



THE AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE GEORGIAN GROUP

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August 2015

Dear Friends,

Summer days are upon us, but fall will soon be here with a full calendar of events.

The season begins September 9th with our Annual Preservation Award reception (our 7th presentation) on the roof of the Central Park Arsenal. This year's recipient is the Classical American Homes Preservation Trust, the foundation established by Richard Jenrette to preserve his classic homes for the education and enjoyment of future generations.

There are a few openings for the country houses tour to North Yorkshire October 12th-16th. Let us know if you would like to join our group for a memorable country house experience.

In October we will be visiting the Schumacher showroom where Avodica Ash of the Schumacher archives will give an overview of historical textiles – silks, damasks, velvets and such – and show off some of the excellent Schumacher archive pieces.

November 5th the AFGG will co-sponsor a talk with Royal Oak about the restoration of St. Giles house by Nicholas Ashley-Cooper, the 12th Earl of Shaftesbury. The restoration won the Georgian Group award for country house restoration in 2014.

November 12th we are having a reception at a member's gracious apartment overlooking Central Park, to support the restoration of the "Painted Hall" at the Old Royal Naval College in Greenwich. Mr. Will Palin, the Conservation Director for the project, will inform us about the progress and details of the restoration.

November 17th we will be co-sponsoring a talk with The Colonial Dames by Carter Hudgins, about the many projects underway at Drayton Hall, one of the most "Georgian" homes in America, incredibly preserved without any "modern" embellishments.

December 3rd we return to the incredible Baker House for our end-of-year party and AGM, always a highlight of our year.

The dog days of August will soon be over and we look forward to seeing you at our events in the fall.

Best wishes,



John Kinnear
President



St. Giles House

Annual Awards Reception

Central Park Arsenal

830 Fifth Avenue, at 64th Street

Wednesday, September 9, 2015, 6:00pm

Bring a friend at no additional charge

\$45 per person

\$20 for American Young Georgians

The AFGG Annual Preservation Award will be presented to Richard Jenrette's Classical American Homes Preservation Trust.



In 1993 Richard Jenrette formed this trust to allow his 6 homes to be open to the public. Co-Presidents Margize Howell and Peter Kenny will talk about the Trust and the homes.

More information can be found at www.classicalamericanhomes.org/edgewater/

Great Houses of North Yorkshire

Peter Brown, Director of York Civic Trust shall guide the group through the private historic estates of the region. Crathorne Hall will be the group's residence for the trip.

An American Friends of the Georgian Group Tour

October 12-16, 2015

A few more places available.

More information at www.americangeorgians.org or call 212-991-9191



FABULOUS FABRICS

Showroom Visit – F. Schumacher & Co.

Presentation and reception

Design & Decoration Building

979 Third Avenue, 8th floor (58/59 Streets)

Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

\$45 per person

\$20 for American Young Georgians

F. Schumacher & Co., founded in 1889, is one of the leading suppliers of woven and printed fabrics to the interior design trade. Their fabrics are associated with the redecorations of the White House in 1902, 1962 & 1998, The Breakers in Newport, and luminaries such as Dorothy Draper, Cecil Beaton and Frank Lloyd Wright.

Avodica Ash of the Schumacher archives in Newark, Delaware, will give an overview of historical textiles – silks, damasks, velvets and such – and show off some of the excellent Schumacher archive pieces.

A reception will follow.

A Family Legacy Restored: St. Giles House Lecture

Bonham's Auction House

580 Madison Ave.

Thursday, November 5, 2015 at 6:00pm

Register with our co-sponsor Royal Oak at

www.royal-oak.org or call 212-480-2889

Starting August 24 use the discount code
15FAFGG for the member price

Nicholas Ashley-Cooper, 12th Earl of Shaftesbury has a house—St. Giles in Dorset and will be giving the lecture. He has been working on it for a while and it just won the 2014 Georgian Group Award, for the Restoration of a Georgian Country House. The house has been shortlisted for the Historic Angel Awards as well and will be featured in 'World of Interiors' in October.



Nicholas Ashley-Cooper, 12th Earl of Shaftesbury

Nicholas Edmund Anthony Ashley-Cooper graduated from the London Business School with an M.B.A. He has worked as the CEO of a music software company, and in business development and digital strategy for a private equity firm. He is an extreme athlete, running marathons to benefit charitable organizations addressing the needs of people with disabilities—including races across the Sahara, Atacama and Gobi deserts. Lord Shaftesbury succeeded his older brother Anthony, the 11th Earl, who died of a heart attack in May 2005. Following his brother's death, Lord Shaftesbury relocated to the UK and set out to restore St. Giles House. He is the first Shaftesbury in 50 years to live in the house, alongside his wife Dinah and three children.



Reception for the Painted Hall

Beresford

211 Central Park West

New York, NY 10024

Thursday, November 12th, 6:00 – 8:00pm

\$95 per person

\$45 per person for Young Georgians

The magnificent Painted Hall in Christopher Wren's masterpiece the "Old Naval College" in Greenwich is considered the "Sistine Chapel of the UK" is undergoing a total restoration.

The Georgian Group and the American Friends of the Georgian Group are contributing to this important restoration.

Mr. William Palin, the Conservation Director for the project will inform us about the progress and details of the restoration. If you are going to be in London, visitors can see the work in progress. More information is on the website, www.ornc.org/paintedhall.



Rediscovering Drayton Hall in the Georgian Era

Carter C. Hudgins, Acting Director,
Drayton Hall Preservation Trust
The Colonial Dames of America
417 East 61st Street
Abigail Adams Auditorium

Tuesday, November 17, 6:00pm
\$45 per person for AFGG members
\$20 per person for American Young Georgians

Multidisciplinary research carried out at Drayton Hall over the last seven years has significantly expanded our understanding of the architecture, furnishings, landscape and residents of one of Colonial America's greatest plantations. Drawing from excavated material culture, surviving furniture, decorative arts objects and extant architecture, this lecture will provide a new perspective on an elite low country home seat and its 18th century residents. Beginning with an assessment of wealthy planter John Drayton, this presentation will utilize a variety of investigative techniques to focus on the material culture of Drayton Hall and evaluate the status of its 18th century residents in the context of the expanding British Empire.

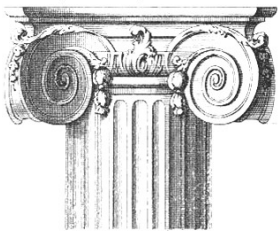
This event is co-sponsored with The Colonial Dames of America. A reception will follow.

Annual General Meeting and Reception

The Baker House
67 East 93rd Street
Thursday, December 3, 6:00–8:00

Reception is \$60 per person or \$30 for American Young Georgians

Speaker to be announced and separate invitation to follow.



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