



THE AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE GEORGIAN GROUP

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April 2013

Dear Friends,

Furniture, fabric, paint, not to mention architecture! The American Friends of the Georgian Group have had a varied and entertaining winter. Starting in January with the Winter Antiques show, which was particularly fine this season, followed by two unusual visits in February, one to the Lee Jofa studio, where we saw luxurious hand-blocked fabrics, the other to the Farrow & Ball showroom, where we learned about custom-made paint colors and wallpapers. In March, Michael Kathrens lectured on the elegant houses designed by Horace Trumbauer, and Michael Quinn gave a talk on the new Museum of the American Revolution.

But wait! There's more! Spring will be just as much fun. Starting with a visit and reception at the **Philip Colleck, Ltd.**, showroom, where we will see superb examples of **William & Mary, Queen Anne, Georgian**, and other English antiques. Familiar as we are with the beautiful Baker House on the Upper East Side, we will hear all about **Richard Jenrette's** other classical American houses from **Margize Howell**, who will tell us about his collection. In May our visit to the **Spring Art and Antiques Show** will be preceded by a **delightful cocktail party** at the home of board member **Michael Ambler and his wife, Marsha**. We are very pleased to present a talk by **Oliver Jessop** on the restoration and refurbishment of **Chatsworth House**, in England. Oliver Jessop is the archaeologist on this project and his talk will be introduced by **the Duke of Devonshire**, who is the owner of Chatsworth. To celebrate the centennial of **Grand Central Terminal** we will hear a lecture by **Francis Morrone**, whose talks are always interesting and amusing.

Several events are being planned for the fall, including a **cocktail reception on the roof of the Arsenal** in September and our **wonderful tour of England's Ancestral Homes in Shropshire** on October 14–18. This annual country house tour is always popular; this year the group will return to the fabulous **Weston Park**,

a favorite with many AFGG members. If you are not a member but are interested in going on the tour, please call or e-mail the office for more information.

Membership chairman Beverly Bell is eagerly scouting new AFGG members (see back page). If you have a friend who enjoys Georgian art and architecture, be sure to let Beverly know.

Hope to see everyone very soon!



Chatsworth House

John Kinnear
President



Just Gorgeous Antiques
showroom tour and reception
 Wednesday, April 10, 2013, 6:00
 Philip Colleck, Ltd.
 311 East 58th Street

Established in 1938, Philip Colleck, Ltd., specializes in very fine seventeenth- through early nineteenth-century English furniture and works of art. The collection includes examples of William & Mary, Queen Anne, Georgian, Chippendale, Hepplewhite, Sheraton, and Regency furniture, with an emphasis on

chinoiserie, lighting, mirrors, and screens. Owner Mark Jacoby will give us a tour of the lovely pre-Civil War landmark building in which their exceptional works are displayed.

A reception follows the tour.

\$45 for AFGG members; \$55 for non-members; \$20 for American Young Georgians

Adventures with Old Houses

lecture and reception

Margize Howell

Thursday, April 25, 2013, 6:00

The George Baker House

67 East 93rd Street

Richard Jenrette has spent many years acquiring beautiful old houses. Margize Howell, Executive Director of Mr. Jenrette's Classical American Homes Preservation Trust, will tell the story of how he came to own and preserve over a dozen classical American houses from the first half of the nineteenth-century and how his foundation is helping to maintain them today and for the future. From Roper House and Millford Plantation (*shown here*), in South Carolina, to Ayr Mount in North Carolina, Edgewater on the Hudson in New York, and Estate Cane Garden in St. Croix, these wonderful examples of classical architecture have been lovingly restored and preserved as a result of Richard Jenrette's expertise and affection. The lecture will take place at the lovely George Baker House on the Upper East Side.

A reception follows the lecture.

\$75 for AFGG members; \$85 for non-members; \$35 for AYG



Spring Antiques Show

cocktails and special opening-night preview

Wednesday, May 1, 2013, 5:00-9:00

cocktails at 655 Park Avenue followed
by antiques show at the Park Avenue Armory



This wonderful evening starts with a cocktail reception at the home of AFGG board member Michael Ambler and his wife, Marsha. After that we will go the short distance to the Park Avenue Armory where we have been invited to attend the exclusive opening-night preview of the Spring Antiques Show. More than fifty galleries and dealers will exhibit their antiques, including Clinton Howell, president of the Art and Antique Dealers League of America, which is presenting the show.

cocktails and opening-night preview \$100 per person; \$40 for AYG

Please note: the reception precedes the Antiques Show, where you will receive your admission ticket.



