



AWCCS Newsletter

American Women's Club of Central Scotland



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Thank you!

Susannah Stout, Newsletter Editor

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*Remember to check the website for the latest updates: www.awccs.org
You will need to register in order to log in to the Members Only Section.*

*If you've got a favourite activity and would like others to join, please let
Nancy Lynner know at president@awccs.org and we will start
a Special Interest Group for you.*

April 2015
AWCCS President's Letter

Dear Members

Here are some upcoming events to consider:

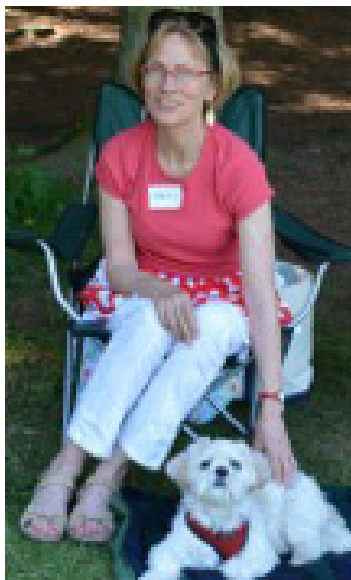
The evening of **Thursday April 16th** there is a potluck (Italian themed) at Dale Finlayson's and the agenda includes: a report from Amanda Drollinger on the FAWCO conference in Rome, Italy, and the launch of the AWCCS online auction programme Joyce Halsan will explain.

I don't know the exact times—check for the official notice within the newsletter and website—but it's an evening event. Bring a covered dish or salad, and come join us. A potluck is such an American social event, and we are always lucky when a member opens her home to us. **Tell**

Amanda you are coming, and get exact address of our hostess, with an RSVP to FAWCO@awccs.org.

Our weekday morning events are not easy for some of you to attend, and so we offer events at a variety of hours. The March event was a morning at the National Library of Scotland and it was so interesting! We had two curators take us through the Rebel Yell! exhibit about the US Civil War. The curators spoke with care and

authority, and we were spell-bound. They have offered to do a meeting for us using their US Revolutionary War collection, and I am hoping this could be on a weekend or evening, perhaps next fall. Our Coffee Plus Morning in February was a chance for two women to come for the first time to an AWCCS meeting, to give us a try. They both shared their own stories with us, and then we trekked up to the National Portrait Gallery's special exhibit. One of the newcomers is actually Scottish, living in Dubai, and she's



'home' to help a family member. (A woman needn't be an American to join the club. Just having an affiliation and a desire is enough—we're allowed to have a certain percentage of members who are not citizens of North American countries.) Another newcomer who came to Coffee Plus will be here for 1.5 years with her husband and two sons. The Coffee

Mornings are frequently the first event that a prospective member attends.

On **Friday May 15th** there is the Queen Margaret University Costume Showcase at the Pleasance Theatre at 7:15. This is a student led annual show of the work they've done throughout the past year. Historical, theatrical, whimsical—all these styles are on view. There will be an exhibit showing

the processes of design and production, and there is a choreographed fashion show. (And a bar will be available.) You'll need to go to the www.eventbrite.com website and book your own ticket. It's only 10.00, and 8.00 concession. Email me if you have questions.

There might be a few other events that will be announced using the Email Mid Month Reminders that our Membership chair, Josy, sends out. Keep looking.

Happiness—we can unlock more happiness in our lives by doing social activities with people we like. Getting involved is another key.

Come join the next meeting that fits into your schedule. And put the **AGM** in your diary—it will be the evening of **Tuesday June 2nd at the US Consulate Edinburgh, 6:30 – 8:00 PM**. Increase your happiness!

Nancy Lynner, President



We are finally open!

*Californian Chef & AWCCS Member,
Annette Sprague, has opened Redwood
Bistro, a family friendly restaurant in
Corstorphine.*

*We are taking bookings for Thanksgiving,
Christmas lunch & dinner as well as
Hogmany.*



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AWCCS April Meeting

International Fawco Conference Presentation and Italian food themed Potluck Dinner

Thursday, 16th April, 6:30 p.m.

