



THE AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE GEORGIAN GROUP

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September 2012

Dear Friends,

It is with pleasure that we anticipate a busy fall season for the American Friends of the Georgian Group. A variety of visits and lectures will keep us entertained and enlightened through the coming months.

The festivities surrounding the celebration of the **Queen's Jubilee** were a great success both here and in Britain. AFGG members joined with members of other groups with ties to England at a beautiful service at St. Thomas church followed by refreshments at the nearby Peninsula hotel. Later in June we attended the screening of a fascinating documentary about the influence of **Sir John Soane** on the work of many prominent contemporary architects.

We are happy to announce that our reception on the roof of the Arsenal this year will honor **Michael Miscione, Manhattan Borough Historian**. This delightful party will be held on Wednesday, September 26. Our fingers are crossed for good weather.

In October we will visit the showroom of the **historic Lee Jofa** company to see the most luxurious fabrics in the world. We join again with the Colonial Dames of America to sponsor a lecture by **Elle**

Shushan on Georgian miniatures. November brings lectures by **Jeremy Musson on English sporting life** and **Oliver Bradbury**, who will expand our knowledge of **Sir John Soane and his admirers**. Our **annual meeting** will be on Wednesday, November 28, at the Baker House; invitations will be mailed separately.

The Young American Georgian group will visit the **Morris-Jumel Mansion** on Saturday, September 15. This beautiful house in upper Manhattan was built in 1765 and served briefly as Washington's headquarters in 1776.

The great country houses of **Suffolk** will be open to AFGG members in October. The trip is almost sold out. If you want to take part, let us know immediately by telephone or e-mail. Our annual trips to England are among our most popular events and the trip to Suffolk will be special indeed. We hope to see many of you there and at all our upcoming Georgian gatherings.



John Kinnear
President



**Celebrating Manhattan: an Evening
with Michael Miscione
*cocktail reception***

**Guest of Honor, Michael Miscione
Guest Host, Francis Morrone**

**Wednesday, September 26, 2012, 6:00
The Arsenal, Central Park
Fifth Avenue at 64th Street**

Manhattan Borough Historian, Michael Miscione, is something of an historical detective. As Borough Historian, he has investigated the shooting of Mayor William J. Gaynor in the summer of 1910 and tracked down a plaque commemorating the event. His hero is 19th-century city planner Andrew H. Green, who helped create the Metropolitan Museum and Central Park, as well as other civic triumphs. Mr. Miscione considers it his role to “give a face and a voice to historical causes.” Join us to applaud him in this effort. We will be on the lovely roof of the Arsenal (or on the third floor if it rains) for this party.

\$45 per person, \$20 for American Young Georgians.

**Over Two Centuries of Luxury
*visit and reception***

Lee Jofa Studio

Tuesday, October 2, 2012, 6:00

22 West 21st Street, 12th Floor



In the early 19th century George Johnson, creator of popular horsehair furniture, joined with Faulkner (JOFA) to import fine decorative fabrics to New York. In 1888, Arthur H. Lee’s innovative weaving techniques were designed to be more beautiful than machine-made textiles. In 1965 Arthur H. Lee & Sons bought JOFA to form Lee Jofa, which today provides the most luxurious textiles in the world. Lee Jofa also produces elegant furniture, wall coverings, carpets, and other furnishings. We have been invited to visit the Lee Jofa Studio and to view their fabulous collection of historic designs.

A reception follows our tour.

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French Folly Can Go So Far: the Eye Miniature in Georgian London

lecture and reception

Wednesday, October 24, 2012, 6:00
The Colonial Dames of America
417 East 61st Street



Unable to reveal their illicit marriage in 1785, George, Prince of Wales, and Mrs. Fitzherbert turned to the new fashion of exchanging lovers' eyes to acknowledge their passion, setting off a fad. The custom was popularized by Queen Victoria and continues to this day. Elle Shushan is the country's foremost expert on the art of the portrait miniature. She works with the Metropolitan Museum and the Scottish National Portrait Gallery, among many distinguished clients. We are happy to join with the Colonial Dames of America in presenting this fascinating lecture.

A reception follows the lecture.

\$45 per person



From Fish to Fowl: Sporting Life at the English Country House
lecture and reception

Tuesday, November 13, 2012, 6:00
The Grolier Club
47 East 60th Street

Throughout history, the English country house has served as a place for relaxing and socializing with friends and political allies as well as a place for pursuing country sports. Architectural historian and author Jeremy Musson will survey the history of such country pursuits as deer hunting, foxhunting, shooting wild game, and racehorse breeding and fishing. He will also consider more domestic pleasures, such as billiards, badminton, racquets, and tennis. We are pleased to join with the Royal Oak to again welcome Jeremy Musson. Former architectural editor of *Country Life*, Mr. Musson has written and edited hundreds of articles on historic country houses and presented a six-part series on the BBC called "Curious House Guest."

