

SIR JOHN SOANE'S MUSEUM FOUNDATION

Background on our Speaker and the Organizers

SOANE TRAVELS: Derbyshire

TOUR LEADER & GUIDE: David Brown

For the past 34 years David Brown has worked for the National Trust as Marketing and Communications Manager and later and most currently as Fundraising Manager.

He is the Friends Representative, and Member of the Heart of England Regional Committee of the Historic Houses Association.

Having led group tours of private houses and gardens in the UK for the past 27 years, he has raised over £275,000 for charity as a result. David has led such past tours as: *The World of Nancy Lancaster*, *Georgian England: Ston Easton & Bath* and most recently *Great Country Houses of Northern Ireland*, for Classical Excursions and The Institute of Classical Architecture & Classical America.

He has always been enthusiastic about the English Country House and Garden and enjoys sharing his knowledge with others.

David is President of the Wrekin Society of the National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts, President of the Shropshire and Wyre Forest National Trust Associations, and the President of the Shropshire Branch of the Leukemia Research Fund. David resides in Shropshire with wife.

TOUR DIRECTOR: Lani Sternerup

Lani Sternerup is owner/co-director of Classical Excursions. She has worked within the museum and preservation field as an archaeologist, a museum educator and curator for such organizations as the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Museum of the Gilded Age at Ventfort Hall and the Berkshire County Historical Society.

Ms. Sternerup has always had a strong interest in architectural history and preservation and has worked extensively with the development of educational programs aimed at promoting knowledge of classical architecture. She has organized architectural tours and guided groups in the U.S. and abroad for the past six years. Trained also an archaeologist she has worked both in Europe and the U.S. in this field.

Ms. Sternerup lived in Sweden for five years, during which time she earned a degree in Classical Archaeology and Art History from The University of Lund. She has also completed language studies in both Sweden and France.

Most recently Lani has completed the translation on a collaborative book project with Dr. Johan Cederlund of Uppsala, Sweden. The book entitled *Classical Swedish Architecture and Interiors 1650-1840* will be published by WW Norton in the fall of 2006. She is also founder and director of *Real Gustavian*, specializing in the import and sales of Swedish 18th century Gustavian furniture and decorative arts.

TOUR DIRECTOR: Thomas Hayes

Tom Hayes is owner/co-director of Classical Excursions. He has organized, escorted and guided tours in America and Europe for more than 30 years, working with such organizations as Classical America, for which he was a founding board member; The Victorian Society, Metropolitan (NYC) Chapter; Museum of the City of New York and other museums.

He served as President of Edith Wharton Restoration at The Mount in Lenox, MA and was director of public relations and / or development for such organizations as The National Trust for Historic Preservation, Peabody Institute, Springfield (MA) Library and Museum Association and Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts.

He has lectured extensively, including at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Cooper-Hewitt Museum, Radcliffe College, Les Vieilles Maisons Francaises (New York Chapter), Cleveland (OH) Botanical Garden and Canyon Ranch in the Berkshires.

He has a degree in Liberal Arts from the University of Cincinnati and did graduate work in history at both Columbia College and New York University.