Home of Dale Finlayson, Edinburgh

Dale Finlayson has kindly offered to host our post FAWCO Conference Presentation at her home, along with an Italian themed potluck dinner on Thursday, April 16th.

The AWCCS is proud to announce that [Amanda Drollinger](#), our FAWCO representative and host to our UK and Ireland Regional Conference held in Edinburgh in September 2014, received the FAWCO Representative Appreciation Award at the International Conference in Rome in March 2015! Amanda will give a presentation about the key issues that concern and affect overseas Americans as discussed at the conference.

More details about the Potluck dinner requirements and location via AWCCS email.

Please rsvp to Amanda Drollinger at fawcorep@awccs.org
or Nancy Lynner at president@awccs.org
or Dale Finlayson at ebookam@awccs.org

AWCCS Member Announcements

Welcome to our new members!

Rachel Brubaker (in Linlithgow) from Philadelphia/Chester County, Pennsylvania
Tamara Maple (in Edinburgh) from Chicago, Illinois
Rachel Brubaker (in Linlithgow) from Philadelphia/Chester County Pennsylvania
Yvonne Willcocks (in Dunfermline) from The Hague

We look forward to meeting you at our upcoming events!

April Birthdays: Have fantastic Birthday, gals!

Julie McElroy	16th
Suzanne Green	19th
Susannah Stout	28th
Lise Tole	29th

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AWCCS Meet Scottish Colourists

Artist and art tutor **Susan Forsyth** gives an up close and personal introduction to the Scottish Colourists at Kirkcaldy Art Gallery at our February visit. AWCCS members and friends were (almost all) inspired to pick up paintbrushes!

Beginning with her interpretation of Peploe's beach painting of the white sands of Iona, Susan demonstrated how line, form and colour are distinctive qualities of the Scottish Colourists paintings. The Colourists painting styles evolved, and were influenced by other artists in their circle of friends: Manet, Impressionists, Cezanne, Picasso.

Our Scottish Colourists visit was organised by AWCCS member **Ellen Colingsworth**, Co-Director of Wild at Art, who explains, "We want to share our passion for Scottish artists and to organise the best creative experiences for visitors to Scotland & local residents. Seeing everyone's keen interest in what Susan was demonstrating, I think we achieved this!"

"I love Susan's tutoring style and her expertise. At the end of the tour, each person stood in front of their favourite painting. It was really thrilling for me to see how each person absorbed the full experience and actually become passionate about their choice."

Wild at Art vacations Wild at Art vacation packages combine the best in art tutoring, accommodation, cuisine and social programme in Scotland. Art experiences for the skilled and beginners to develop their artistic abilities while holidaying in Scotland. This year's season includes painting, jewellery making, mosaic making and stone carving in stunning Scottish locations.



Susan Forsyth

News from American Citizens Abroad

- Dale Finlayson

IRS Unleashes Global FATCA Data Exchange

The IRS has launched the International Data Exchange Service (IDES), where financial institutions and host country tax authorities can send their information reports on financial accounts held by US persons to the IRS. To date over 145,000 financial institutions have registered through the IRS FATCA Registration System. The US has more than 110 intergovernmental agreements (IGAs) with country authorities, either signed or agreed in substance.

Under FATCA, Foreign Financial Institutions (FFIs) must report account numbers, balances, names, addresses, and US identification numbers. For US owned foreign entities, they must report the name, address, and US TIN of each substantial US owner.

Be Accurate in Filing Your FATCA Form 8938

In 2015 the IRS will be in a position for the first time to match the reporting from FFIs with your reporting on Form 8938, which is attached to your Form 1040. Tax year 2014 marks the first year in which the IRS will receive, directly or through a local tax authority, from foreign financial institutions (FFIs, e.g. banks) financial information about American clients. FFIs in most

jurisdictions will begin sending information – batched and electronically – beginning September 30, 2015. For tax year 2014, the information, in a normal situation, includes: name, address, Social Security Number, account number, account balance or value. This information will expand in tax year 2016 to include revenue earned on that account (dividends and interest), and in 2017 to include capital gains realized.

