



NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER

We are delighted to welcome Sarah Burles to the Friends' Committee. Sarah studied History of Art at Girton College, Cambridge and later completed an MA in Museums and Galleries in Education at the University of London. Having started her career working in galleries in London, she moved back to Cambridgeshire in 1994 to set up and run a museum education

service for Peterborough and Wisbech museums. In 1998 she joined the Education Department at the Fitzwilliam Museum where she worked for 12 years. In 2012 Sarah set up Cambridge Art Tours which offers a programme of private tours, courses and events. She will be working with us to develop the Museum based programme for Friends.

DO WE HAVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS?

We use our email alert system very sparingly but when there are places on trips or if something new comes up, we would like to be able to tell you as we don't want you to miss out. Postage is very expensive and for some events, such as the Cheffins private view on 28 April (see below) email is hugely cost effective. Do please email Friends' Secretary Penny Cleobury on pc290@cam.ac.uk to have your email added to our list.

2016 IS COMING SOON

In 2016 the Museum will be celebrating its bicentenary. The Friends' Committee are thinking about the programme for Friends and if you have any ideas of what you would like us to arrange, please email Penny. We are taking a critical look at the events we offer generally, with less by way of coach trips in the winter; and with a view to repeating some of the more over-subscribed college visits.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE FRIENDS

We are keen to promote increased support for the Museum through membership of the Friends. As the bicentenary approaches, we will be doing as much as we can to increase our numbers and thereby the subscription income which is used for new acquisitions. We are, we think, unique among UK Museums Friends in that all our subscription income supports acquisitions and keeps the collection alive. The Director has agreed to have a display case exhibiting recent Friends' acquisitions and to make the Friends generally more visible in the Museum. You can help by introducing new people, by bringing your own friends to events where guests are welcome. Nick Chrimes' lecture on 3rd February, for example, would be a good opportunity to do this.

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR SPRING SOCIAL EVENT!

Tuesday 28 April 2015 • Private Preview of 20th century Art and Design sale at Cheffins saleroom, Cambridge
Invitations will be sent by email in February

BOOKING OPENS 17 DECEMBER 2014

Tickets for all Friends events available through the Cambridge Corn Exchange online, by phone or in person.

To book online go to www.fitzmuseum.cam.ac.uk/support/friends/events
For online booking use code "FITZFRIEND"
To book by phone call 01223 357851

MUSEUM RUN EVENTS WITH CONCESSIONS FOR FRIENDS

The Museum is running two workshops, *So just how do you carve a bronze statue* on Tuesday 10 March or Wednesday 11 March. There is also a five week course starting on Thursday 29 January *Journeys, Places, Stones and Faces*. For full details refer to the What's On programme. Do take advantage of these additional benefits of your membership.

BOOKING FOR THE PROGRAMME

On the whole the booking system at the Corn Exchange seems to be working well. A lot of you use the phone or going in person options and more and more of you are booking online. For online booking you need the password. Membership Cards posted out in 2015 will have the promotional code on the back. We will continue to keep this under review and if you do have comments or have problems please let us know.

ACE TRAVEL TOUR

A group of Friends had a very special tour of five Derbyshire Country Houses with Ace Travel in September. To quote Mr Ian Paton, the tour "...was very well organised and the Tour Director, David Bostwick led conducted tours at each site while providing informative and interesting commentary on all that we saw. In addition each evening he gave an excellent general talk before dinner to provide background to the features we would be seeing."

POSTERS

We have a selection of posters from previous Fitzwilliam Museum exhibitions, some of which are very lovely. We are putting these in a box in the Friends Room. Please feel free to help yourselves. They will be there until the end of March after which we will have to throw them away.

Lastly on behalf of everyone on the Friends' Committee I wish you a very happy Christmas.

