Happy Fourth of July from CAHPT!

Red, White, and Blue from all of our houses to you!

Please join us at Ayr Mount in Hillsborough, NC for a tour on the Fourth of July or this weekend, as we celebrate and reflect on our nation's freedom.

Ayr Mount Tour Information
Greetings!

It has been just over two months since CAHPT Founder and Chairman, Dick Jenrette, passed away peacefully at Roper House in Charleston. We want to thank you for the extraordinary outpouring of sympathy and condolences for this remarkable man (see obituaries). Many of you were able to join us at the Spring Patrons Party on May 17th to toast Dick’s 50 years of celebration as well as attend his memorial services. The June 7th memorial service at Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City was a moving celebration of his life and a tribute to a man of rare character. We appreciate your support at this difficult time.

We are committed to Dick’s vision of preserving these homes and opening them to the public to enjoy and learn from. Earlier this year, Dick had decided he would appoint his nephew, Dr. Joseph M. "Buddy" Jenrette, as the chairman of CAHPT. Buddy lives in Charleston -- not too far from the Roper House -- and has been a CAHPT Board Director since our inception, having long shared Dick’s passion for classical architecture.

Please stay in touch -- bring your friends for a tour or join us for an event in the future -- and in the meantime don't forget to sit back with a cocktail and think of Dick -- "...watch the sunset, reflect on the past, think about the future and -- most of all -- enjoy the present."

Margize, Peter, & the Staff at Classical American Homes Preservation Trust

Dick Jenrette's "24 Commandments" goes viral!

The day after Dick's death, a hand-written list titled, "What I Learned (How to Succeed) (and have a Long and Happy Life)", was discovered on his desk in his New York City townhouse. It contains timeless advice, such as "4. Try to be nice and say 'thank you' a lot!" and "19. Don't criticize someone in front of others." Quintessential Dick Jenrette!

The list was distributed at a private memorial gathering in Charleston and within hours was discovered by Bloomberg News, who published the list in an article on their website. Soon after, news organizations from across the country -- and around the world -- were contacting us for permission to share Dick's list with their followers. A representative at Bloomberg later reported to us that the article was the most e-mailed story of the week worldwide.

Many knew Dick was skeptical of disruptive technologies and rarely wrote emails, but we think he would have been amused to see his writings go viral.
Spring Patrons Party
Celebrating RHJ's 50 Years of Preservation

Friends joined us at the George F. Baker House on May 17 for our annual celebration of our donors at the Spring Patrons Party, and for a special toast by Buddy Jenrette and Margize Howell to our founder Dick Jenrette, who passed away just a month prior. It was so nice to spend time in Dick's house with his friends and colleagues and reminisce about the many fun times we all shared with Dick.

Conservation continues on Millford's capitals

Conservation of the Corinthian capitals at Millford has provided a tremendous opportunity for learning. (See last Summer’s newsletter for more on this important project.) Not only have we discovered that they are carved from eastern white pine, which may suggest northern manufactory like so much of the furniture, it now seems likely based on additional evidence that they were shipped in their entirety in large individual wooden crates to the building site. These capitals are Millford’s crowning glory and have now been restored to their former grandeur by master carpenter Michael Phelps and his assistant, Chandler Baker.

Photograph by John Stuart Gordon.
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Please note:
Millford will be closed on July 7.
Millford will resume a normal tour schedule on August 4.

Buy Millford Tour Tickets Online!

A fun night at the ADA Award of Merit dinner honoring Peter Kenny!
Family, friends, and colleagues joined for a celebratory dinner during the Philadelphia Antiques and Art Show on April 20 to honor Peter, who received the Antiques Dealers’ Association of America Award of Merit.

Laura Beach's article on Peter in Antiques and the Arts Weekly

CAHPT Co-Presidents honored with Arthur Ross Award

The Institute of Classical Architecture and Art presented this year's Ross Award in the category of Patronage to Margize Howell and Peter Kenny. Over 500 friends, colleagues, and supporters joined in for the celebration on May 7 at the University Club of New York.

Photos

Spring Tour Season at Classical American Homes

The Spring tour season is always fun at Classical American Homes! Bill and Schatzie Crowther welcomed many guests at Ayr Mount, as they were visited by the Vintage Ladies Group of Williamsburg, VA, the Wayside Garden Club of Burlington, NC, The Bryant Fellows of The Metropolitan Museum of Art (see photo at right), and a group from Duke Raleigh Hospital Guild.

Louis Hall was especially busy at Millford, as they opened for tours every Saturday in April to show off the beautiful wisteria in bloom and had a group of visitors from the Raleigh Fine Arts Society. Peter Kenny also hosted The Walpole Society at Millford with a special behind-the-scenes tour and a delicious lunch on the front piazza.

Earnie Townsend welcomed guests from The New York Central Park Conservancy, the Forward Arts Foundation of Atlanta, GA, and former colleagues of Dick's from the AXA / Equitable Southern Region Retirees Club. Roper House was also a stop on the Historic Charleston Foundation’s 71st Annual Festival of Houses and Gardens.


Thank you also to the many other groups and individuals who visited us for tours, and congratulations to the happy couples who chose Ayr Mount and Cane Garden as their wedding
During Dick Jenrette’s lifetime he was determined to raise an endowment that would ensure that the beautiful classical American homes he so carefully preserved would be enjoyed for generations to come. To this end, and in memory of Dick, Classical American Homes Preservation Trust has established the Richard Hampton Jenrette Memorial Fund. As of June 15th, 2018, we are thankful for gifts totaling $210,000. Dick’s optimism and enthusiasm for the future of the properties he and his partner, Bill Thompson, so thoughtfully preserved never wavered. Please join us in fulfilling our mission to preserve this collection of remarkable classical American homes and make them available to the public with a gift to this fund, established to honor the memory and legacy of one of the great preservationists of our time, Richard Hampton Jenrette.

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A close up of a portion of Millford's capital during its conservation.