Greetings!

Although spring has officially arrived, we are still feeling the effects of a long and cold winter here in New York City at the George F. Baker House, home to CAHPT’s main office. Making the most of the cold, we have been planning interesting programs and events for the warmer weather, as part of a two-year celebration to commemorate CAHPT Founder and Chairman, Dick Jenrette’s 50 years of preservation. Please come to our Spring Patrons Party to raise a toast to Dick and this golden anniversary! We also welcome you to celebrate with us at a tour or event this year -- read on to learn about upcoming opportunities to visit us.

-- Margize, Peter, & the Staff at Classical American Homes Preservation Trust
Fifty years ago, CAHPT Founder and Chairman Richard H. Jenrette purchased the 1838 Robert W. Roper House in Charleston, South Carolina, embarking on what has become a life-long adventure in preservation. He continued on to purchase Edgewater in Barrytown, New York in 1969. In restoring the two houses, Dick discovered a passion for preservation, that reflected a life-long interest in classical architecture (and a soft spot for *Gone With The Wind*). Dick has since restored over a dozen historic homes, culminating in the founding of our organization, Classical American Homes Preservation Trust, which owns or will eventually take ownership of Dick's seven properties. The rest...is history!

**Announcing: The 2018 Spring Patrons Party!**

Please join us at the George F. Baker House on Thursday, May 17th as we gather in honor of you -- our donors -- and join us in toasting to Dick's 50 years of preservation.

Event: 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Remarks & Toast: 7:00 PM
An Exceptionally Fine Gift Comes to Classical American Homes Preservation Trust

We are the recent recipients of a generous gift of a circa 1790 Philadelphia tambour desk and bookcase, attributed to John Aitken, from Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Tananbaum of New York City. A favorite President owned one that is nearly identical...read on to find out whom!

Peter Kenny to receive ADA 2018 Award of Merit

The Antiques Dealers Association of America has chosen to honor CAHPT Co-President Peter Kenny with their annual Award of Merit, to be presented Friday, April 20th at 8:00 PM during the Philadelphia Antiques Show.
Classical American Homes Takes over full ownership of Millford

CAHPT Founder and Chairman Richard H. Jenrette has donated his remaining land at Millford -- comprised of nearly 400 acres and 17 buildings -- at the end of 2017, giving CAHPT full ownership of the property.

Montgomery Place Spring Salon Series

Montgomery Place: A Window on the World of Alexander Jackson Davis’ Architecture & Design
April 14th - May 5th, 2018

Peter Kenny will present "Paying for Eden: the Economics of Country House Culture in the Hudson Valley" at Montgomery Place on Saturday, April 28th from 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm with Professor Emeritus of History from Bard College, Mark Lytle.

Tour Season Begins at Ayr Mount and Millford!

After a brief hibernation during the winter, both houses have resumed normal tour schedules.

Millford is open for tours:
February 2 - December 1, 2018
First Saturday of the Month - Open
Every Saturday in April - Open
All other days - Closed
House: 10 AM - 2 PM
Grounds: 9:30 AM - 3 PM

Ayr Mount is open for tours:
March 15 - December 15, 2018
(Monday & Tuesday - Closed)
Wednesday - 11 AM only
Thursday - Saturday - 11 AM & 2 PM
Sunday - 2 PM only
Grounds hours change seasonally, please see website for full schedule.

Group tours are available year-round by appointment at all of our houses.

New! Purchase Your Millford Tour Tickets Online!
Winter 2018 Tours & Visits

We have had a lot of great groups and individuals visit this season -- pictured here at Millford are young students and future preservationists from Mayewood Middle School. Other notable visitors include the Garden Club of America's History & Design Committee at Roper House, friends from The Nature Conservancy at Cane Garden, and docents from the Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts at Ayr Mount.

Winter Events at the George F. Baker Houses

Thomas Jayne's Book Party
Thursday, January 11th, 2018
Celebrating the release of Classical Principles for Modern Design: Lessons from Edith Wharton and Ogden Codman's The Decoration of Houses

Americana Week Reception
Tuesday, January 16th, 2018
Friends from Colonial Williamsburg, MESDA, & Winterthur joined CAHPT for our annual Americana Week kick-off cocktail reception.

Emerging Scholars Colloquium
Sunday, January 21st, 2018
CAHPT collaborated with the Decorative Arts Trust (DAT) for the 2nd colloquium, followed by a brunch to benefit the DAT's Emerging Scholars Program.

Yuletide at Millford 2017

Millford was elegantly decorated for Yuletide in December by the Azalea Garden Club of Manning, SC. Their breathtaking original arrangements featured fresh local greenery and festive holiday decorations. It was a sold-out event with over 150 guests attending.
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Roper House during a rare winter storm on January 3rd, 2018. Photograph by Dana Beach (@dana.beach).