

THE AMERICAN-SCOTTISH FOUNDATION®

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In 2011, The American-Scottish Foundation® will reach an important milestone with the celebration of its 55th Anniversary.

The mission of the Foundation remains as it was when founded by Lord Malcolm Douglas-Hamilton in 1956: to act as a bridge between the United States and Scotland, dedicated to bringing the two countries closer together and helping to foster and develop closer cultural, educational and business ties between them.

The Foundation continues to focus its programming efforts on certain strategic areas, reinforcing the philanthropic and business links on which its relationships are based.

Global Partners Junior

Connecting students around the world!



Six Scottish schools to participate in the Global Partners Junior Program 2010-2011

The American-Scottish Foundation® is proud to advise that six of the twenty six international schools taking part in the 2010-2011 Global Partners Junior program are through the ASF Scottish link-up. No schools from Scotland had been part of the program before the ASF involvement. From October to



June, students post and read messages to one another, share media projects & video greetings and research facts about their communities. This year the topic is "Living Cities". The award winning

program generates global awareness and develops practical technology skills, linking children from around the globe with students in New York City schools. The children are from 9 to 12 years old. Lori Ramsay, Director of the ASF's Scottish Education Partnership, based in Glasgow, oversees the ASF portion of the project, working with the Global Youth office in New York. Already trips are being planned by two of the classes to meet their counterparts in New York this coming Spring, with the chance of joining the 2011 Tartan Day Parade.

ASF's philanthropic bridge between the United States and Scotland

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The ASF is working with the Scottish Community Foundation to create a philanthropic bridge between Scotland and North

America, giving the American-Scottish community in the United States a way to support projects affecting communities to which they have a connection. The SCF believes in micro giving for macro effect.



Such community projects include the *Toy Library* in Edinburgh offering parents an alternative to buying toys for their children, which is becoming a meeting place for families of all nationalities. The *Rag Tag 'n' Textile* in Kyle of Lochalsh creates clothes and accessories from unwanted fabric, providing its staff, many of whom are recovering from mental health issues, with a chance to rebuild confidence and rejoin the workforce. *(continued on back page)*

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THE 55TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASF

The American-Scottish Foundation® is the pre-eminent, national, US-based not-for-profit Scottish American membership organization whose mission is dedicated to strengthening ties between individuals, institutions and businesses of Scotland and the United States through the pursuit of contemporary social, cultural, educational, philanthropic, scientific and economic interests and activities.

The American-Scottish Foundation® champions the extraordinary and creative relationship between the US and Scotland. Established by Lord Malcolm Douglas-Hamilton, the Foundation will celebrate its 55th Anniversary in 2011.

A LOOK BACK AT 2010

As we enter the last weeks of 2010 we take a look back at a selection of activity from a year which has seen us introduce and support many new initiatives as well as undertake a busy schedule both in the United States and Scotland.

The American-Scottish Foundation® Bursary and Education programs further the founder's belief in the importance of empowering children's senses of discovery; helping stimulate, enable and motivate young students.



Among projects undertaken in 2010 was support of Brooklyn dance students, **Dancewave**, helping them achieve their ambition to perform at the Aberdeen International Youth Festival. As festival participants, the Dancewave Company performed at multiple cultural venues over a 10-day period and attended workshop and collaboration sessions with their fellow companies. For sixteen hardworking New York City teens, this was the experience of a lifetime.

The ASF sponsored West Bronx school **PS31** to represent Scotland and the UK in the Mayor's Rugby Cup 600-plus player program organized by PlayRugby USA. The team played well to achieve a place in the semi-final against Brazil.

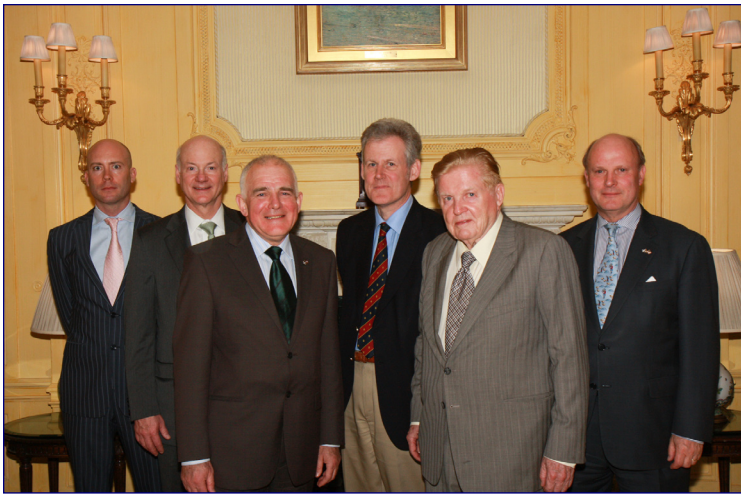


From the Borders of Scotland to New York's Tartan Day Parade - **Hawick High School's** highly successful creative fashion course made its mark on a global stage, as nineteen students learned about the world of fashion in New York and took part in New York's Tartan Day Parade on April 10, 2010. They participated in the 12th Annual Tartan Day Parade in outfits they designed and made themselves.

