GREAT WORKS OF ART WILL BE SEEN AT CORNELL UNIVERSITY

The painting shown here is by Ary Scheffer (1789-1858). It is an oil on canvas, $21\frac{3}{4} \times 17\frac{1}{2}$” and will be among works of art members of The American Friends of Lafayette will view on June 17.

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VALUABLE WORKS OF ART DEPICTING LAFAYETTE WILL BE GIVEN EXCLUSIVE SHOWING AT MEETING

Several portraits of the Marquis de Lafayette will be viewed on the afternoon of June 17 at Cornell University. Dr. Franklin W. Robinson, Director of the university’s Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art, has made this special arrangement in connection with the annual meeting of The American Friends of Lafayette.

Dr. Robinson will be the luncheon speaker and the special viewing will take place following the noon meal.

The following is what we will be seeing:
1. An undated/oil painting of Lafayette by an unknown French artist, 47” x 35”.
2. A drawing, charcoal on paper, believed to be the work of Denman, of Lafayette, 24” x 20”.
3. An untitled drawing by an unknown artist, sepia ink on paper, depicting a chateau in ruins, undated, 11” x 15”.
4. An oil on canvas painting, undated, artist unknown, of Gilbert du Motier de la Fayette - Fiat Marechal de France, 41” x 33”.
5. Marechal de Noailles, Duc d’Ayen, Lafayette’s father-in-law, undated oil on canvas, 33” x 28”, attributed to Charles Beaubrun (1604-1692).
6. Oil on canvas, 45¼” x 35¼”, no date, unknown French artist of Michel-Christophe du Motier, Marquis de Lafayette.
7. Mlle de Lafayette, undated, oil on canvas, 31¼” x 25¼”, attributed to Nicolas de Largillière.
8. Portrait of a young lady, possibly Madeleine de Lafayette, untitled, no date, School of Nicholas de Largillière, oil on canvas, 28¼” x 23¼”.
9. Chancellor d’Aguesseau (father of Lafayette’s mother-in-law), portrait, oil on canvas, 32” x 25¼”, undated work of Robert Levrac-Tournières.
10. Marquis le General de Lafayette, undated, unknown 18th century artist, oil on canvas, 22” x 18”, oval shaped.
11. General Carbonnel (?), no date, 19th century work attributed to Ary Scheffer, oil on canvas, 21¼’ x 18’.
12. A landscape, no date, untitled, 18th century work of Jean Houel, oil on canvas, 22¼” x 29”.
13. Marquis de Lafayette at LaGrange, no date, work of Ary Scheffer, oil on canvas, 21¼’ x 17¼’.
14. Madame de Chavaniac, undated, artist unknown, oil on canvas, 28¼” x 23¼’.
15. Three Young Daughters of Lafayette, no date, attributed to Ary Scheffer, oil on canvas, 18¼” x 15¼”.
16. Marquis de Lafayette, print by Leroux after Ary Scheffer, engraving on paper, 21¼” x 14¼”.
17. Untitled painting on canvas, landscape, undated (18th century), attributed to Jean Houle (1735-1813).
18. Marquis le General de Lafayette, no date, artist unknown, engravings on paper (five small prints in one mat).
20. Sculpture—Lafayette, undated, unknown sculptor (Bailly), bronze, 6¼’ x 5” on a marble base.

We are grateful to Dr. Robinson and his staff for making arrangements for this special viewing. We last met at Cornell in 1973 and it is doubtful if we saw any of the works listed above.

Members of The American Friends of Lafayette will hear some interesting facts about the art work we will see.

BRING A FRIEND

We cordially invite our members to bring their friends to our annual meetings. We have gained some wonderful members as a result of many of us doing just that. We were pleased to learn how much the new prospects enjoyed the friendliness of our members and were fascinated with the subject for which our Society is named.

NO RECORD OF A LAFAYETTE AWARD AT FREEDOMS FOUNDATION

Researching our files of the GAZETTE some time ago we read that at the annual meeting of The American Friends of Lafayette held at Valley Forge, PA, many years ago that mention was made by an official of Freedoms Foundation that an award would be made in the name of Lafayette. This was said, but there is no official documentation that it would become a reality.

During the past two years we have been communicating with Freedoms Foundation regarding the award given the name of Lafayette. Miss E. Katherine Wood-Jacobs, Vice President and Director of Awards wrote to your president, “I do know that in the earlier years of the awards program, each category had a particular name. Perhaps, they were thinking of creating a new category and naming it after Lafayette. The recipients would have received the George Washington Honor Medal or the Valley Forge Certificate as with recipients in the other categories.”

Freedoms Foundation lists about 50 different awards among which are the Benjamin Franklin Award, the Nathan Hale Award, the James Madison Award, etc.

Our last communication from Freedoms Foundation arrived a month after our 1993 conference. Accompanying this issue of the GAZETTE is a copy of that letter. Your president suggests that you review it and hopefully someone will suggest a plan of action under new business at the annual meeting at Cornell University.

WESTERN SOCIETY FOR FRENCH HISTORY WILL MEET IN DES MOINES, OCTOBER 26-29

The Western Society for French History will hold its 22nd Annual Conference at Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, October 26-29, 1994.

The Society has an annual call for papers and it welcomes any papers relating to French participation in the American Revolution. For information about the papers, or the annual conference, communicate with: Prof. Linda S. Frey, Department of History, The University of Montana, Missoula, Montana 59812-1022.
DR. CROUT WILL AGAIN REPRESENT SOCIETY AT LAFAYETTE GRAVE IN PARIS, JULY 4

Dr. Robert R. Crout will again travel to Paris and represent our Society at the annual ceremony on July 4 at the grave of Lafayette in Picpus Cemetery. Any members who may be in Paris at that time and wish to attend with Dr. Crout should notify him as soon as convenient. His address: Charleston Southern University, Box 10087, Charleston, SC 29411.