As a tax filer you may need to complete Form 8938 if your assets meet the thresholds for reporting, as well as Form 114 (FBAR), stating the maximum value in your accounts with FFIs. Other information may also be required by Form 8938.

To avoid issues of inaccuracy, it will be very helpful for you to receive from your FFI a statement detailing the information sent by it to the IRS, so that the information reported by you matches that reported by the FFI, in particular since translating foreign currencies into U.S. dollars depends on the exchange rate used. This matching will be even more important in future years as income and capital gains are reported.

An FFI reporting to the IRS under the FATCA rules should provide the recipient of the interest or dividends with a Form 1099 (there are different types of Form 1099 but they will all say “1099”). In lieu of an official Form 1099, the FFI can substitute its own form, but it must contain

the information that would be put in a Form 1099. This is a new procedure and FFIs may not be familiar with the very detailed rules applicable to US tax information reporting. American taxpayers, especially those residing abroad, might wish to check with their FFI. They should ask if they will receive a Form 1099 or a version substituted by the FFI. Also, when they can expect to receive this information, so as to be able accurately to file their US tax forms or give information to a return preparer. At the same time, they can obtain, for purposes of filing their FBAR, as to any account, the highest balance in the account during calendar 2014.

New update on FBAR e-filing

FBAR reports must be received by 30 June each year. For details, see <http://americansabroad.org/issues/fbar/fbar-e-filing/>

Individual filers can file their FBAR, now known as Form 114, online at: <http://bsaefiling.fincen.treas.gov/NoRegFBARFiler.html>

If, as a private individual, you don't want to or can't register with the system in order to file the FBAR electronically as is now required, you can authorize someone else, for example your tax adviser or your spouse, to do it for you. This is done by filling out form 114a, either as a pdf fillable form, or by hand on a printed copy. Form 114a is not a reporting document; it's just an authorization for someone else to report for you. Form 114a is available at:

www.fincen.gov/forms/files/FBARE-File-Auth114aRecordSP.pdf

New IRS Streamlined Procedure for tax compliance

The IRS has listened to ACA, the Taxpayer Advocate, and tax professionals and included our suggestions and recommendations in their new Streamlined Foreign Offshore Procedures program (SFOP). The program emphasizes simplicity over complexity and allows individuals to come into compliance without being subject to typical tax penalties (failure-to-file, failure-to-pay, accuracy-related, etc.). This is a great step forward and shows that the IRS is aware that the community of Americans overseas are not criminal tax evaders.

Washington is pushing ahead with tax reform and wants to hear from you

In meetings with legislators last month, ACA learned that Washington is working on tax reform. The most recent news is the announcement by the Senate Finance Committee that it has created five working groups for tax reform that are ready to accept input and suggestions from groups and individuals. ACA will formally submit its Residence-based taxation (RBT) proposal to the Committee – but individuals also have the opportunity to be heard directly.

The most important way to influence Washington is to submit your individual thoughts on tax reform. Congress is sensitive to public opinion and reception of multiple submissions on the taxation of Americans abroad will impact their reform efforts. Form letters and templates may seem an easy way to communicate with Washington but these offices want

to know they are hearing from individuals with specific, personal issues and suggestions. Take a few minutes and submit your own personal message.

ACA suggests that you highlight the specific difficulties you face with the current citizenship-based taxation policy. You may want to highlight issues such as cost and time involved for compliance, including tax preparer, complexity of filing and uncertainty on how to file, instances of double taxation, penalization caused by US taxation of foreign pension funds, foreign exchange risk, and fiscal burden related to filing taxes with the US dollar as the functional currency when income and expenses are in another currency, difficulties with access to foreign banking due to FATCA.