The Chatsworth Master Plan: Is This the House that Bess Built? ***lecture and reception***

Oliver Jessop

Thursday, May 9, 2013, 6:00

Sotheby's Institute of Art

570 Lexington Avenue, Sixth Floor (at 51st Street)

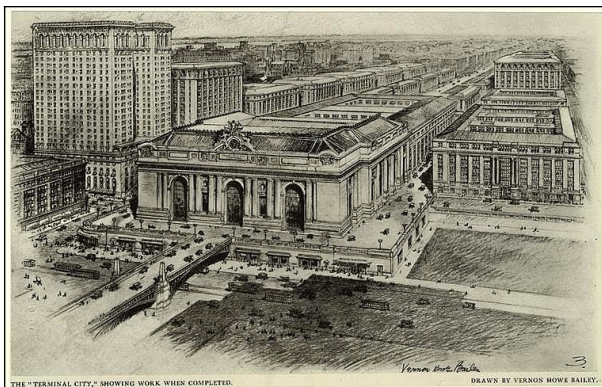
The Duke and Duchess of Devonshire are doing extensive work on their ancestral home, Chatsworth House. We are honored that the Duke of Devonshire will introduce our speaker, Oliver Jessop, who will tell us about the exciting restoration and refurbishment that is currently under way. It includes a comprehensive program of architectural survey, photography, and archaeological excavation. Initial analysis of the results has provided new evidence for the construction of the present eighteenth-century building and for the first time, decorative details from the Elizabethan house built by Bess of Hardwick

in the 1560s. Oliver Jessop is the master plan archaeologist; he has over twenty years of experience working with historic buildings and designed landscapes. He has worked throughout the British Isles on conservation and heritage projects and was previously employed by the National Trust for England at Stowe Landscape Gardens in Buckinghamshire. This fascinating lecture is sponsored jointly with the St. George's Society.

A reception will follow the lecture.

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Grand Central at 100 lecture and reception

Francis Morrone

Thursday, June 27, 2013, 6:00

Sotheby's Institute of Art

570 Lexington Avenue, Sixth Floor (at 51st Street)

Grand Central Terminal, one of the most famous buildings in America, celebrates its 100th birthday in 2013. More than just a building, Grand Central was, in fact, a vast underground railroad complex and above-ground real-estate development, involving the construction of office buildings, apartment houses, hotels, and private clubhouses. Because of Grand Central, midtown superseded downtown as New York's new central business district. Francis Morrone, distinguished architectural historian, will talk about Reed & Stem's and Warren & Wetmore's masterpiece of classical architecture, its renovation in the 1990s, and about the fate of its neighborhood in the face of proposed zoning changes intended to spur new development. In addition, he will cast a look back fifty years to the demolition of Penn Station.

A reception will follow the lecture.

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AMERICAN YOUNG GEORGIANS' EVENTS

Our American Young Georgian Group members will want to take part in these events.

Arts' Night Out

Friday, May 3, 2013, 6:00-9:00

Park Avenue Armory

The Young Georgians are invited to participate this year at the annual Arts' Night Out event. For the third year, young members of over thirty New York City museums and cultural groups are invited to the Spring Show sponsored by the Art and Antique Dealers League of America. Guests will have the opportunity to meet important art and antique dealers, all of whom are enthusiastic about sharing their expertise and knowledge. Arts' Night Out is a great way for fledgling collectors to get valuable professional advice for free. Invitations will be sent electronically to AYG members; e-mail Maggie Moore for more details at margaretfmoore@gmail.com.

Day Trip to Boscobel

Saturday, May 18, 2013

This trip was planned for October, but Hurricane Sandy intervened. Boscobel is a charming historic Federal villa overlooking the Hudson River about an hour north of New York City. We will have a private tour of the house and a chance to walk around the grounds and admire the spectacular views of the Hudson Highlands. We plan to have lunch, either a picnic on the grounds or at a restaurant in nearby Cold Spring, a historic town full of antique shops and local color. Details and invitations will be sent electronically to AYG members; e-mail Maggie for more information at margaretfmoore@gmail.com.



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2013 MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

We are inaugurating a membership campaign this year, led by Beverly Bell, our new membership chairperson. We have found that word of mouth is the primary way people hear about the American Friends of the Georgian Group, so if you have a friend who shares your interest in the Georgian era, please have them contact Beverly at bjb131@gmail.com or 201/725-5364 and she can assist them in becoming a member and sharing in our upcoming events.



Annual British Societies Garden Party

SAVE THE DATE!!!



WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2013

*Plan to join our friends from all the
British Societies at their annual
GARDEN PARTY*

location to be announced

**ANNUAL COCKTAIL RECEPTION
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2013**

**HONORING
The Prince of Wales Foundation**

*Accepting for Prince Charles will be
Sallie W. McKinney, director
and treasurer of the Foundation*

***SAVE THE DATE
INVITATIONS TO FOLLOW***

Central Park Arsenal Rooftop

