



AUGUST 2013: NEW YORK – EDINBURGH

This month we are hearing once again from our Arts and Culture Consultant, Emma Robertson-Werner, who after 18 months with us in New York, has returned to Edinburgh.

You can really feel the excitement growing for next year; so much is planned. From the [Ryder Cup](#) at Gleneagles in Perthshire, to the [Commonwealth Games](#) in Glasgow, and all the celebrations around the Bannockburn weekend, Homecoming 2014 plans are also growing in the States too as both side of the Atlantic celebrate [Homecoming 2014](#).

But first we have 2013! There is lots to look forward to in the weeks ahead....

Best wishes,
Camilla G. Hellman, MBE
Executive Director

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL SEASON IN FULL SWING



Edinburgh plays host to [12 different festivals](#) each year. **August is undoubtedly the city's most action-packed month**, with 6 of these festivals taking place!

The [Jazz & Blues Festival](#) filled the city with the sultry sounds of world renowned musicians happened in July. And now, in August, Edinburgh locals and lucky visitors are treated to **thousands of events across all arts genres** at [The Edinburgh Art Festival](#), [The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo](#), [The Edinburgh Festival Fringe](#), [The Edinburgh International Festival](#), [The Edinburgh International Book Festival](#) and the [Edinburgh Mela Festival](#).

When visitors are not enjoying the plethora of performance events on offer in Edinburgh, they can **relax with Spa treatments, or dine in Michelin starred restaurants**.

The classic [Balmoral Hotel](#) and the modern [Hotel Missoni](#) each offer spa zen luxury in the heart of the city.

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About Us

The mission of The American-Scottish Foundation®, an international not-for-profit organization, is to establish links and **strengthen ties between Scotland and the United States**, through the pursuit of contemporary social, cultural, educational, and business activities.

The mission remains as relevant today as when ASF was founded in 1956 by Lord Malcolm Douglas-Hamilton - to champion the extraordinary relationship between the peoples of Scotland and the United States - **a bridge between the two great countries** - seeking to strengthen & support the future of the Scottish American diaspora, and its legacy.

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For upscale dining, Edinburgh offers up [Restaurant Martin Wishart](#) and [The Kitchin](#) - both 'down at the shore' in Leith - [21212](#), [Number One](#) (at the Balmoral Hotel), and [Castle Terrace](#). There are many other stunning independent eateries to chose from, like new-comer [The Gardener's Cottage](#) - based in a cottage, which used to belong to the gardener of a city centre park!

59 Manhattan Theatre [59E59 Theaters](#) is currently showing 16 plays in their 'East to Edinburgh' season which will all be travelling to Scotland to feature in the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. **59** New Yorkers can get into the festival spirit from just \$12 per ticket! For more info. on all 16 shows & ticket booking go to www.59e59.org

Edinburgh has been called 'Auld Reekie' and 'Athen's of the North', but this month her 'Festival City' nickname will surely be the most popular!

For full information on all of Edinburgh's year-round festivals please visit www.edinburghfestivals.co.uk

REGISTER NOW FOR THE 16TH ANNUAL JOHN MUIR CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, September 13 | Tickets: Foursome \$700/ Individual \$175
Registration for golfers will be at 12:30 pm - for a 1-2pm tee time.



Golf Tournament Co-Chairs, John Hunter, Ian Phillips and Alan Bain warmly invite you to join them for a special day of golf.

To register as an Individual or as a Team of 4 please call the ASF Office on [212 605 0338 x 4](tel:2126050338) or visit our website to download the entry form at: www.americanscottishfoundatoin.org/events

Registration includes: Pre-match box lunch, Golf Cart, Prizes, with good company and competitive golf!

The optional Post Event, to be paid for individually, will take place at a local restaurant. As in previous years additional guest tickets will be available.

This year Scotland is celebrating, and recognizing, 'The Year of Natural' - and a leading figure recognized within the year is that of John Muir, who is considered the "Father of American Conservation".

The John Muir Trail at Van Cortlandt Park is in need of upkeep; please help us to help maintain the Trail by taking part in this event, and, if you are able, by making an additional donation to the Trail when registering.

BANNOCKBURN LIVE

Saturday 28, Sunday 29 and Monday 30 June 2014



Next June, **Bannockburn Live** will take place, as part of the [Homecoming Scotland 2014](#) celebrations. The event will commemorate the **700th anniversary of the battle of Bannockburn**, and mark the opening of the new National Trust for Scotland state-of-the-art visitor centre at the heritage site.

Tickets for the weekend are now on sale

Adult - £20*

Concession/Child - £12.50*

Family: 2 adults & 2 children (under 14) - £55*

The King's Ticket - £75* per day (A bespoke ticket featuring exclusive entry to the Battle of Bannockburn visitor centre; designated seating at the re-enactments; a souvenir gift bag and a buffet Scottish Afternoon Tea.)