Provide Washington with your ideas of tax reform and if you support the idea of residence-based taxation (RBT), you can reference ACA's proposal here: [rbt-and-tax-reform-feb-2015-final.pdf](#)

Submit your comments both to the Individual income tax working group at individual@finance.senate.gov and to the international tax working group at international@finance.senate.gov.

ACA recommends that you keep your submissions to a minimum – one page, not longer than two. The submissions must be filed by 15 April 2015. Requirements for submission can be found at <http://www.finance.senate.gov/newsroom/chairman/release/?id=3bcf1fcf-9dd8-47d4-9202-21a0870cd8d6>

One suggestion that has been made – as an interim solution to ACA's proposal for residence-based taxation – is to change the definition of a US person in section 7701(a)(30) of the federal tax code to state that if a US person meets the bona fide residence test or physical presence test for two or three consecutive tax years, s/he would no longer be considered a US person for federal income tax and reporting purposes. Such a change should not need legislative action and would provide a lot of overseas Americans with tremendous relief – a suggestion you might consider supporting.

While the chances of getting all of the changes that expats are looking for are slim, this should not be a reason to abstain from writing to the Senate or contacting the office of your Representative. U.S. expat issues are on the radar screen in Washington; there are allies in Congress; and if tax reform is done without considering international issues, it will likely be many years until the issues are addressed again.



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Online Auction!

At our last Board meeting, we brainstormed how to raise more funds for our collective charities: the US Consulate, the Edinburgh Women's Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre, and FAWCO. We decided to try an online auction. Nothing ventured, nothing gained, right?!

The auction is set to go live on our American Women's Club website in April (thank you Joyce!). Before this, we need your help with collecting auction items –nearly new treasures from your home, donations from local businesses, services (dinner prepared for a party of 6, window cleaning, home organization, etc.) You name it, we'll consider it! We think this will be a lot of fun and hopefully you do too. So if you have an item or service that you would like to donate, please email either myself, charity@awccs.org or Joyce at treasurer@awccs.org with a picture and description.

We would also like to include more live raffles at our club events so keep an eye out for that in the future. And as always, if you have an idea that you would like to share, please feel free to send it my way or come along to one of the Board meetings and tell us in person!

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New Advertising chairperson needed for AWCCS

There is a fairly easy board post available, and joining the board is a terrific experience. This post is called Advertising Chair. By managing the ads for the 9 issues of the newsletter we bring in some money to help support the club. I began on the board in this post in 2009, and have held it ever since, even while I have been Vice President and President.

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Part Three: Flying from France to Seattle with our Toy Poodle--

Joyce Halsan

The last bit of information I wanted to pass along was the airline details for traveling with your pet to the States. Just to remind you, the airlines in the UK won't allow you to take your pet in the cabin with you on any flights in or out of the UK. So we chose to travel by land and Chunnel over to France because you can fly out of France (and other European countries) with your pet in the cabin.

The Flight

We chose to use Air France, which allies with Delta and KLM. Our flight was Air France going and Delta returning. Each airline has specific requirements for size and weight. The size of the carryall must meet certain specifications. They will weigh them both together. Air France says 6 kg is the limit for both but Delta said 16 pounds, so that meant Minnie could gain some weight on our holiday. Our kennel plus dog turned out to be 6.2 kg, but Air France let that go. We could have made it a bit lighter by just taking off the extra strap, but didn't need to. Bottom line, check the airline and compare their requirements

We had to make reservations with Air France for the dog to travel round trip. Apparently they limit the number of animals per flight, so you must get your request in early. At the time we booked, six months in advance, you could not book through the Internet. We appreciated speaking to a person because we had so many questions. We couldn't book our flight until we received permission for the dog to go on the same flight, and this took about 3 days to come through. We booked a non-stop flight from France to Seattle return, so we wouldn't have to stop in the Midwest in winter.

