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# AMERICAN-SCOTTISH FOUNDATION® NEWSLETTER

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## **ABOUT THE AMERICAN-SCOTTISH FOUNDATION®**

The American-Scottish Foundation<sup>®</sup> (ASF) was founded in 1956 by Lord Malcolm Douglas-Hamilton.

Its mission remains as strong today as it was then. The ASF champions, for mutual benefit, the extraordinary and creative relationship between Scotland and the United States with an extensive program of projects and events - a bridge between the two great countries.

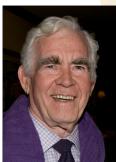
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#### WALLACE AWARD®

On Friday, November 9, 2012, The American-Scottish Foundation® will hold the Wallace Award® Gala Dinner to celebrate the work of the Foundation and to present the Wallace Award® to Sir Ian Wood, Chairman - John Wood Group PLC; Miss Duncan MacDonald, Trustee - Scottish Coalition USA; and Dr Alan L. Bain, President Emeritus - The American-Scottish Foundation®.







Sir Ian Wood, CBE

d Dr. Alan L. Bain

Our three honorees have had outstanding and distinguished careers helping Scotland and its people both philanthropically and through their various business undertakings, in both the United States and Scotland.

The Wallace Award® recognizes the outstanding achievements of Scots and Scottish Americans in securing the Scottish American relationship.

#### THE ARCHIE FOUNDATION

In addition to benefiting the work of ASF, the Wallace Award<sup>®</sup> Gala Dinner will also benefit the work of **The Archie Foundation**, whose mission is to support pediatric care and children's wards in hospitals and communities in the North of Scotland.

Archie is headquartered at the Royal Aberdeen Children's Hospital.

Sir Ian Wood has been Patron of Archie from 2000-2012. ASF is Archie's partner in the United States.

## ASF ENERGY FORUM 2013

The **ASF Energy Forum 2013** will be held on April 5, during Scotland-Tartan Week, highlighting Scotland's leading global role in this sector.



The theme for the 2013 forum will be Our Energy Future: The Power of Partnerships in America and Scotland.

ASF has partnered with the Scottish Government and Scottish Development International in the shaping of the international dialogue.

Leading speakers from business, government, academia and the media from Scotland and America will discuss issues from green investment banking, to the future of offshore wind and wave, creating smarter cities and educating the next generation of energy leaders.

For more information, and to learn how you might become involved, please contact the ASF Business Office on 212 605 0338 x4.



ASF HURRICANE SANDY RELIEF EFFORT for our American-Scottish Community

At the Friday, November 9th Wallace Award<sup>®</sup> Dinner, ASF will formally launch its **Hurricane Sandy Relief Effort** in aid of our regional American Scottish Community suffering hardship due to the storm. A portion of the evening's proceeds, a benefit for ASF in partnership with **The Archie Foundation**, will now be assigned to the ASF Sandy Relief Effort.

Members of the Archie Foundation who came over from Aberdeen to run in the NYC Marathon, which was cancelled, witnessed first hand the total devastation Sandy had caused to a Staten Island community in which they volunteered. Now, with the encouragement and support of the Archie Foundation, the relief campaign will encompass both sides of the Atlantic as our American Scottish community begins to rebuild.







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# **ASF IN 2012**

### **SCOTLAND-TARTAN WEEK 2012**

Scotland has designated 2012 the 'Year of Creative Scotland', making it fitting that the ASF host a varied mix of events which highlighted creativity, from **The Life & Legacy of Andrew Carnegie** presented in association with the Museum of American Finance to the showcasing of Scotland's freshest musical talent - **Song of Return**, winner of the Big Apple Tartan Clef Award, and highly acclaimed **Phamie Gow** at *Joe's Pub at the Public Theater* and *The Mercury Lounge*.

The Big Apple Tartan Clef Award was awarded by **Creative Scotland** and **Nordoff Robbins**, Scotland, in association with the ASF.





Song of Return, Big Apple Award winners

Phamie Gow

The ASF recognized the significance of Tartan Day with a **Tartan Day Observance** ceremony at Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza. Scottish actor **Brian Cox** joined **Gerda Stevenson** and **Mike Ogletree** in presenting the Observance Program with remarks from **Elaine Smith**, Member of the Scottish Parliament and Deputy Presiding Officer.



The National Tartan Day Observance

The week concluded with the **14th Annual Tartan Day Parade**, followed by a reception attended by **Tricia Marwick MSP**, Presiding Officer of the Scottish Parliament; **Elaine Smith MSP**; **Rt. Hon. David Mundell MP**, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Scotland; **Robin Naysmith**, Scottish Government Counsellor for North America; together with actor and Tartan Day Parade Grand Marshal **Brian Cox**, ASF members and friends.



