Fabergé Research - What's New!

Fabergé Enthusiasts Gathering at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Friday, July 27, 2018

Morning Sessions

Ulla Tillander-Godenhielm, Fabergé researcher and author from Helsinki, Finland, will discuss her new book, *Fabergé. His Masters and Artisans*, Unicorn Press, May 2018. (9:40 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.)

Staging a State-of-the-Art Fabergé and Russian Decorative Arts Exhibition at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts:

- Planning an Exhibition of the Fabergé and Russian Decorative Arts Collection
 Barry Shifman, Sydney and Frances Lewis Family Curator Decorative Arts 1890 to the Present
- Educational Components: Text Panels and More Twyla Kitts, Teacher Programs Educator
- Preserving and Lighting Fabergé Objects
 Ryan Schmidt, Exhibition Lighting Designer

Tours on a rotating basis (10:15 a.m. – noon)

- Fabergé Gallery
- Conservation Lab
- Freeman Library & Archives on a rotating basis

Lunch on your own at the VMFA Café

Afternoon sessions (1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m)

Research Tools

- Fabergé Design Sketches and What They Teach Us Timothy Adams, Independent Art Historian, California
- Fabergé Detective Work in the Pratt Archives at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts
 Barry Shifman, Fabergé Curator, and Courtney Tkacz, Archivist, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts

Unique Fabergé Genres

- Fabergé Bell Pushes Cutting the Cord A Study of the Mechanical Designs
 James Hurtt, Independent Art Historian, New York City
- Icons by Fabergé
 Wendy Salmond, Professor of Art History, Chapman University, California
- Fabergé Easter Eggs: A Research Update
 Anna and Vincent Palmade, Fabergé Sleuths Extraordinaire, Maryland

Collectors during Fabergé's Lifetime

- Princess Cantacuzène (1876-1975) and Her Collecting Interests
 Patricia Hazlett, Master Docent at the Houston Museum of Natural Science, Texas
- From Empress Maria Fedorovna's Blue Study to Marjorie Post's French Drawing Room: Stories behind Hillwood's Table Clock
 Wilfried Zeisler, Chief Curator, Hillwood Estate, Museum & Gardens, Washington (DC)
- The Fabergé Purchases of Grand Duke George Mikhailovich (1863-1919) and Grand Duchess Marie Georgievna (1876-1940)
 Mark Moehrke, Director of Russian Works of Art, Doyle, New York City

Conclusion followed by autograph event with Ulla Tillander-Godenhielm and gallery visits on your own (museum stays open until 9 p.m.)