

THE ARTS SOCIETY WEST CORNWALL 2025 PROGRAMME

JANUARY 9

The 'Golden Age' of British Comedy | Tyler Butterworth

In this unashamedly nostalgic lecture, Tyler shares his personal connections to the 'Golden Age' in British comedy.

FEBRUARY 13

Splendid Journeys : the art of opulent travel | Andrew Prince

Andrew illustrates how throughout history, travelling and journeys have been used to display wealth, power and status of monarchs and aristocrats.

MARCH 13

'Wild men of the North': Tom Thomson and the group of seven | Ross King

The 1920's Canadian 'Group of Seven' painted in a boldly Post-Impressionist style. They were reviewed as 'the most vital group of paintings produced since the war - indeed, this century'.

APRIL 3

2B or not B? An illustrated Story of Drawing | Lynn Gibson

Drawing plays a key role in an artist's training. In this beautifully illustrated lecture, we discover the drawing techniques of the Great Masters.

MAY 8

**Three great families and their gardens: Astors, Rothschilds, Sackville Wests
| Caroline Rayman**

This talk gives us the lives and histories of three great families, together with the story of their gardens.

JUNE 12 AGM

**Art Deco: Celebrating the Centenary of the 1925 Paris Expo | Pamela
Campbell-Johnstone**

We discover how this exhibition played a fundamental role in giving rise to a new international and truly global style that we have come to know as Art Deco.

SEPTEMBER 11

Great Operatic Rivalries | Tim Mirfin

A look at some of opera's greatest rivalries, spats and tiffs. We will hear and see examples of great singers from the past to the present.

OCTOBER 9

Rosa Bonheur (1822-99) Animal painter extraordinaire | Lois Oliver

One of the most celebrated artists of her time, this lecture offers an in-depth account of Rosa's life and work and her extraordinary gift for painting animals.

NOVEMBER 13

Tessa Boase

London's Lost Department Stores | Tessa Boase

London's sumptuous stores changed the capital – shoppers were lavishly wooed by the temptations in these new 'cathedrals of desire'. A fascinating slice of social history with wonderful period images.

DECEMBER 4

Joseph of Nazareth: Best supporting actor | Amina Wright

Discover the hidden depths of Mary's husband Joseph; the legends and faces of this quiet carpenter through the ages.