 per person*

**Luxurious Design**  
***visit and reception***

Lee Jofa Studio  
 Tuesday, February 12, 2013, 4:45  
 22 West 21st Street, 12th Floor



Lee Jofa is honored to invite the American Friends of the Georgian Group to visit its design studios for a private tour. Lee Jofa is a noted decorative furnishing company with an English heritage dating back to the mid-nineteenth century. It is home to a large collection of hand-blocked print designs that continues to grow as designs are revived and old favorites are re-colored for today's tastes. The tour will include a visit to the design studio of Brunschwig et Fils, the highly regarded decorative furnishing house that originated in France in the early twentieth century. The Brunschwig collection is known for its boldly colored documentary designs, many of which are French in origin.

A reception follows our tour.

**PLEASE NOTE: No one will be admitted to the building after 5:00. Be sure to be on time.**

*\$45 per person, \$20 for American Young Georgians*

**A Color for Everything**  
***showroom visit and reception***

Farrow & Ball

Wednesday, February 27, 2013, 6:00

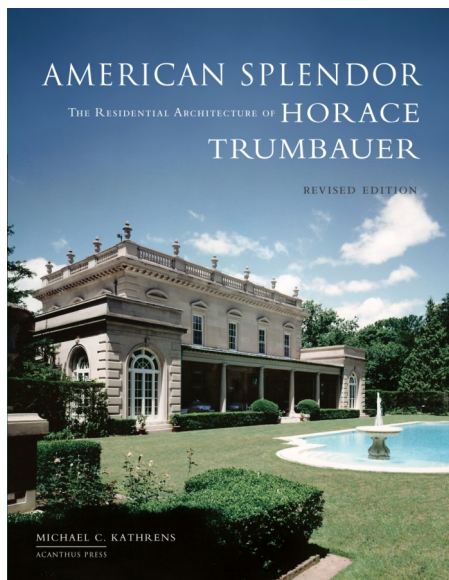
142 East 73rd Street

Elephant's breath? Farrow & Ball has a paint color to match. Feeling churlish? Then churlish green's for you. Or consider arsenic, borrowed light, or dead salmon. Bumblebee wallpaper might give your home some buzz. Farrow & Ball's historic designs of wallpapers and paint colors are equally suited to Georgian-style or contemporary houses. They create unmatched paint colors using age-old methods that have withstood the test of time and the passage of many a fickle fad. Handcrafted wallpapers use their paints via traditional block and trough printing. Farrow & Ball's eco-friendly paints are born and bred in Dorset, England, where John Farrow and fellow paint pioneer Richard Ball founded the company. With forty showrooms in Europe and the United States, every batch of paint or wallpaper is still made in Dorset.



A reception follows the tour.

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**American Splendor**  
***lecture and reception***

Michael Kathrens

Monday, March 4, 2013, 6:00

Sotheby's Institute of Art

570 Lexington Avenue, Sixth Floor (at 51st St.)

Horace Trumbauer (1868–1938) was one of the most influential residential architects in the period from the late nineteenth century to 1930. His restrained limestone palaces and townhouses for the super rich defined a new elegance in American cities and seaside resorts. Working with some of America's most powerful families, including Vanderbilts, Goulds, Phippses, and others, Trumbauer's finesse and elegance rivaled the work of such luminaries as Stanford White, Richard Morris Hunt, and Carrère & Hastings. Michael Kathrens's book, *American Splendor: the Residential Architecture of Horace Trumbauer*, has become a classic; the revised edition features three additional chapters and fifty new color photographs not published in the original. We are happy to have Michael Kathrens return to tell us about this remarkable man and his work.

