

Notice of AGHS Sydney Branch 2014 Annual General Meeting and

Presentation by Professor Jennifer Milam:

Jardins Anglo-Chinois in Eighteenth Century France

Date: Wednesday 20 August 2014, 6pm for 7pm - 8.30pm.

Venue: Annie Wyatt Room, National Trust Centre, Observatory Hill.

Event: Short Annual General Meeting - Members interested in being on the Branch Committee are most welcome - please contact Secretary James Quoye, on 9519 5250 or james@qanda.com.au for a form. Followed by a special talk: *Jardins Anglo-Chinois in 18th Century France* by Jennifer Milam.



Jennifer Milam is Professor of Art History and 18th-Century Studies at the University of Sydney. Her books include the *Historical Dictionary of Rococo Art*, *Visual Games in Rococo Art and Women*, *Art and the Politics of Identity in 18th-century Europe*. Her current project addresses issues of cosmopolitanism, national identity and imperialist ambitions in jardins anglo-chinois in Europe.

The novelty and exoticism of Chinese art and architecture in Europe led in 1738 to construction of the first Chinese house in an English garden at *Stowe House*. The style became more popular thanks to William Chambers, who lived in China from 1745-7 and wrote *The Drawings, buildings, furniture, habits, machines and utensils of the Chinese*. In 1761 he built a Chinese pagoda, house and garden in *Kew Gardens*, a park with gardens and architecture symbolizing all parts of the world. Thereafter pagodas began to appear in English gardens, then French and elsewhere. French & European observers coined the term *Jardin Anglo-Chinois* (Anglo-Chinese garden) for this style of garden.

Cost: AGHS Members - \$20, Guests - \$30, includes light refreshments. **Bookings essential** (for catering): contact **David Low**, ph: (h) 9943 1456, or email david@low.name. Payment confirms booking and must be made **prior** to the event either by **cheque**: made out to Australian Garden History Society posted to David Low, 28 Brentwood Avenue, Warrawee 2074 **or by internet bank transfer** to: Australian Garden History Society, Sydney & Northern NSW Branch, ANZ Centrepoint Branch, BSB no. 012040, Account no. 101762565. Payment must include your **name** and the function you are booking. Let David know by email you've done so, and for which event you're booking.