You will have to pay an excess baggage charge to take the dog in the cabin. It was €200 in France on the way over, and \$200 to come back from Seattle (included all flights in the price) Get to the airport early (3 hours for overseas flights), you might get someone who doesn't know what to do with the dog and may take a bit longer to go through Security with the dog.

cancelled all of the non-stop flights to Seattle from Paris. One connection had 1 1/2 hours to make the transfer and the connection back gave us 45 minutes. Looked impossible to me, but they insisted it was do-able.

Long story short, we made each connection with the help of wheelchair service, running and a pilot who made up 15 minutes of the time on our 45 minute transfer (which left 45 minutes late) and a brilliant crew who ran with us and held our seats on the next plane.

Whew!

On the flight leaving Paris, they gave us the four middle seats for only the two of Minnie and us. We could spread ourselves out and they even let Minnie come out of the cage and



sleep in between us when we weren't eating. I took her to the WC mid-way along with her pee pads, but she wasn't interested in using it. We were told not to feed her before the flight (or during) and to just give her sips of water along the way, so she could keep hydrated, and apparently that's all she needed.

She was very contented and slept and cuddled the whole way. Must have been the engines and movement.

Some important notes:

- Don't feed her before you fly and give sips of water along the way.
- Carry pee pads for emergencies.
- Label the carryall with her information, a picture of her and your information. Put LIVE ANIMAL on it in plain sight.
- Take the animal out of the carryall going through security checks. The carryall will go through X-rays but not her. If it is a foreign country even though you have a huge sign saying LIVE ANIMAL, they may not know what that means and they won't tell you to take her out.

- Remove any metal on her when she goes through as you carry her.
- Carry a replacement collar in case the one you are using is broken (or eaten in our case).
- The rules are to keep her in the carryall in the airport and plane at all times; you can break the rules by being quiet and polite and returning her when asked.

Coming Home:

Before returning, dogs need to have a tapeworm medicine up to five days before entering the UK and a vet must do this. The vet must sign the animal passport and record the date and time using the European date and time format. Very important. Also, make sure it is put in the proper page in the passport. Our dog had a slight reaction to the worming, so we were glad we did it three days in advance.

Also, although the UK doesn't require it, the US airports want to see a medical certificate



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that insures that the animal is fit to fly, so get that from your vet while you are there. Our vet was super to research that for us because we didn't find anything that told us that we needed that in the US before we did the trip. The vet wasn't as expensive as

we were led to believe, just an office visit, \$15 for the worm medicine and \$30 for the medical certificate.

We had Barry from pets move (www.pet-moves.com) pick us up in France and take us through passport control, he made it so easy for us, and the passport had all the right information so they passed us right through. He got us to the train on time, a brilliant driver and lots of fun to talk to as well.

A little side note...we did all this with as little stress as possible. I wanted Bill to be with his family to celebrate his 85th birthday in Seattle; he is a super traveler and loved having his dog with him.



Another side note from Caroline Puck Graves, one of our members:

"I loved the how-to on traveling back to Seattle. I wish Jamie and I had known about the service for getting through the Chunnel! We ended up with me getting off the plane in Paris, hiring a car and driving to Calais and him flying through to the UK and hiring a car before coming back through the Chunnel to get us. The service would've been much easier.

"Carrying full vet docs and photos saved us though. My US vet missed the last three digits of Mina and Della's microchips. Because we had all documents they were able to get us a walk in appt at a Calais vet to draw up new, adorable-r EU passports. We still got on a train earlier than booked. Whew."

So this is our experience, Minnie learned some new tricks while we were there and we did too with this experience. I'll definitely do it again, but only if we have five or six weeks to be gone, and probably in the summer.

Thanks for coming along on our trip with us, send any of your comments or further suggestions along and we will print them too. If you have an experience you think someone in the club could benefit from, please consider sending an article or two to our Newsletter Editor so we can all share in what you learned.

Have you visited our Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/American-Womens-Club-of-Central-Scotland-AWCCS/191316999039>)? Comments there are very welcome and timely.