A reception follows the lecture.

\$30 for AFGG members; \$40 for nonmembers

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED: register directly with the **Royal Oak** at www.royal-oak.org, or call **212/480-2889, ext. 201**. **Be sure to mention that you are a member of the AFGG to receive the member price.**

Soane and America: a Survey of Soane's Influence on the Land He Never Visited

lecture and reception

Tuesday, November 13, 2012, 6:00

Union Club, 101 East 69th Street (*jacket and tie required*)

Distinguished author and historical researcher Oliver Bradbury will deliver a lecture on the influence of Sir John Soane on the architecture of America. From Benjamin Henry Latrobe to Philip Johnson, Soane's manner is evident throughout the eastern and southern United States. It can be seen in Savannah in the work of William Jay, in Baltimore's First Unitarian Church, with interior by Maximilian Godefroy, and in designs by Asher Benjamin, Edward C. Jones, and many others. Oliver Bradbury is the author of *The Lost Mansions of*

Mayfair, and *Cheltenham's Lost Heritage*. His long-term research projects include the influence of Sir John Soane from his own time until the late twentieth century. This lecture is presented together with the Soane Foundation.



\$30 members; \$40 nonmembers

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED: register directly with the **Soane Foundation** at **info@soanefoundation.com**, or call **212/223-2012**. Be sure to mention that you are a member of the AFGG to receive the member price.

AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE GEORGIAN GROUP
ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, November 28, 2012

the George Baker House
67 East 93rd Street
New York City
6:00

Invitations will be mailed separately Be sure to save the date!

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RESERVATION FORM, Fall 2012

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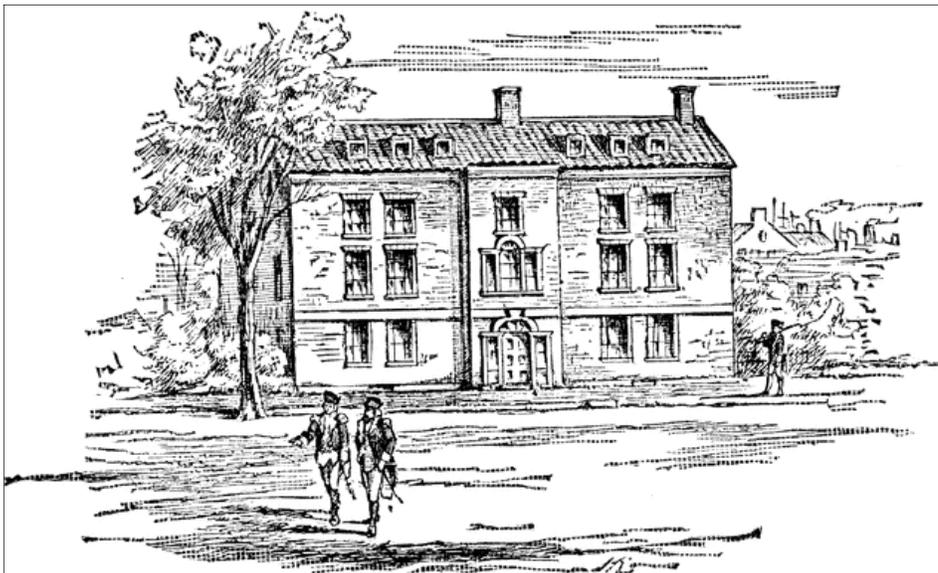


MORRIS-JUMEL MANSION tour, Saturday, September 15, 2012

The Young American Georgians will join with the Moai Circle of the World Monuments Fund on Saturday, September 15, 2012, 11–12:30, for a private tour of historic Morris-Jumel Mansion. Overlooking the Hudson River, this beautiful Georgian mansion was built in 1765 by British Colonel Roger Morris and his wife, American Mary Philipse. The house, which is situated at the second-highest point on the island of Manhattan, served as headquarters for George Washington in 1776 after the unsuccessful Battle of Harlem Heights. In 1790, Washington had dinner at the mansion with John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, and John Quincy Adams, as well as other members of his cabinet. Our tour will be led by the curator of the Morris-Jumel Mansion and we will be joined by members of the Moai Circle.

This event is free for current member of the Young American Georgians; \$15 for nonmembers.

Reserve by e-mail to Maggie Moore at margaretfmoore@googlemail.com.



Happy Georgian Group and AFGG travelers lunched in the sunshine and visited the treasures of the Adriatic Coast this past spring.

