



THE AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE GEORGIAN GROUP

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Spring 2014

Dear Friends,

The American Friends of the Georgian Group annual trip to England is a favorite of our members and eagerly awaited every year. This year we will visit the **treasure houses in England's Norfolk**, from October 13 to 17, 2014. Your invitation is enclosed. This fabulous trip will include private visits to **Clifford House, Houghton Hall, and Holkham Hall**, as well as to the Queen's favorite retreat, **Sandringham**. Remember, you must be a member of the American Friends of the Georgian Group to take part in this trip, so if you have not yet renewed your membership, you will want to do that now. Of course new members are always welcome, so join us and plan your wonderful fall adventure.

Space is still available for our spring events: **Hidden Gems: Shropshire Country Houses**, on April 2 (reserve through Royal Oak); our visit to **Clinton Howell's showroom**, on April 22; and the lovely day trip to **Millbrook**, on Saturday, June 14. Call us at 212/991-9191 or e-mail us at office@americangeorgians.org, to renew, to join, or to sign up.

Hidden Gems: Shropshire Country Houses

Gareth Williams

lecture and reception

Wednesday, April 2, 2014, 6:00

Colonial Dames of America

417 East 61st Street

\$30 for AFGG members. RESERVE THROUGH THE ROYAL OAK : 212/480-2889

The secrets of Shropshire will be revealed! Gareth Williams, eminent curator at the Weston Park Foundation, will talk about some of the over 300 houses in the rural areas of Shropshire. From the medieval treasures of Stokesay Castle and Wenlock Abbey, to seventeenth-century Weston Park, eighteenth-century Shipton and Attingham Park, and nineteenth-century Yeaton Pevery. Mr. Williams will discuss the families and stories that inhabit these exceptional houses. This lecture is sponsored together with the Royal Oak, and will be followed by a reception.

Wenlock Abbey





Clinton Howell Antiques
showroom visit and reception
Tuesday, April 22, 2014, 6:00
150 East 72nd Street

Clinton Howell is a good friend to the AFGG and we are fortunate to be invited to visit his extraordinary showroom and hear him discuss his passion for English antiques. As he puts it, "There is a logic, of sorts, to English furniture, but there are also delightful eccentricities." Come and see his fabulous collection and, perhaps, learn a tip or

two to help with your own! Our visit will be followed by a cocktail reception at the home of AFGG board member George Selden and his wife Ann.

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



The Stately Homes of
Millbrook

Saturday, June 14, 2014

Join us for a day trip to historic Millbrook, New York. We will visit four Georgian-style houses new to our group in this very lovely area of Dutchess County. In addition, we will have lunch at the exclusive Tamarack Club, with its gorgeous views of the surrounding rolling hills. Space is limited for this exclusive tour, so be sure to make your reservations right away. We will leave the city by bus at 8:00 from Park Avenue and 72nd Street and plan to be back around 6:30.

\$195 for AFGG members; \$220 for non-members