Cheers,

Joyce

Edinburgh Morning Book Group

Friday, 17 April 2015, 10:15am

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***The Broken Road: From the Iron Gates to Mount Athos
by Patrick Leigh Fermor***

The third volume depicting Leigh Fermor's youthful trek across Europe in the late 1930s, in the shadow of the coming world war, as recollected many years later. This volume was completed from his notes, after his death, by Bruce Chatwin and Leigh Fermor's biographer Artemis Cooper but continues into Eastern Europe Leigh Fermor's beautiful and graphic descriptions of the people and places he visits.

For 15 May we will read Ron Butlin's Ghost Moon.

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Books, Beverages and Banter, Glasgow

Recommended this month, to add to or replace our Books/Banter gathering is an event recommended by our Glasgow member **Suzie St.Denis**, who is singing in the Kirkintilloch Ladies Choir (for the first time!) and has invited us to come to the concert on **Saturday 18th April. at 7:45 p.m.** just north of Glasgow in Kirkintilloch, which can be approached from Glasgow via the Queen Street train station or by car.

Please get in touch with Suzie who needs to place an order for the tickets at msusan448@aol.com



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Birthday Bash



Birthday Bash? Not this month.

There is no Birthday Bash for April 2015—Instead, there is a potluck at the home of Dale Finlayson on the 3rd Thursday of April. (April 16th)

Look within the newsletter for information about this unique event.

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Theatre Night for American Women's Club of Central Scotland

The award-winning National Theatre production of

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time

Date: Tuesday 28th April (opening night)

Curtain Time: 7:30 PM

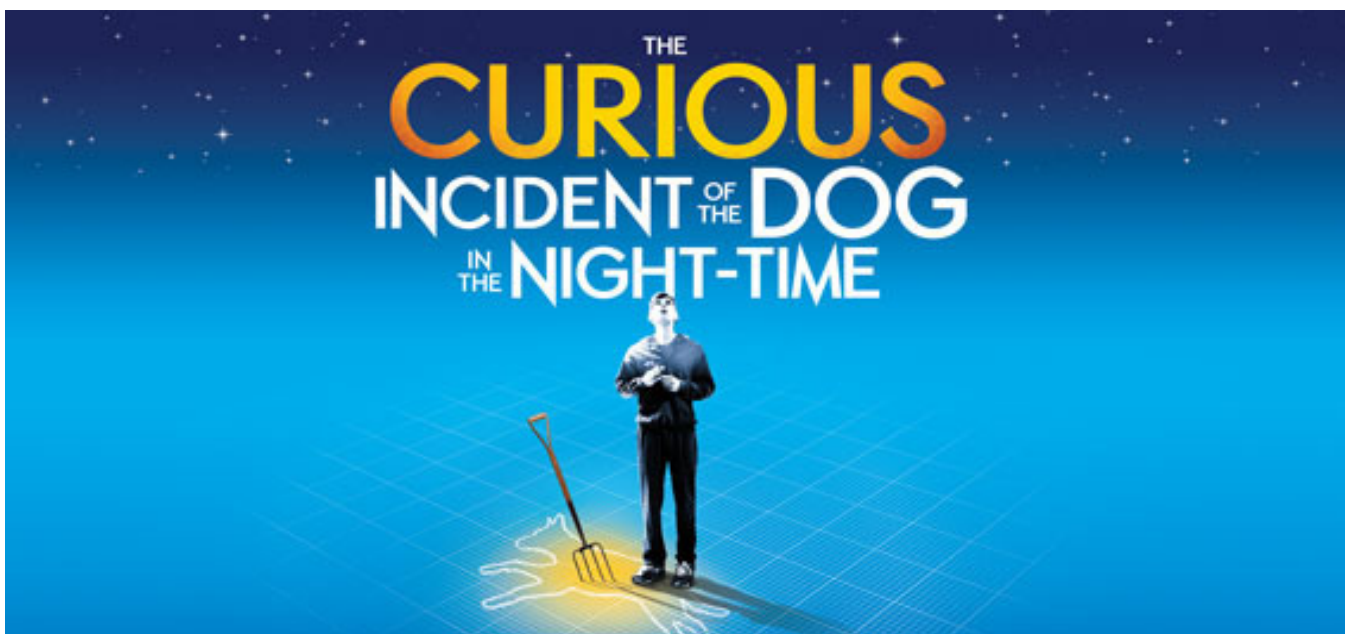
(7:20 PM meet Nancy in lobby of Festival Theatre)

