



EDINBURGH DECORATIVE & FINE ARTS SOCIETY

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PRIVATE TOUR OF KINROSS HOUSE, KINROSS-SHIRE

**A late 17th century mansion designed by Sir William Bruce overlooking Loch Leven
WEDNESDAY 14th OCTOBER 2015**



Described in *Country Life* as ‘the complete expression in stone of the Renaissance in Scotland’ Kinross House, a neoclassical Palladian mansion, is considered to be architect and politician Sir William Bruce’s masterpiece. So that the house when finished would be set in mature surroundings, Sir William set about creating the designed landscape and formal gardens ten years before construction started in 1685.

Following the Bruce dynasty the estate passed by marriage to the Montgomery family where it remained for over 240 years until Mr Donald Fothergill acquired the property in 2011. Since then an extensive renovation programme has been undertaken with Kinross House being declared the winner of the Historic Houses Association and Sotheby’s UK Restoration Award in 2013.

As well as a private tour, John Lowrey, Senior Lecturer in Architectural History at the University of Edinburgh, has kindly agreed to come and share his expert knowledge of the history of Kinross House together with antique furniture restorer, Jeremy Gow who will describe the work he has undertaken on behalf of the present owner. Two sessions with refreshments are being offered – morning (10.15am- 12.30pm) OR afternoon (2.00-4.15pm) to members only at this stage. Both groups are welcome to bring a picnic lunch affording an opportunity to see the gardens between 12.30 and 2.00 pm, weather permitting. Indoor facilities including coffee and tea will also be available during this time. Tickets priced at £20 per head. Priority will be given to those submitting their Priority Booking Cards. Thereafter there will be a ballot on Monday 14th September for the remaining places. Members should make their own travel arrangements. Please say if you are able to offer/require a lift and indicate preferred visit time on the reply slip below. Applications by post to;

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