



THE AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE GEORGIAN GROUP

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December 2009

Dear Friends,

Our travelers have returned from the delightful fall trip to the Lake District and the attractions of Cumbria. The American Friends' annual meeting was held again this year at the residence of **Consul General Sir Alan Collins**, who is our honorary patron. The event was more festive than businesslike, but we did get caught up on the current work of the Georgian Group by **Robert Bargery**, who gave a wonderful presentation. I think we all were impressed with their efforts to preserve and restore what remains of Georgian architecture. The year is coming to a close and I hope you have all enjoyed our activities and look forward to our 2010 season.

First on the calendar will be the **Winter Antiques show**, becoming a popular tradition with AFGG members. In February we will visit the showroom of **Zuber**, and see their superb collection of historic wallpapers. **John Foreman** will lecture at the Collectors Club in March on the houses of **Delano and Aldrich**, and in April we are very pleased that **Wendell Garrett** has once again agreed to regale us with stories of life in Georgian England.

American Friends of the Georgian Group are no less passionate travelers than their eighteenth-century counterparts and this spring will find them investigating the Georgian architecture of the **Carolina Low Country**. May finds us in **ancient Rome**, in the footsteps of the Grand Tourists of old. Both trips are being sponsored jointly by the American Friends and by the Georgian Group. In June we will visit the **Quaker Hill** houses of Pawling, New York.

Other events we are planning include a private view of the collection of **Palladian drawings** at the Morgan Library, a tour of the **conservation department at the Metropolitan Museum**, and a return visit to **Gracie Mansion** for tea later in the spring.

We expect a new issue of *The Georgian* soon, which, as you know, is a benefit of membership. If you have not already renewed for 2010, be sure to do so now. You won't want to miss an issue or an opportunity to take part in any of our wonderful programs. Why not give a gift membership to a friend for the holiday? You can also download membership information at our website: www.americangeorgians.org.



*Nancy de Waart and Mary and Doug Riggs
at the annual meeting*

The restoration of the windows at the Fitzroy Square headquarters of the Georgian Group remains the current focus of our fund-raising efforts. A separate mailing will go out early in the year about this important work but there is no reason you cannot enclose your contribution to this important project when you reserve for upcoming events. Every dollar you send goes directly to London and every dollar is tax deductible and greatly appreciated.

As always, we look forward to seeing you at all our upcoming AFGG events. We send our greetings to you for a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Best wishes,

John Kinnear
President

Winter Antiques Show
exclusive preview tour,
special exhibit, and luncheon
Friday, January 22, 2010, 11:00 a.m.
Seventh Regiment Armory
Park Avenue at 67th Street

Join us for our popular visit to the Winter Antiques Show. As in past years, we will have an exclusive preview tour conducted by one of the show's expert exhibitors. This year's show features an exhibit from Historic New England and you will have the opportunity to view it, along with some other very special pieces. Our tour will be followed by luncheon in the beautiful and historic Louis Comfort Tiffany room, a designated landmark. After lunch we will be free to visit the rest of the show on our own.

Space for this event is limited and it is open to AFGG members only.

Please make your reservation on the form enclosed and return it to us by January 15.

*\$125 per person. **Members only.***





Papering the Walls of History
tour and reception
Zuber Cie
Wednesday, February 10, 2010, 3:00
Zuber, Inc., 200 East 59th Street

Zuber is the last company in the world to print scenic wallpapers using woodblocks. Their factory began making wallpapers in 1797 in Rixheim, France, in the same space they occupy today. Their collection contains over 100,000 seventeenth- and eighteenth-century woodblocks which are still used to create the friezes and wallpapers that evoke fantastic lands and exotic scenes. Some designs require as many as a thousand woodblocks to print one mural. Is it any wonder that in 1995 the French ministry of culture classified Zuber's original woodblocks historical monuments?

The tour will be followed by a reception.

Please make your reservation on the form enclosed and return it to us by February 3.

\$45 per person.

The Beautiful Houses of Delano and Aldrich
lecture and reception

John Foreman

Wednesday, March 10, 2010, 6:00

The Collectors Club

22 East 35th Street



Beauty is thought to reside in the eye of the beholder, but the houses of Delano and Aldrich make a pretty strong argument for its independent existence. John Foreman, architectural historian and author of *The Vanderbilts and the Gilded Age* (Introduction by Louis Auchincloss, St. Martin's Press, 1991), will give us a view of some of the firm's most beautiful Georgian-

influenced buildings, among them the Knickerbocker Club, the George Baker house, and the Willard Straight house. He will also give us a bit of dish on the people who lived and played in these luxurious surroundings.

Our lecture will be followed by a reception.

Please reserve on the enclosed form and return it to us by March 1.

\$45 per person.

Leisure in Georgian England

lecture and reception

Wendell Garrett

Wednesday, April 14, 2010, 6:00

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ambler

655 Park Avenue



We are fortunate that our friend and advisory board member Wendell Garrett has agreed to entertain us again with details of life in Georgian England. His topic will be the amusements enjoyed by eighteenth-century men, women, and children, who found themselves newly able to afford pleasures and leisure time. From the elegance of Palladian architecture to the chaos of Gin Lane: he will tell us of the structured assemblies and card games of the wealthy and the cock fights, public hangings, and riots that constituted the unstructured fun of the lower classes. Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ambler have graciously invited us to their lovely apartment to hear this delightful talk.

Our lecture will be followed by a reception.

Please reserve on the enclosed form and return it to us by April 7.

\$45 per person.

Quaker Hill, Pawling, New York
day trip and luncheon

Saturday, June 12, 2010, 8:30 a.m.

Bus leaves from the northeast corner of Park Avenue and 72nd Street

Pawling, New York, is located in gorgeous Dutchess County, and is home to historic Quaker Hill. The area was inhabited by Friends from before the Revolution and many outstanding eighteenth-century houses still stand. We will visit private houses not open to the public and see a champion horse breeding farm. A highlight of our day will be a visit to Dapplemere Farm, built in the 1840s. This classic Greek Revival house was once owned by Governor Thomas E. Dewey. Lunch will be at the Quaker Hill Country Club, founded by radio commentator and adventurer, Lowell Thomas.

Space for this event is limited and it is open to AFGG members and their guests.

Please make your reservation on the form enclosed and return it to us by June 3.

\$185 per person. Members and their guests only.



American Georgians Visit the Lake District

The breathtaking scenery of England's Lake District was the setting for this autumn's tour amid the lakes and mountains of Cumbria. The Georgian Group's Anglo-American Committee again organized a wonderful trip for the American Friends. As is the custom, a Sunday cocktail party in London preceded the trip. Our group of twenty-seven visited eleven separate sites: houses, gardens, and galleries, over five days.

We stayed at the Regency-era Storrs Hall hotel on Lake Windermere, from which we went to grand Georgian properties, such as a 1774 round house on private Belle Isle that is rarely open to the public; houses begun as early as the 14th century; Wordsworth's cottage—a delightful Arts & Crafts house; and a glorious topiary garden first planted in 1689. Luncheons each day were in private houses. Lord and Lady Cavendish were our hosts for a lovely farewell dinner at Holker Hall.

Trips like this are not to be missed!



The topiary gardens at Levens Hall

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RESERVATION FORM WINTER 2010

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Please add your donation toward the restoration of the windows

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Georgian amusements

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