



THE AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE GEORGIAN GROUP

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February, 2016

Dear Members,

2016 will be an exciting year for the Georgian Group, as we have a full calendar. Hope to see you at the Lapidia showroom visit on February 25th.

Besides the October trip exploring the "Marches" border area between England and Wales, and staying at Weston Park (whose accommodations put Downton Abbey to shame), many private country estates will be visited as well as an afternoon to enjoy the town of Shrewsbury. 2016 is also the 300th birthday of Capability Brown, landscape architect to the 18th century "Stars." The Bradford Estate is one of his finest designs, and the grounds will be a feature of the visit.

This year we have a number of speakers from England. On April 21st, Julia King, who spoke last fall at the Georgian Group Adam's Symposium in London, will be discussing her recent book on George Hadfield, Federal City architect. Oliver Cox will discuss the country houses in the Thames Valley on May 12th - this is a co-sponsored talk with the Royal Oak. In June we will be visiting the Irvington, NY area, seeing some grand homes and lunching on the Hudson River. On September 22nd we are honored to be given a talk by Wolf Burchard, a new trustee of the Georgian Group. His talk will be based on the first two Georges' influence on the architecture and design in England during their reigns. This talk will be based on an exhibit Wolf did in the Queen's Gallery in 2014.

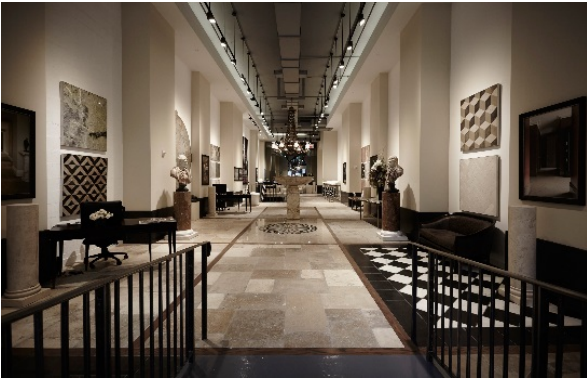
For members traveling to England, please check our website for the calendar of events and trips the Georgian Group offers to members of the AFGG. Contact Tina Graham directly to reserve, tina@georgiangroup.org.uk.

Regards,

John Kinnear
President



Young Georgians Recent Visit to
Snug Harbor, Staten Island



Lapicida Showroom Visit

Lecture, Tour, and Reception

Wednesday, February 25th at 6:00pm

D&D Building

The Annex, Suite 111,

222 East 59th Street

\$45 for AFGG members

\$20 for American Young Georgians

The Lapicida Company specializes in reclaimed and "bespoke" stone fabrication. Their outstanding showroom here in New York showcases stone reclaimed from around the world. They also produce bespoke marble objects sculpted by their shaping mills.

We will get a behind-the-scenes tour and learn how stone is reclaimed and made available for new settings. We will also see how stone and marble are sculpted using modern computer-driven machines for a wide variety of bespoke objects.



George Hadfield: Architect of the Federal City

Lecture and Reception

Thursday, April 21st at 6:00 pm

Sotheby's Institute of Art

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Dr. Julia King will be discussing her recent book *George Hadfield: Architect of the Federal City*. During his lifetime, the work of the neoclassical architect George Hadfield (1763-1826) was highly regarded, both in England and the United States.



Since his death, however, Hadfield's contributions to architecture have slowly faded from view, and few of his buildings survive. In order to reassess Hadfield's career and work, this talk draws upon a wide selection of written and visual sources to reconstruct his life and legacy. Projects include the Capitol, Arlington House and Old City Hall.



Dr. King is an art and architectural historian, whose degrees are from the Courtauld Institute, Brookes University and Birkbeck College, University of London. Dr. King has taught at universities in Great Britain and America. She has worked on projects in conservation, historic preservation, archives and architectural history on both sides of the Atlantic. Dr. King has written and lectured widely on art and architectural history in both countries.



Gentry, Generals and Industrialists: English Country Houses in the Thames Valley

Lecture by Dr. Oliver Cox, Oxford University Fellow

Thursday, May 12th at 6:00pm

General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen Library

20 West 44th Street

*\$30 per person for AFGG members and co-sponsors**

\$40 per person for non-members

Registration is required: www.royal-oak.org/lectures

or call 800-913-6565, ext. 201

Registration will be available on their website on February 24th.

Use this code: 16SAFGG to receive the discounted price!

This event is co-sponsored with the American Friends of Attingham

Mid May Northumberland Tour

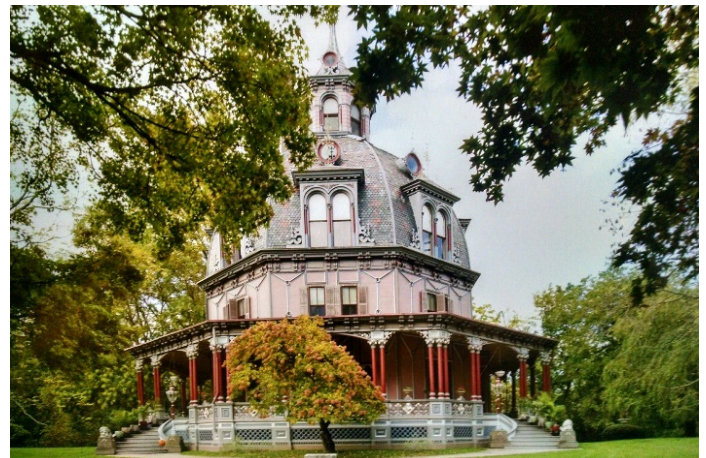
The trip to Northumberland is taking shape and is likely to be mid-May. As well as a selection of Georgian houses, we will be seeing a number of earlier fortified houses and castles. More details to follow via emails and our website www.americangeorgians.org.



Irvington, NY Tour

June 11th, 2016

We shall depart NYC at 8:30am sharp from 72nd Street and Park Avenue. We will visit a number of unique properties in this riverside community and dine at a riverfront restaurant. Sign up early as our day trips fill quickly. We expect to return to NYC around 6:00pm based on traffic. Stay tuned for updates that will be sent via email and will be posted on our website www.americangeorgian.org.





The Architectural Legacy of the Early Hanoverians

Lecture and Reception

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This lecture, by Dr. Wolf Burchard will explore the little known architectural patronage of the first two Georgian monarchs. The Hanoverians had a great variety of palaces, castle and hunting lodges both in Britain and Germany. Whilst not as sumptuous as the palaces of

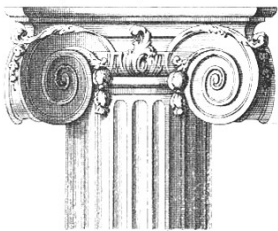
Versailles, Vienna or Berlin, the Georgian residences reflected the new monarchs' understanding of the differences between the British monarchy and the absolute ones on the continent.

Dr. Wolf Burchard is the Paul Mellon/Royal Oak Furniture Research Curator at the National Trust in London and a Trustee of the Georgian Group. He was Curatorial Assistant at the Royal Collection from 2009-2014 and co-curator of *The First Georgians: Art & Monarchy, 1714-1760* (The Queen's Gallery, Buckingham Palace, 2014), which marked the tercentenary of the Hanoverian Succession.

A Glorious Tour of English Country Houses

October 17th – 21st, 2016

This trip is in its planning stages. Stay tuned for updates about this tour of glorious English country houses and one of the most extraordinary country house estates in England. Updates will be sent via email and will be posted on our website www.americangeorgians.org. A detailed trip brochure will be mailed to members shortly.



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