The ASF, led by the NY Metro Pipe Band, in the 14th Annual Tartan Day Parade 2012

#### **THE LIFE & LEGACY OF ANDREW CARNEGIE**

The ASF was proud to once again join with the Museum of American Finance to present the third in the ASF '**Great Scot**' series: **The Life & Legacy of Andrew Carnegie**, in conjunction with an exhibition of Carnegie's artifacts.





Vartan Gregorian, President, Carnegie Corporation of New York, Heather L. Bain, Chairman, The American-Scottish Foundation, Inc., Anthony Marx, President, New York Public Library

Camilla Hellman, MBE (ASF), David Cowen, President, MoAF and Ms. Tricia Marwick, MSP

The evening's distinguished panel included: **Vartan Gregorian**, President, Carnegie Corporation of New York (Introduction); **Peter Krass**,

Award-winning author of *Carnegie* (Moderator); **Ellen Condliffe Lagemann**, Levy Institute Research Professor, Bard College; **Martyn Evans**, Chief Executive, Carnegie UK Trust; **Anthony Marx**, President, New York Public Library.

The much enjoyed evening shone a light on Carnegie's love of Scotland and explored his involvement and impact in areas such as Philanthropy, Business, Education and Finance.

We would also like to thank the **Scottish Government** and **Scottish Development International** for helping to make the event possible.

**THE LIFE & LEGACY OF ANDREW CARNEGIE** display at the Museum of American Finance ran through October 2012.



#### WELCOMING ASF'S NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Heather L. Bain, Chairman, ASF, recently welcomed Olivia Sanson, M. Douglas Dunn and Robert W. Thompson to the Board of Directors of the Foundation.

**Norman Barnes** has retired as Treasurer but remains on the Board. The Foundation is very grateful for his many years of service and support. **Robert W. Thompson** has been appointed Treasurer.

For individual and corporate membership information visit www.americanscottishfoundation.com/membership

Annual General Meeting: March 6, 2013



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#### JUBILEE CELEBRATION

The ASF partnered with Jones Wood Foundry in presenting a Jubilee Celebration on June 3: NYC's answer to the Big Lunch Celebration! The event was held in honor of Her Maiestv the Queen's Diamond Jubilee - celebrating 60 years on the throne.





Jason Hicks with Camilla Hellman and friends

Saffron and the Hicks brothers

The day included a Jubilee Raffle (with outstanding restaurant packages), The Kilted Juggler, and live music from bands Stand Up and Gent Treadly Backwards, and of course the De-bearding of Behroush - the most unique charity experience of the Jubilee!

Monies raised benefited Nordoff-Robbins Music Therapy Scotland, The Archie Foundation and New York City Parks Community Garden Projects.

#### **15TH ANNUAL ASF JOHN MUIR GOLF TOURNAMENT**





John Hunter at Van Cortlandt

Ian Phillips and team mates

On June 8, the 15th Annual ASF John Muir Golf Tournament brought out the competitive spirit in our golfers, who enjoyed a challenging day on the Van Cortlandt Park Golf Course.

Funds raised help finance summer internships. In addition, this year's special goal is to buy a TORO Terrain vehicle for the Park. To help us meet the goal or to become involved, please call.

#### DISNEY-PIXAR'S 'BRAVE' AND THE ASF



The American-Scottish Foundation® is pleased to advise that we are continuing to work with Disney Pixar on a national outreach to the Scottish American community.

The focus of our efforts in the coming months is the Animation / Comedy / Adventure feature BRAVE which is available on Blu-ray Combo Pack and HD Digital on November 13, 2012. The studio is as excited to be working with our community as we did for the theatrical release.

For further information, email us at asfevents@wwbcny.com or phone.

#### ASF SUPPORTS FRESH SCOTTISH MUSICAL TALENT

The 'Year of Creative Scotland' saw ASF host Song of Return, winners of the Big Apple Tartan Clef Award, and harpist/composer Phamie Gow as they played two wonderfully received gigs during Scotland-Tartan Week 2012.

Phamie recently performed at the Edinburgh Military Tattoo at Edinburgh Castle, having just released her seventh album, and is currently in New York compiling her next album.

Through the Foundation's program we have given support to many artists over the years and were delighted to learn recently that Maureen McMullan has been appointed Artist-in-Residence and Music Archivist for The National Trust of Scotland, USA. Maureen will be entertaining us at the Wallace Award® Gala Dinner and our Burns Night Celebration.