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GRAHAME T. SMALLWOOD IS INVESTED INTO THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF THE ORDER OF ST. JOHN

Past President Grahame T. Smallwood (1969-1971) was notified last August that he had become a member of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem.

When his name was submitted for membership, the Chapter-General in turn, presented his name to Her Majesty the Queen, the Sovereign Head of the Order, which is based in London. The American Society of the order is located in New York City.

The investiture took place at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City on Saturday afternoon, November 13.

There are only five Orders of St. John officially recognized as Orders of Chivalry by the Sovereign States in which they are headquartered:

1. The Bailiwick of Brandenburg, known as the Johnniter Order.
2. The Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem, of which H. M. Queen Elizabeth II is Sovereign Head.
3. The Johannisterorden i Sverige, under the High Protectorship of H. M. the King of Sweden.
5. The Sovereign Military and Hospitalier Order of St. John of Jerusalem, of Rhodes and Malta, known as the S.M.O.M., which is exclusively Roman Catholic and is based in Rome.

Members who are not British subjects are titled Associates. All are charitable orders and members are expected to fully support the charitable goals of the Orders.

St. John is the oldest serving Knightly Order in the world. The American Society accepts full responsibility for the upkeep in Jerusalem of the Children's Ward, the Eye Bank, and contributes to the glaucoma research program. The Order was in the process of endowing a bed in the name of the late Secretary, the Reverend Canon Edward N. West.

Mr. Smallwood resides in Salt Lake City, Utah. The entire membership of The American Friends of Lafayette congratulates Past President Smallwood.

Time out was taken after we visited the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond last year. The delightful luncheon, enjoyed by all, followed by a talk given by Patrick McMahon, Travel Director, Commonwealth of Virginia. P. Hairston Seawell, extreme left, made arrangements for the visit.

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ITHACA CONFERENCE WILL FEATURE SPECIAL EXHIBIT OF LAFAYETTE PAINTINGS FROM CORNELL'S HERBERT F. JOHNSON MUSEUM OF ART

The American Friends of Lafayette will be enjoying a special treat when the membership convenes at Cornell University June 16-18. On June 17 Dr. Franklin W. Robinson, the director of the Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art at Cornell, will be our luncheon speaker and will give us what information he has concerning what will be displayed. The list of paintings, prints and a sculpture are noted in another column of this issue of the GAZETTE.

The program begins with the informal dinner on June 16 at a place to be announced when our Secretary, Dr. Robert R. Crout, will give a presentation of videos he took last year at LaGrange and Chavaniac. He was able to photograph the interiors as well as the exteriors. Another part of the presentation will show the ceremony he attended at Picpus Cemetery, and we will hear what was said.

At this time it is planned that the membership visit the Lafayette-Renault Winery at Hector, NY on the morning of the 17th. If time permits, a stop at famous Watkins Glen may be made. Lunch will be held at Cornell at 1 p.m., with a reception beginning at 12:30 p.m.

The annual dinner will also be held at Cornell at which The Honorable Andre Baeyens, the Consul General of France, will be present to bring us the greetings of the Republic of France and to give a talk on a topic of interest. The principal speaker will be Dr. Stanley J. Idzerda of The Papers of Lafayette. Dr. Robert R. Crout has stated that Dr. Idzerda is the expert on the Marquis de Lafayette.

The annual business meeting, also at Cornell, will be held on the morning of the 18th. Adjournment will be at noon. Make your reservations at The Statler Hotel, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853-7001. We have been given a special rate of $100 per room per night. There is also a modest overnight parking charge plus tax. Don't forget to mention that you are attending the annual conference of The American Friends of Lafayette when you make your reservations.

The hotel has experienced a complete renovation and its amenities include a complimentary morning newspaper, cable TV, complimentary toiletries, business desk with telephone, twice-daily maid service, security locks, individual climate controls, among others.

The hotel features safe deposit boxes, gift shop/newsstand, concierge service, overnight shoe shine, telex and electronic mail service, complimentary transportation from hotel to airport and campus, room service, nearby athletic facilities, wheelchairs, etc., and a browsing library.

SURVEY DRAWS NO CONCLUSIONS

As promised, forms were sent to the membership last year asking for assistance and answers to guide our future. The returns were disappointing. Only about 20 were received.

From those few the answers indicated a meeting date nearest June 15, and a suburban type hotel. One person suggested a motel convenient to dining.

About half of the respondents said they do collect memorabilia pertaining to Lafayette. Three persons indicated they would consider leaving their collections to The American Friends of Lafayette; another said he would give his collection with The American Friends of Lafayette owning title. Twelve respondents did not know anyone who collects Lafayette memorabilia.

One person said he/she believed in our mission, but did not wish to participate in meetings.

Suggested meeting places: Charleston, SC; Williamsburg, VA; Baltimore; Murfreesboro, NC; Charlottesville, VA; Savannah, GA; Newport, RI; Pittsburgh; Annapolis, MD; New York Cape May, NJ; Yorktown, VA; Boston; Alexandria, VA; Fredericksburg, VA. Williamsburg drew three suggestions, and the Pittsburgh suggestion came from the National Flag Plaza which has Lafayette interests.

Finally, one who has been a long time member and an officer said he had "already given much to Lafayette College."

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