For more information & to register to receive news & updates,

www.battleofbannockburn.com

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STRENGTH, AGILITY AND TRADITION - HIGHLAND GAMES & FESTIVALS IN THE USA

August sees many Highland Games & Festivals taking place throughout the United States...



The Association of Scottish Highland Games & Festivals has a great **calendar of events** on their website: www.asgf.org

The American-Scottish Foundation will be at the [Long Island Scottish Festival at Old Westbury on August 24](#); where **our Chairman Alan L. Bain will be the Honorary Chief of the Games** - do come and cheer him, and the participants on!

We are also honored to announce that at the July meeting of **The Scottish Coalition USA**, Alan L. Bain was elected **President of the Coalition**.

Members of the Scottish Coalition USA comprise:

The American-Scottish Foundation®, The Caledonian Foundation, USA, Inc. Scottish Heritage, USA, The Living Legacy of Scotland, Inc., The Association of Scottish Games and Festivals and Scottish American Military Society.

VIEW FROM THE TRAIN - AUDIO & VIDEO GUIDES

'View from the Train' audio guides take you on a journey of discovery around Scotland...



From wherever you are in the world you can enjoy the busy central Lowlands to the wild and beautiful Highlands, the railway network links together cities, towns and villages of Scotland. You'll pass castles, forests and battlefields and travel through open glens and high mountains.

If you are planning a visit to Scotland and travelling by rail on these routes, or just simply wish to listen to the stories from afar, please visit www.snh.gov.uk/train

Videos are also available on the Scottish National Heritage's YouTube channel.

The audio guides have been developed as part of the celebrations of Scotland's Year of Natural 2013.

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September Festivals

September 5th - 8th :

Longs Peak Scottish-Irish Highland Festival -
www.scotfest.com

September 7th - 8th :

Sycamore Shoals Celtic Festival -
www.uppereasttncelticsociety.org

September 13th - 15th :

Oklahoma Scottish Festival -
www.okscotfest.com

September 14th - 15th :

Columbus Scottish Festival -
www.scottishfestival.org

September 20th - 22nd :

New Hampshire Highland Games - www.nhscot.org

September 21st :

Charleston Scottish Games and Highland Gathering -
www.charlestonscots.org

September 21st :

Ligonier Highland Games -
www.ligonierhighlandgames.org

September 27th - 28th :

St. Louis Scottish Games and Cultural Festival -
www.stlouis-scottishgames.com

September 27th - 29th :

McPherson Scottish Festival -
www.macfestival.org

September 27th - 29th :

Celtic Classic Highland Games and Festival -
www.celticfest.org

September 28th:

Dandridge Scots-Irish Festival -
www.scots-irish.org

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JOIN US FOR THE 11th ANNUAL SCOTTISH NORTH AMERICAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2013

Friday 25 - Sunday 27 October, 2013 | North Riverside, Chicago, Illinois
Presented by the Chicago Scots & American-Scottish Foundation



The Scottish North American Leadership Conference 2013 is an opportunity for the Scottish-American community to share views, values, experiences and best practices whilst sharing news and raising awareness of Scotland and Scottish culture.

Participants will hear from honored guests from the US and Scotland working with upcoming events and in government, giving an opportunity to develop a better understanding of the roles, objectives and operations of the various government, academic, non-profit and private sector organizations that operate in the Scottish North American community.

To register via mail and pay with a check, download a full invitation in PDF format at www.americanscottishfoundation.com/business

The full invitation includes reply forms for both registration and sponsorship opportunities.

11th Annual Scottish North American Leadership Conference will also discuss our **upcoming Conference in Edinburgh in 2014**; lend your voice to this important conference which will discuss the future of the Diaspora and the role it plays, how we can work better together, and maximize opportunities to greater effect.

The Year of Homecoming in 2014 will be a Year of great activity in Scotland and shared excitement for us here in the United States - from the Commonwealth Games, to Ryder Cup, Bannockburn and Stirling celebrations.

CALENDAR 2013/ 2014

- *September 13, 2013: ASF John Muir Golf Tournament, Van Courtlandt Park
- *October 25 – 27, 2013: Scottish North American Leadership Conference 2013
(Chicago)
- *December 6, 2013: Thistle & Ivy Holiday Celebration, New York
- *January 17, 2014: Burns Night Celebration
in association with the University Club, New York
- *March 2014: Annual General Meeting (date tbd)
Wallace Award Dinner (date tbd)
- *April 5, 2014: New York Tartan Day Parade
- *July 7 – 8, 2014: SAVE THE DATE: Join us at Edinburgh University for the Scottish North American Leadership Conference 2014

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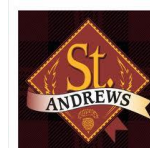


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