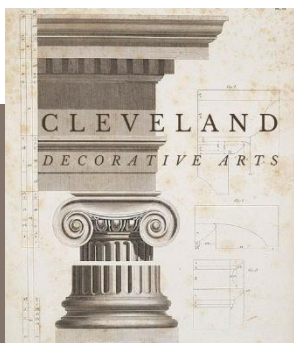


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SUMMER HOLIDAYS

We are still very mindful of COVID-19 and since our next in-person event may need to be postponed, we would like to update you on our current thinking. At our next Board meeting in mid-August, we will assess current COVID-19 conditions based on WHO and state medical guidelines with a view to launching our next CDA program, whether it be online or in-person. Until that time, enjoy the summer. We will be back.



So, what is a Vitruvian scroll or wave? It is a decorative frieze pattern named in honor of Roman architect Marcus Vitruvius Pollio who wrote the oldest surviving book on architecture. It is typically carved in wood or in stone and is sometimes known as a Vitruvian wave.

VITRUVIAN SCROLLS



The Vitruvian scroll appears throughout history, dating back to the Romans who used it in their architecture. Mantelpieces and furniture, such as architectonic mirrors in the manner of William Kent, incorporate the scroll, and today it is used in an historical reproduction inspired by Kent.



Detail of portrait of William Kent by William Aitken 1724-1725 in the National Portrait Gallery, London

Remember the *Secrétaire à abattant* featured in our first issue? It is a great example of a classical design feature known to many as the Vitruvian scroll. This pattern is prominent at the top of the desk and may be found on numerous decorative art objects and in architecture.

[William Kent](#) (1685-1746) is noted for his architectural designs in the

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Palladian style of Neoclassicism. He helped to launch this type of classicism in Great Britain after meeting the Earl of Burlington in Rome. Their Neoclassical vocabulary included the classical orders of architecture, particularly as interpreted by Andrea Palladio. Decorative elements, such as the Vitruvian scroll, would usually "run" along a band or frieze--hence the other name for it, 'the running dog'.

Classicism is... classic. It has had periods when it was especially popular, but it never seems to go out of style. So how can you tell one period of classicism from another? There are distinctions, but that must wait for another day. For now, we hope that you enjoy hunting for Vitruvian scrolls.

To learn more:

[Buffalo's Illustrated Architecture Dictionary](#)

LOCAL TREASURES



This petite side saddle stirrup, a symbol of acceptance into the world of equestrian pageantry so loved by the Latin America culture, demonstrates no small talent for a

young rider. With adjustable straps in silver, a fortunate child could prepare her doll for an equestrian adventure in style.

[Child's Side Saddle Stirrup](#)

Peru

Late 19th Century

Sterling silver / .925

5-1/2"

Signed but not listed.

You can find this and other silver treasures at [Martines Antiques](#) in Chagrin Falls, OH.

PRESERVATION CORNER

Do you have *objets d'art* that require a little TLC? We have started a new feature in our newsletter to help



you find the resources that you need to conserve or repair your treasures.

This time John Hellman tells us that Debbie Hollingsworth did a fine job caning a chair. You can find her at the Chair Shop across from the Eagle Club in the red house.

[The Chair Shop](#)

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