

## Winter Palace Historical Monologs Set for June Sell Out

Among the most imperial of cities, St. Petersburg, Russia recently celebrated its 300th birthday. Founded by Peter the Great, the new Russian capitol blossomed into the “Venice of the North” under a series of Romanov monarchs.

The massive Winter Palace crowns the city and amply met the rulers’ demands for only the biggest and best. The complex houses the famous Hermitage Museum.

In the monolog, George Stuart takes the audience from those first days through the turmoil of two world wars and a pantheon of famous and infamous rulers.

Recent monologs have been sell-outs, so early reservations are highly recommended.



**Peter I, The Great**

*The driving force behind the founding of St. Petersburg*



*Catherine II, Elizabeth I and Nicholas II holding his ill son. Figures are from the Ventura Museum Collection.*

***“If these walls would talk!” Series***

### ***The Winter Palace***

**THREE PERFORMANCES ONLY**

Monday, June 15 at 1:30 pm

Tuesday, June 16 at 7:30 pm

Monday, June 29 at 1:30 pm

**For information and reservations call:**

Ventura Museum Hotline at 805-641-1876 ext. 305

## Your Vote Counts: Foundation Summer Gathering



*Ventura Harbor Marina, site of 2008 Meeting.*

Everyone who attended last year’s event enjoyed the opportunity to meet with Mr. Stuart, Foundation volunteers, and other supporters.

Through multimedia presentations, attendees learned about the Historical Figures Foundation, its impressive progress and future plans.

The country French menu at the Le Petit Café was new to many and a delight to all.

However, several supporters reported they could not easily attend evening events. So this year you are invited to submit convenient dates and times on the enclosed ballot form or fax to 805-641-3100. Let us hear from you!

# Figure Projects

## Help Bring the Founders, Patriots and Lincoln Era Figures to the Foundation Website in 2009



S. Adams    T. Jefferson    B. Franklin    J. Adams    G. Washington    M. Washington    J. Jay    J. Madison    D. Madison

In the second half of the year, the Yanks should join the British, French, Chinese and Russians on the Foundation's website at [www.galleryhistoricalfigures.com](http://www.galleryhistoricalfigures.com). The Americans and Lincoln Era will be the final

group of the Ventura Museum collection to go online. You can help speed the debut with a any size donation to the Foundation. Please make your checks payable to the Historical Figures Foundation.

## Russian Group Photography Completes Grant Project

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Figure from the [Museum of Ventura County](#) collection.



### *Tsarевна Sophia Alekseyevna*

First female ruler in fact if not in name.

Sophia was the oldest surviving child of her father, Alexei Ts, two wives. She made herself autocrat by means of a coup d'état and ruled through her brother and half brother, both minors. By and large she was an effective and able governor of the affairs of state. Her policies were beneficial and wise. Her attempt to do away with her half brother Peter was her undoing. She ended her long life banished to a nunnery.



Each Russian Figure has two dedicated pages on the website. Full View image not shown here.

Thanks to a generous donation by the Smith-Hobson Foundation, the Russian collection has been photographed and uploaded to our website.

In all, there are 45 Figures illustrated in more than 200 images viewable on the website as captured by photographer Peter D'Aprix. In addition, approximately 1,700 detailed images are being archived.

The Russians are proving to be quite popular on the web. In just a month, more than 1,500 visitors to viewed their Group page, compliments of the Smith-Hobson Foundation grant.

# Historical Figures News

## Henri and Stuart Pen Article for Figurative Art Magazine

After attending both recent Stuart Workshops, artist Adele Sciortino wanted to include the Historical Figures in her quarterly magazine.

**Adele's Creative Costuming** is distributed to more than 2,500 of the world's more serious costumers of miniature.

Certainly the article attests to Mr. Stuart's artistic talent and tireless efforts to "get it right." Twenty-nine images of Historical Figures adorn the seven-page article by Kathy Henri and George Stuart.

The article can be viewed online at <http://www.costumesandtrim.com>.



Spring 2009 Issue Cover



Nearly 30 images adorn article

## Norse Dragon Fafnir Undergoing Major Restoration



The Dragon Fafnir is often the biggest surprise upon first viewing Mr. Stuart's pantheon of Germanic gods. He lies dead and coiled around an immense pile of gold coins and objects. The slayer Siegfried towers over the scaly guardian, his magical sword raised in triumph. Mr. Stuart promises the new Fafnir will be even more sinister, and durable, than the original. The new Fafnir might debut at the Foundation event this summer.

*Painstaking design assured proper articulation of hundreds of parts.*

## Enhanced Website Now Foundation Project


The Foundation web site continues to attract thousands of new visitors every month. But now visitors are being given more reasons to delve into the more than 500 pages already available.

The new home page sequences through a sampling of Historical Figures representative of the collections now online. Also, a video introduction to the Figures and Mr. Stuart is linked to the Home page.

An important goal of the update was to reflect the change in ownership by the Foundation throughout all 500 web pages. View all at [www.galleryhistoricalfigures.com](http://www.galleryhistoricalfigures.com).

*Lord Burleigh represents the English in the sequence of images.*

The Historical Figures<sup>®</sup> of George Stuart



Sir William Cecil-Burleigh

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# News & Events

## New DVD Will Curl Your Hair—Color and Style It, Too!

The sixth and final DVD in Stuart's Head Sculpting Workshop Series is now available from Figuratively Speaking, the publishing arm of the Foundation. The DVD completes the Foundation's documentation of how Mr. Stuart sculpts the heads of Historical Figures®.

In one hour, professional stylist and artist Maureen Martinez of Oak View takes the viewer through the processes of pelt selection, preparation, color selection and application. Ms. Martinez shares many of her hair cutting and styling techniques and applies them to a dozen quarter life-sized heads for a wide variety of period styles.

The DVD is comprehensive and highly informative, whether you style hair for figures or just want to know more about how the Historical Figures are made. Ms. Martinez practices at the Club Salon in Ventura, CA.



*Hair DVD completes Head Workshop Series*



*In the new DVD, artist and professional stylist Maureen Martinez describes each step in getting the period looks for heads of all sizes.*

## Special Sale of VHS Tapes of Intros to Stuart, Figures

With new low prices, it's possible to share the Historical Figures and Mr. Stuart with friends and family. Two classic VHS video tapes are on sale and can be ordered with the enclosed form or through our website at [www.galleryhistoricalfigures.com](http://www.galleryhistoricalfigures.com).

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*Artist, Entertainer, Historian”* One hour review . . . \$9.95

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Quantities are limited. Order by mail and include CA sales tax, if applicable. Items are also available online at our website.



*Limited supply of classic VHS tapes*

## Introduction of Romanov Russia DVDs Delayed

The plan was to retain a professional video editor to produce the eight-part Romanov Russia DVD series in 2008 has been delayed.

We are now developing the Series internally, using the same resource that produced the English and

Workshop DVDs.

To date, two of the eight episodes have been edited in the last three months. Even at this slower pace of production, the Russian Series may become available later this year.

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