

Saving Jamaica's heritage, enhancing Jamaica's future



A London exhibition showcasing Jamaica's fine historic buildings and the FGSJ's work to preserve and restore them

Wednesday 11 - Thursday 12 June 2014

The Friends of the Georgian Society of Jamaica is a UK charity which supports the preservation, restoration and maintenance of Jamaica's historic buildings, particularly those of the period 1720-1850, known in Jamaica as The Georgian Period.

The extraordinary wealth of Jamaica's historic buildings ranges from modest urban dwellings to splendid great houses, and from elegant courthouses to post offices, churches, old sugar works and police stations. The buildings are of great architectural and historical interest, and many have considerable potential for generating income for the communities that surround them, providing they can be restored and maintained. But owing to the harsh climate and the lack of public funds for their restoration, many of these precious buildings deteriorate or disappear each year.

The FGSJ has provided financial support for a number of restoration projects, including the Iron Bridge near Spanish Town, the Post Office in Falmouth, and churches in Lucea, Falmouth and Rio Bueno. In continuing to support projects, it is our aim thus to help local communities, lobby local organisations and work with Jamaican historical societies to safeguard Jamaica's heritage.

This exhibition celebrating the FGSJ's 20th anniversary will showcase Jamaica's fine historic buildings and the FGSJ's work to preserve and restore them. It will include panels showing and describing a variety of Jamaica's finest Georgian buildings, reconstructions of Colbeck Castle and Port Royal by archaeological reconstruction artist Peter Dunn, watercolours by architect Roy Stephenson of buildings in Falmouth and Spanish Town, a folio edition of James Hakewill's *A Picturesque Tour of the Island of Jamaica* (1825), and work by Jamaican artists including the internationally acclaimed **Laura Facey** and **Anghelen Arrington Phillips**. There will be photographs and commentary on past and current restoration projects funded by the FGSJ, as well as other historic buildings and sites, and a Jamaican genealogy corner.

Lectures will be given by **Kit Martin**, architect, authority on historic houses, and co-author of the influential *Jamaica's Heritage, an untapped resource*, on Jamaica's historic buildings, and by **Andrew Smith**, structural engineer, on the Iron Bridge, its engineering history, subsequent life and role in the local community as well as its restoration (to which the Friends contributed).

Formal opening by **HE Aloun Ndombet-Assamba**, Jamaican High Commissioner, followed by a reception with wine and patties. Venue: Holborn Viaduct, London.

Entry by pre-purchased tickets only. Bookings on the attached form must be received by 2 June.



Friends of the Georgian Society of Jamaica Exhibition

Venue: Hogan Lovells, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1A 2FG

(nearest tube Chancery Lane or Farringdon)

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Exhibition open 2-9.30 pm	Exhibition open 11 am-8 pm
Talk by Kit Martin, architect, authority on historic houses, and co-author of the influential <i>Jamaica's Heritage, an untapped resource</i>, on Jamaica's historic buildings 7-8 pm	Talk by Andrew Smith, structural engineer, on the Iron Bridge near Spanish Town, its engineering history, subsequent life and role in the local community as well as its restoration 7-8 pm
Formal Opening by the Jamaican High Commissioner followed by Reception with wine and patties 8-9.30 pm	

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Ticket type	Ticket includes	Cost per ticket
Rover	Admission to exhibition on both days, two talks, opening and reception for one person	£30
Day One	Admission to exhibition, talk, opening and reception for one person on Weds 11 June	£25
Day Two	Admission to exhibition and talk for one person on Thurs 12 June	£15
Student	Admission to exhibition and talk for one student (under 18 or FTE with student card) on Thurs 12 June only	£5

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