Margaret Mair
Chairman of the Friends' Committee

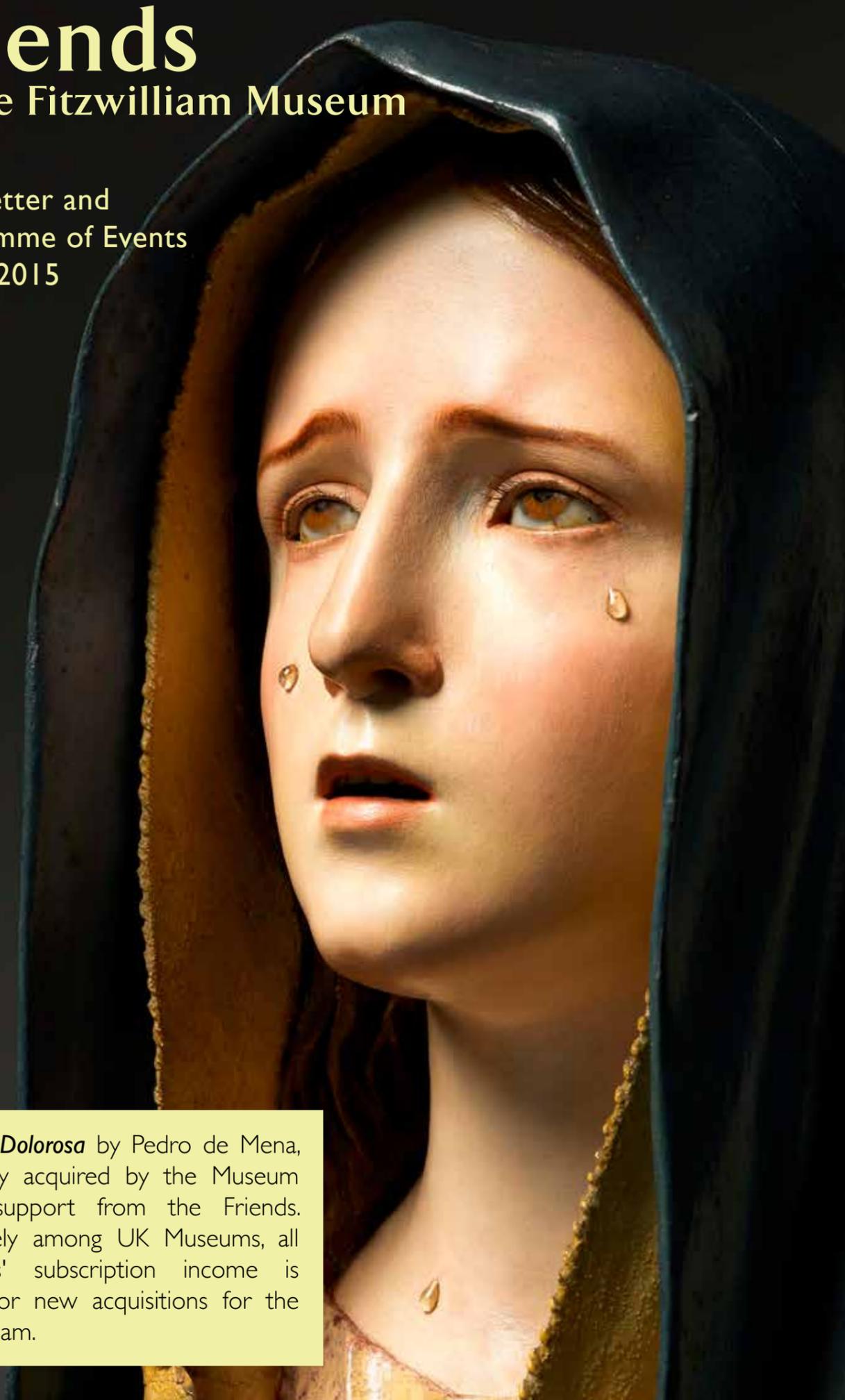
SAVE THE DATE

Robert Ward-Booth Memorial Lecture
The Contagion of China - Fancy pots and their potty collectors to be given by Lars Tharp at the Museum on the evening of Thursday 21 May. Details will be in the next programme.

Friends of the Fitzwilliam Museum

Newsletter and Programme of Events Spring 2015

Mater Dolorosa by Pedro de Mena, recently acquired by the Museum with support from the Friends. Uniquely among UK Museums, all Friends' subscription income is used for new acquisitions for the Fitzwilliam.



Events



The People's Portraits at Girton College

Wednesday 28 January • 14.00 – 16.00

Wednesday 11 February • 14.00 – 16.00

By kind invitation of Jeremy West, husband of the Mistress of Girton, we are invited to visit the People's Portraits Gallery at the College.

