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Carl Fabergé, Jeweler and Businessman

presented by Dr. Wilfried Zeisler

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7:00 – 9:00 P.M.

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Dr. Wilfried Zeisler will explore the history of the House of Fabergé, as well as, of some of his Russian and European competitors through the collections of Hillwood Estate, Museum & Gardens, and other institutions.

“So much has been written about the work of Carl Fabergé in newspaper and magazine articles, some of it adulatory, some disparaging, some wildly ecstatic, and some unequivocally hostile, that a sober evaluation of his achievement may serve a useful purpose, ... as an act of justice to one of the finest goldsmiths and jewelers of all times.” - A. Kenneth Snowman, *The Art of Carl Fabergé*, 1962

Dr. Wilfried Zeisler is Hillwood’s chief curator. He is a graduate of Sorbonne University and the Ecole du Louvre, Paris. Wilfried has written extensively on the decorative arts in France and Russia, including a 2010 book on ceramics and several articles. Wilfried’s dissertation, *L’Objet d’art et de luxe français en Russie (1881-1917)* [French Objets d’art and Luxury Goods in Russia], was published in Paris in 2014. Between 2009 and 2011, he has participated in and curated exhibitions in Paris and Monaco. At Hillwood, he has curated *Splendor and Surprise: Elegant Containers, Antique to Modern (2015)* and *Konstantin Makovsky: The Tsar’s Painter (2016)*. Wilfried co-authored the latter exhibition’s accompanying book: *Konstantin Makovsky: The Tsar’s Painter in America and Paris (2015)*. He is currently working on *Fabergé Rediscovered*, a book on Hillwood’s Fabergé collection that will accompany an exhibition on the subject in June 2018.

We meet at the Holiday Inn Rosslyn, 1900 Ft. Meyer Drive, Arlington, VA 22209, at the Virginia end of Key Bridge, 703-807-2000. Admission is free for those who have paid their 2017 meeting fees and \$15.00 for all others. Please visit the Chapter’s website at www.dcgia.org.

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