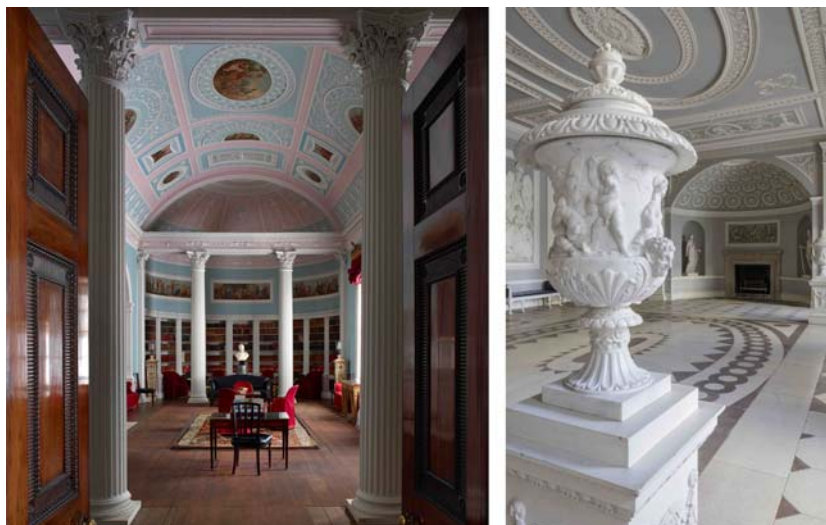


*Coming up this month . . .*

*Robert Adam:  
Country House Design,  
Decoration &  
the Art of Elegance*

Talk by **JEREMY MUSSON**  
Architectural Historian and Author

**Thursday, 26 October** -  
6:15pm talk followed by reception



**Location:** The GENERAL SOCIETY LIBRARY, 20 West 44th Street, First Floor, New York City  
**Advance Reservations Required:** Tickets \$30 for Soane members and supporters - please enter code: **17FSJSM**  
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Robert Adam, one of the greatest 18<sup>th</sup> century architects in England, influenced generations with his use of the neoclassical aesthetic in the English country house interior. After returning to Britain from a Grand Tour to Italy and Dalmatia in the 1750s, he and his brothers set up an architectural firm. Adam introduced and popularized decoration based on ancient classical ornament, with tablets and medallions of low relief plasterwork on ceilings and walls; carved and gilded classical motifs on furniture; and designs for chimneypieces incorporating classical masks, wreaths and tributes. He also used fashionable colors such as pink, green, blue, lilac, and straw to bring his ornamental detail in relief and to create harmony between ceiling and side walls. He emphasized curved and arched ceilings, apses, and niches to create what he called “movement...to add greatly to the picturesque of the composition.” Architectural historian Jeremy Musson will talk about Adam’s life and work, describing his unique design process, his patrons, and his enduring legacy on the world of design. Mr. Musson will illustrate and describe magnificent country house interiors designed by Adam, including National Trust treasures such as, the Palladian inspired Kedleston in Derbyshire and Saltram, one of Britain’s best examples of early Georgian style.

**JEREMY MUSSON** is a leading commentator and authority on the English Country House. His latest book is *Robert Adam: Country House Design, Decoration & the Art of Elegance* (2017).

*Join us or tell friends in other cities for* **JEREMY MUSSON** *and his talk on* **Robert Adam**

**Los Angeles** - Monday, 23 October - 6:00 pm reception; dinner 6:30 pm; 7:15 pm lecture

**San Francisco**, - Tuesday, 24 October - 6:30 pm reception; 7:00 pm lecture

**Philadelphia** - Tuesday, 30 October - 6:00 pm reception; 6:30 pm lecture; 7:30 optional dinner

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