Performing with Maureen will be Atlantic Seaway, a collective of young traditional American and Scottish musicians, students of the Berklee College of Music in Boston, and a program developed with the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Dance in Glasgow and Strathclyde University in Glasgow. Atlantic Seaway go from strength to strength and ASF are proud to help them with Bursary support.



Laura McGhee

As a bridge with Scotland, we hear from many young emerging talents and Scottish singer/songwriter/fiddler Laura McGhee has been one whose fresh style and talent is taking her from strength to strength. In 2010 Laura led the ASF up 6th Avenue in the Tartan Day Parade. Currently she is based in Nashville and beginning recording an album dedicated solely to Robert Burns with legendary producer John Carter Cash.

We would also like to give our congratulations to Glasgow duo, Raintown, who won two awards at this year's 'Scottish New Music Awards': 'Folk/Traditional Recording of the Year' & 'Record of the Year'; we are hoping they will be over here again soon.



And as we approach Burns Night we must also thank Mike Ogletree - he is the true New York Burns Bard to us - and give a special thank you to Whisky Kiss. Their performances in Scotland Tartan Week 2011 and the dance-off with the Brooklyn Break Dancers and Scottish Highland Dance Champions was amazing.

Save the date for the Tartan Day Parade - Saturday April 6th 2013 mark your calendars, join us and march!











#### **UPCOMING EVENTS 2013:**

# 18th ANNUAL BURNS NIGHT GALA CELEBRATION AT THE UNIVERSITY CLUB, NYC ON JANUARY 18, 2013

The **Burns Supper** celebrates, in words and music, the immortal memory of Robert Burns and Scotland's heritage.



One of the evening's features is "Piping in The Haggis". With full fanfare, the piper announces the arrival of the haggis, leading a procession of the chef, orator, and whisky bearers. The chef presents the haggis on its grand platter, and the orator recites Burns' epic poem "Address to a Haggis". Kenneth C. Donnelly has kindly offered to be our orator in 2013.

The evening will begin with a Reception, and Whisky Tasting of Bowmore and Glen Garioch Single Malts, presented by **David McNicoll**, Brand Ambassador for Fine Whiskies at **Campari**, and will include musical entertainment from Pipe Major **Andy Hamilton** of the **New York Metro Pipe Band**, vocalist **Maureen McMullen** and **Atlantic Seaway**; in addition to two terrific raffles with exciting prizes, Scottish Country Dancing and lots of good company!

#### ASF WORKS TO CULTIVATE ITS UNDER-35 MEMBERSHIP

In the summer of 2012, a Young Professionals Committee was established to give focus to the Under-35 membership demographic of the ASF; an important group to secure vibrancy within the organisation, and to play a role in the future of ASF.

The committee has been working to create events tailored to Under-35s. ASF Monthly Mixers have been taking





place the first Tuesday of each month since August in NYC. These events offer an opportunity for attendees to mingle with Scots, American-Scots, and Scots enthusiasts in a relaxed setting.

ASF is delighted to report that it has seen its Under-35 membership base grow, and hopes to welcome even more younger members to the Foundation in the coming years.

Annual Memberships for Under-35s are available to buy via Paypal at www.americanscottishfoundation.org at just \$50.

#### ASF PARTNERS WITH NATIONAL PARK SERVICE FOR EXHIBITION OF PHOTOGRAPHS AT FEDERAL HALL, NYC

ASF is hosting an exhibition of **John Muir** photographs by renowned Scottish photographer **Ken Paterson**, which will be mounted in conjunction with the **National Park Service** at Federal Hall, Wall Street, New York City from April 2 - 30, 2013. The exhibit is part of Scotland-Tartan Week 2013, falls within the **Year of Natural Scotland**, and is also in celebration of the 175th Anniversary of the birth of John Muir on April 21 and Earth Day on April 22, 2013.



On Monday, April 8 a talk on John Muir and the National Park Service will take place, followed by a reception. The Exhibition of Ken Paterson's photography will also be on display.

**John Muir** (April 21, 1838 – December 24, 1914) was a Scottish-born (Dunbar, East Lothian) American naturalist, author, and early advocate of preservation of wilderness in the United States. He is today referred to as the "Father of the National Parks".

November 19	ASF Curry Club Night - Jones Wood Foundry
January 18	18th Annual Burns Night Celebration
March 6	ASF Annual General Meeting
April 5	ASF Energy Forum 2013
April 6	New York Tartan Day Parade
April 8	John Muir - Influence on the National Parks of the US & Scotland - Discussion & Reception - Federal Hall, Wall Street, NYC
April 2-28	Muir from Dunbar to Yosemite - Exhibition of Scottish photographer Ken Paterson's views of John Muir's influences - Federal Hall, Wall Street, NYC

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