This Collection which is increasing every year, was started as a Millenium project in 2000 by the Royal Society of Portrait Painters and is held on long term loan at Girton. The artists are all members of the Society and every picture tells a story. Introducing us to the gallery and the stories will be the Head Librarian and Curator. We will then have an opportunity to see a collection of Russian icons and the famous Girton 'Portrait Mummy' Hermione Grammatike.

We end with a walk around the main College building, designed in the Gothic style by the architect Alfred Waterhouse and completed in 1887. Also a chance to climb the tower for a view of the College and beyond, before having tea in the comfortable setting of the Stanley library.

Places: 16 on each date • Friends only
£20
Organiser: Gillian Harrison



Museum Tours for Friends

Upper Floor Galleries

Tuesday 27 January • 11.00 or 14.00

Lower Floor Galleries

Thursday 29 January • 11.00 or 14.00

We are offering two introductory tours to the Galleries, one upstairs (for Paintings and Sculpture) and one downstairs (for Antiquities and Ceramics). Friends are welcome to book for either or both tours which take about an hour and a half each. Groups will be small (8 to 10) and will be guided by Friends who are familiar with the Museum contents.

Places: 20 at each timing • Friends only
£5
Meet at Founder's Entrance 10 minutes before each tour
Organiser: Marr Grieve

Winter Lecture King's College Chapel - England's Oldest Art Gallery

To be held at the McCrum Theatre, Corpus Christi College
Tuesday 3 February • 18.30
(doors open 18.15, entrance in Bene't Street)

Nicholas Chrimes, author of *Treasure Island in the Fens* will give an illustrated talk on the social, political and artistic messages within the stained glass of Kings College Chapel. So many of the very best artists of the Northern Renaissance have inspired the designs that the Chapel can claim to be our country's first art gallery.

Places: 150 • Guests welcome
£6 to include glass of wine after the lecture
Organiser: Gwen Borysiewicz
With thanks to Light Blue Travel for sponsorship of this lecture



Exclusive Keeper Insight Morning Special Treasures from the Applied Arts Collections

Thursday 5 March • 10.00 - 12.30

Dr Vicky Avery, Keeper of Applied Arts, will share with us some of her favourite objects. After an illustrated talk in the Education Seminar Room, she will take us into the galleries to talk about a number of the Museum's special treasures, including the newly acquired *Mater Dolorosa* by Pedro de Mena, the secrets of the Boulle Cabinet-on-stand, the recently restored Delftware flower-vase and, most importantly, a pair of incredibly important newly-discovered bronzes, by a Renaissance master, on loan to the Museum for 6 months from early February.

Meet in Friends Room from 10.00 for coffee and cake
Talk will start at 10.30

Places: 30 • Friends only
£16
Organiser: Margaret Mair



Treasured Possessions

Saturday 28 March • 12.00 - 13.00

The Museum's exhibition *Treasured Possessions from Renaissance to Enlightenment* opens on March 24th. To coincide with the Museum's *Irresistible Chocolate and Coffee Morning* on Saturday 28th March, curator Dr Vicky Avery will give an illustrated talk in the Education Seminar Room introducing and explaining the exhibition.

Places: 50 • Guests welcome
£5
Organiser: Sarah Bradfield



James Cahill



Sarah Rabinowe

History of Art Graduate Talks

Wednesday 28 January • 12.00 – 13.00

Sarah Rabinowe

Titian's *Tarquin and Lucretia* and the Painting's First Printed Copy

Wednesday 18 February • 12.00 – 13.00

James Cahill

Cupids and Capriccios: Classical receptions in the Fitzwilliam collections

An opportunity to hear graduate students in the History of Art Department talk about their research

Places: 16 • Friends only
Free but booking essential
Please meet at the Courtyard Entrance at 11.50
Organiser: Gwen Borysiewicz



Tea on Tuesday

6 January

Marr Grieve will introduce us to *Philip II*

3 February

Carol Humphrey, Honourary Keeper of Textiles, will talk about a recently acquired sampler made in a Quaker school in 1787.

3 March

Dr David Evans will show us some Archive Prints.

14.15 for 14.30

We shall continue to meet informally in the Friends' Room on the above dates for a short talk, tea, cake and a chat.

Free • Guests welcome
Organiser: Monica Thomas