



67th Wedgwood International Seminar

May 1 - 4, 2024

Pasadena, California

Embassy Suites
211 East Huntington Drive
Arcadia, CA 91006

\$179/ per night single or double, plus taxes, including complimentary breakfast and WiFi

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

3 pm - 5 pm Registration at the Embassy Suites

6 pm President's Reception followed by dinner at the Embassy Suites

Thursday, May 2, 2024

All lectures will be held at the Embassy Suites

9 am *Welcome* - Anne Forschler-Tarrasch, President of the Wedgwood International Seminar

Michael Smith, collector - *Lady Charlotte Bertie Guest - An Extraordinary Life*

Born into a great English noble family in 1812, Charlotte Bertie Guest lived for most of the 19th century, and both accepted and rejected the codes of society in Victorian England. She was married twice, was twice widowed, and had ten children who all survived to adulthood. Charlotte was an accomplished artist, linguist, translator, publisher, industrialist, and traveler, and built schools and libraries. In later life, she became a collector. She was rigid in her beliefs, prejudiced against Roman Catholics, the Irish, and to some extent members of the Jewish religion. She was always right, in her own opinion, and facts did not matter if they did not support her beliefs. Charlotte's motto was, "whatever I undertake I must reach an eminence in. I cannot endure anything in a second grade." Today, we might say, "only the best will do." Mike will elaborate on Charlotte's illustrious and fascinating life.

Lecture given in honor of Margaret and George Hoffman

9:45 am Coffee Break



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10:15 am Lorraine Horn, collector - *Leith Hill Place and the Wedgwood Family Connection*

This presentation will examine the history of Leith Hill Place, a Palladian style residence set in the rolling hills of the Surrey countryside. Lorraine will look at the history of the house, its pre-Palladian roots, its ownership over the years, and its close connections to the Wedgwood family. She will also discuss the special exhibition which was held at Leith Hill Place in 2017 and displayed portions of the collection of Wedgwood ceramics from the holdings of Sir Martin and Lady Sandra Wedgwood.

Lecture generously sponsored by Michael Smith in honor of Suzanne Rubin

11 am Rebecca Klarner, Assistant Curator of the V&A Wedgwood Collection - *More than just numbers: Codes, Ingredients, and Recipes in Josiah Wedgwood's Trials*

Amongst ceramics enthusiasts and scientists, Josiah Wedgwood is often mentioned for conducting hundreds and thousands of experiments to achieve new glazes, colors, and ceramic bodies that were reliable and reproducible. He minutely recorded these experiments, written in a unique numerical code, in his Experiment Books, many of which are still in the archives of the V&A Wedgwood Collection. This presentation will take a closer look at some of the ingredients and some of the experiments that we are able to connect with specific trial pieces and objects, thanks to Josiah Wedgwood's remarkable empirical approach.

Lecture generously sponsored by Michael Smith in honor of Dorothy Lee Jones

11:45 am Melinda McCurdy, Curator of British Art, Huntington Library, Art Museum and Botanical Gardens - *Highlights from the Huntington's Collection, Ceramics and More*

Melinda will share with us highlights from the Huntington's collection and will provide insight into what we'll see during our visit.

12:30 pm LUNCH at the Embassy Suites



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1:45 pm Sandy Olubas, collector - *Wedgwood in the Loo*

This lecture will look at pieces Wedgwood manufactured for use in the “loo” and related Areas. Such bathroom fixtures were generally manufactured in the late 18th and throughout the 19th centuries. Most are made of creamware, but other materials were used, too. Be prepared for a tour of the bathroom and other related areas!

Lecture generously sponsored by Michael Smith in honor of Cyndi Andrews

2:30 pm Stuart Slavid, Senior Vice President and Director of European Decorative Arts & Silver at Bonhams Skinner - Auction updates

3:30 pm Board meeting for board members at the Embassy Suites

Dinner on your own

Friday, May 3, 2024

9:30 am Bus departs for the Huntington Library, Art Museum and Botanical Gardens, tour with curator of British Art Melinda McCurdy and time in the galleries and gardens

12:00 pm LUNCH on your own at the Huntington’s 1919 Cafe, Red Car Cafe, or Jade Court Cafe

1:30 pm Depart for the home of collectors Rosanna and Gary Grabel / 261 South Clark Drive, Beverly Hills CA 90211

4:00 pm Bus departs for the hotel

Dinner on your own



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Saturday, May 4, 2024

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9 am Michael Smith, collector - *Lady Charlotte Bertie Schreiber - A Warrior Collector*

Something that Lady Charlotte and her second husband, Charles Schreiber, could do together was collect, and collect they did for almost the last third of her life. In addition to ceramics, the couple collected playing cards, board games, fans and fan leaves. They also collected Jacobean glass, buttons, lace, embroideries, miniatures, boxes, certain types of paintings, enamels both antique and those from Battersea, which were eagerly sought across England, the continent and as far as South Africa. Charlotte saw collecting as a hunt, or chase, and she plundered shops, leveling reluctant shop owners, and even traveling through mud to obtain her treasures. Mike will show how through her many collections, now in various British museums, she attained her goals.

Lecture given in honor of Robert H. Wedgwood. Generously sponsored by the Wedgwood Society of Boston, Inc.

9:45 am Coffee Break

10:15 am Annual General Meeting for all members

11 am Rebecca Klarner, Assistant Curator of the V&A Wedgwood Collection - *Art Deco at Wedgwood: A Tea, Coffee, and Chocolate set designed by Paul Follot from the estate of Karl Lagerfeld*

In December 2021, the V&A Wedgwood Collection acquired a rare tea, coffee, and chocolate set designed by Paul Follot for Wedgwood. Last seen in a photograph from a French auction house, the set had been in the collection of Karl Lagerfeld for many years. Together with the related drawings, it resurfaced in the estate sale of the famous fashion designer, from where both lots were acquired by the V&A with the help of many generous donors. This talk will tell the story of the set, its time, its designer, its maker, and its last private owner.

Lecture generously sponsored by Michael Smith in honor of Vivian Hawes



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11:45 am Gabriel Guerra, collector - *The Journey of a New Wedgwood Collector*

In his presentation, Gabriel will discuss the catalyst that ignited his interest in Wedgwood, leading him to becoming a collector. He will share his journey of discovery and growth that will resonate with other collectors of Wedgwood, highlighting pivotal moments that fueled the frenzy of a novice collector. Gabriel will also explore possible characteristics and drivers of new collectors of Wedgwood.

Lecture generously sponsored by Michael Smith in honor of Professor Keith McLeod

12:30 pm LUNCH at the Embassy Suites

Afternoon on your own

6:30 pm Reception and dinner at the Embassy Suites



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