The course is the only one of its kind in Scotland and has received ongoing recognition since it was launched six years ago. It takes senior pupils every year from all academic abilities and encourages creativity, self confidence and self esteem. These students' enthusiasm and awareness of the unique experience they had reflects exactly what the ASF Bursary and Education program intends to bring into the lives of those connected to it.

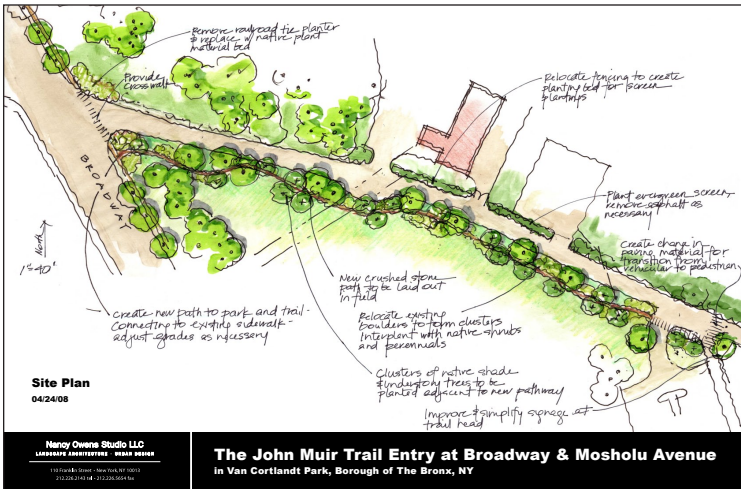


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The Foundation undertakes various business forums each year. In April, during Tartan Week, **“Adam Smith, The Invisible Hand” Business Forum** was held in association with the Financial Times.

Panelists included Jim Mather, MSP, Scottish Minister, Enterprise, Energy & Tourism; Dr. Eamonn Butler, Director, Adam Smith Institute, London; Professor Robert Mundell, Professor Economics, Columbia University, NY; and William T. Nolan, President, Devonshire Holdings.



The ASF continues its support of the New York City Parks, working with them on several projects including the **John Muir Nature Trail at Van Cortlandt Park**, which the ASF was instrumental in creating in 1997. The drawing above illustrates some of the expansion plans for the Trail.

In June, the **13th Annual John Muir Golf Tournament** was hosted by the ASF in association with the Van Cortlandt Park Conservancy, KEA and NYC Department of Parks & Recreation to help towards the ongoing upkeep of the 1.7 mile Trail: the first east-west connecting trail in the park.

Sixty five golfers enjoyed a great day of challenging golf, followed by an awards barbeque sponsored by KEA and The Commonwealth Bank of Australia.

The Grange, Alexander Hamilton’s home, has been moved by the National Parks Service to St. Nicholas Park. A major renovation of what is now designated a National Monument, the Grange is newly located in land which was once part of Hamilton’s original estate.

Hamilton named his home after the Grange in Stevenson, Scotland, the Hamilton’s family seat since the 16th century.



The ASF has been working with the American Friends of the Georgian Group to help create and fund Scottish-inspired plantings that will now be a part of the landscaping. The inset drawing below by John Kinnear AIA is based upon writings from Alexander Hamilton’s diary in which he draws this 18-foot flowerbed and plants to be in it.

To date, events have taken place at Federal Hall and the Penn Club in support of this initiative.





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The preservation of the *North Ronaldsay Lighthouse* - with the only working fog horn in Scotland - is being undertaken, together with the building of a mill to process wool from the unique breed of seaweed-eating sheep found on this remote Orkney Island. The aim of the SCF is to preserve and restore the heritage of this island community.

This international philanthropic partnership expands upon the strong community programming that the ASF already has in place, both in Scotland and the United States, and which represents a core element of the Foundation's work.



Throughout the year there are events and activities - from **Burns Night** in January, to **Tartan Week** events in April, the **John Muir Golf Tournament** in June, informational lectures and receptions - offering many ways to help support the work of The American-Scottish Foundation®.



Grand Marshal of the New York City Tartan Day Parade



YET TO COME IN 2010...

Saturday, November 6, 2010
JOHN MUIR NATURE TRAIL
PICNIC & HIKE
 Van Cortlandt Park, Bronx, NY




Scottish FALL Ball
 Saturday, November 6, 2010
 Saint Jean Baptiste Hall




ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
 December 15, 2010
 6:00 pm AGM - Members only
 6:45 pm Reception - Members & Guests

Scotland House®
 575 Madison Ave.
 New York

AND SAVE THESE DATES IN 2011...

BURNS NIGHT DINNER
 January 21, 2011




A Spotlight on the Life and Work of
ALEXANDER HAMILTON
An Exhibit at the Museum of American Finance
 April 3-10, 2011 • Reception and Talk: April 5, 2011





NATIONAL TARTAN DAY PARADE
 APRIL 9, 2011

14th Annual
John Muir Charity
GOLF TOURNAMENT



Friday June 3, 2011
 Van Cortlandt Golf Course

