



The Washington Winter Show Celebrates

Preserving the Future of Our Past

CELEBRATING 70 YEARS OF THE WASHINGTON WINTER SHOW

Gracie Studios, 40+ antique dealers, design luminaries Katie Ridder, Peter Pennoyer, and Emma Bazilian, and Preservation Pioneers: Lessons From Seven Historic Houses headline the 70th annual Washington Winter Show

Washington, DC - The Washington Winter Show will debut its 70th antique show January 10-12, 2025 at American University's Katzen Arts Center in Washington, D.C. The nation's second oldest charity antique show draws over 6,000 attendees annually from across the nation. The Show brings together fine art and antiques from more than 40 dealers and opportunities to engage with some of the nation's top names in design and historic preservation through lectures and panel discussions. The 2025 Show is co-chaired by Rachel and Jared Michael. The Show will feature Jennifer Gracie and Zach Shea of Gracie Studios as the keynote Lecture Luncheon speakers.

The theme, **Preserving the Future of Our Past**, is a tribute to the Show's 70-year legacy and is inspired by the decorative and fine arts as tangible links to our collective past. We are delighted to welcome Jennifer Gracie and Zach Shea of Gracie Studios on Friday, January 10 at 10:30 am as they present, **The Art of Gracie: 125 Years of Creating Hand-painted Wallpapers For the Worlds Most Beautiful Spaces**. This family run company has been a part of some of the most important interiors since 1898. Jennifer and Zach will share insight into these meaningful spaces and the intensive techniques involved in creating Gracie's timeless designs

Katie Ridder, Elle Decor A-List member, and **Peter Pennoyer**, Architects and AD100 member, will headline our Saturday Design Panel, **From Past to Present: Making Architecture and Interiors Sing**, moderated by **Emma Bazilian**, Content Director of FREDERIC magazine. The Fund to Conserve U.S. Diplomatic Treasures Abroad will present our Saturday afternoon Lecture: **America's Worldwide Cultural Heritage: Preserving Our Diplomatic Treasures**. **Tobin N. Tracey**, Office of Cultural Heritage, U.S. Department of State; **Marcia V. Mayo**, Vice President, Fund to Conserve U.S. Diplomatic Treasures Abroad; and **Glyn T. Davies**, U.S. Ambassador (ret) will engage in a fascinating panel discussion highlighting the role cultural diplomacy plays at our historic embassies and residences around the world. Beloved New Orleans hosts and concert pianists, **Michael Harold and Quinn Peeper**, will deliver Sunday morning's talk and enlighten audiences with the inspirations behind their acclaimed book, **Classical Shindig**. The Youngest Collectors will enjoy **Sundaes on**

Sunday after partaking in a talk given by **Mark Fine of Jayne Thompson Antiques, Secret Storage: Discover the Mystery and Meaning of Hidden Compartments in Antique Furniture.**

An extraordinary loan exhibit celebrating the 70th anniversary show will bring together antiques and decorative arts from seven of the country's most important historic houses, including: **Anderson House, Gunston Hall, Hillwood Estate, Museum & Gardens, Mount Vernon, Stratford Hall, Tudor Place, and Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library. Preservation Pioneers: Lessons From Seven Historic Houses**, draws from the collections of seven historic houses who previously have been featured with a solo exhibit at the Show. These houses represent a sweep of more than two centuries of American history.

Show Chair Rachel Michael commented, "The 70th year marks a legacy and an exciting future. The Washington Winter show continues to inspire collectors while celebrating and preserving the treasured objects of our history and supporting our philanthropic mission. This year's loan exhibit will be an unprecedented occasion to see objects from these historic collections together for the first time." During the past 70 years, the Washington Winter Show has provided almost \$10 million to its chosen charities and will benefit The Bishop John T. Walker School for Boys, St. John's Community Services, and Building Bridges Across the River in 2025.

Tickets may be purchased at www.washingtonwintershow.org. Contact jon@jonathangwillen.com for more information.