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**A Home for the American Revolution**  
**lecture and reception**

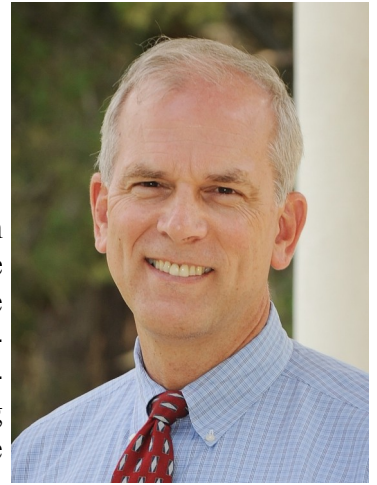
Michael Quinn

Wednesday, March 20, 2013, 6:00

Colonial Dames of America

417 East 61st Street

The first national museum to tell the complete story of the American Revolution is being constructed in the historic center of Philadelphia near Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell. The Museum of the American Revolution will feature a collection of objects, artifacts, manuscripts, and printed works from the Revolutionary period. Michael Quinn, the president of the American Revolution Center, which is developing the museum project, will discuss plans for the building and its collection. Mr. Quinn was president of the Montpelier Foundation, where he transformed the home of James Madison into a vibrant educational center. Before that, he was a deputy director of the Mt. Vernon's Ladies Association.



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**WENDELL GARRETT**  
1929–2012

Wendell D. Garrett, long-time member of the American Friends of the Georgian Group advisory board, died November 14, in Williston, Vermont. He was 83. Wendell was a favorite on "Antiques Roadshow," where he appeared every season since the show began in 1997. His specialty was American decorative arts and he was a senior vice president at Sotheby's as well as the editor and publisher for many years of *The Magazine Antiques*. He was also a favorite with the American Friends of the Georgian Group. Over the years he regaled us with delightful talks about life and manners in the Georgian era. His talks were always informative and accompanied by many slides illustrating his themes. Wendell was a good friend to the AFGG and we will miss his expert knowledge as well as his sense of humor.

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***American Splendor***

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Sotheby's Institute of Art, 570 Lexington Avenue, 6th Floor (at 51st St.)

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## *Two Wonderful Georgian Group Trips*

AFGG members are invited to join the Georgian Group for two very special European tours in 2013. These are exclusive, expert-led tours that offer access to fine private homes that don't feature on other tour itineraries and would be inaccessible to the independent traveler. Recent tours have been oversubscribed, so early reservations are recommended.

**For further information, please contact Michael Bidnell at the Georgian Group:  
michael@georgiangroup.org.uk or call 011 44 207 529 8928**

### *The English Douro*



In late May 2013 the AFGG members will join the Georgian Group to explore the English influence in the area of the majestic Douro River in Portugal. We will visit Unesco World Heritage Sites with Sir Thomas Croft as our guide; he has also invited us to his family's quinta on the upper reaches of the river at Pinhao; from the veranda we will enjoy timeless views over the vineyards on the valley slopes.. In Oporto we will see the English House, a private club for port merchants unchanged since the eighteenth century that is not open to the public. The English House is not a museum but a genuine retreat designed by the renowned Carr of York and supported by English expatriates. Opportunities to sip the local port will be

plentiful during this cultural adventure. Accommodations will be at the luxurious five-star Yeatman Hotel in Oporto, where all rooms have terraces overlooking the Douro.

*antique ceramic view of Pinhao*

### *Noble Houses of Northern Italy*

Fall is the time to enjoy the fabulous noble houses of Northern Italy. We will stay at the five-star Due Torri hotel in Verona, the most stunningly romantic of Italian cities. We visit private palazzi and castles off the tourist track, our tour stretching down to Mantua and Parma and co-organized by the Marchesa Ilaria D'Oria. We will have privileged access to extraordinary eighteenth-century and earlier houses that are still lived in by the descendants of their founders, including a wine estate still run after seven hundred years by the family of Dante Alighieri. You will see magnificent but rarely seen frescoes, still radiant but untouched since the fifteenth century; enjoy alfresco sundowners with the titled owners of formidable castles that command views stretching over a hundred miles to the Alps; visit an Italian connoisseur as he completes a remarkable home—a pyramid at the center of a bamboo maze—for his life's collection of marbles and antiquarian books; and see en route some gems of Renaissance town planning, among them Sabionetta, a fifteenth-century town still enclosed by its vast moated walls.



*Sabionetta*