Tickets = £30.00, due to Nancy by Friday 27th February

There are only 10 tickets in this group booking, so sign up now!

Our seats are in Row L, stalls.

RSVP president@awccs.org asap



<http://www.edtheatres.com/curiousincident>

Coffee Plus Edinburgh

Date: Wednesday, 29 April 2015

Venue: National Museum of Scotland

Time: 10am

We will meet first in the Balcony Café of the museum for coffee and a delicious cake or scone. Then a visit to "Fully Fashioned", the (free) exhibit celebrating 200 years of fashion at Pringle, one of the first luxury knitwear manufacturers in the world.

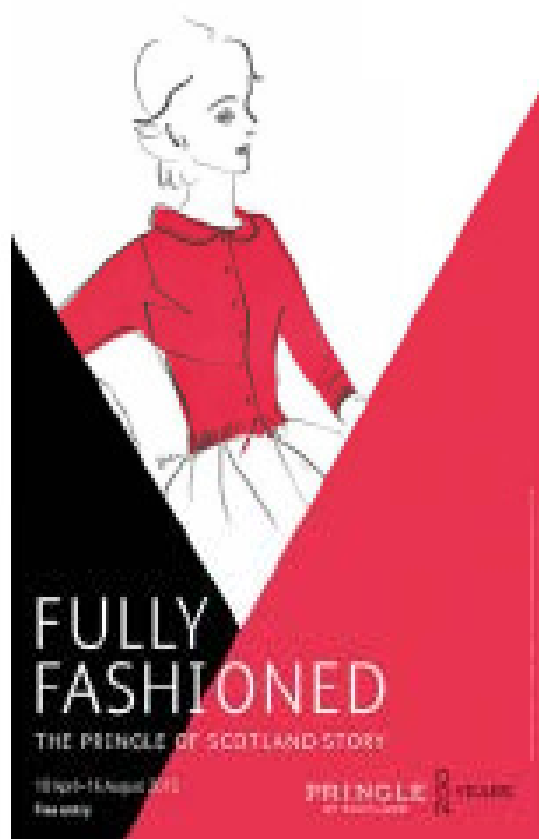
The exhibit explores the central role the company has played in the production and design of knitwear, not only in Scotland but around the world. Using rare pieces of early knitwear, iconic fashion garments, archival records, and film footage, the exhibition traces Pringle's evolution from hosiery manufacturer to cutting-edge fashion brand.

This should be a fun exhibit to visit together. Ring/email to let me know you're coming – or just turn up on the morning.

Dale Finlayson

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Save the Date!

Queen Margaret University's
Costume showcase will take place
on

Friday, May 15 -2015
7 15pm
- Evening Gala Show

Venue - The Pleasance Theatre

There will be a Bar and Exhibition.

Further details will be forthcoming
shortly .

Nancy Lynner
president@awccs.org

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**Are you returning
to the US any time
soon?**

Whether you are being dragged back kicking and screaming or if you can hardly wait to return home, you will probably find that as a "repat" you and your family members are different sorts of Americans from those who stayed behind. This can be a jolt, but there is help out there for you.

Membership in the
FAWCO Alumnae,
USA, better known as

FAUSA keeps you in touch with others who understand the life changing experience of living in other cultures. Besides the pure psychological support of being a part of this network, there are other benefits, too. The Quarterly magazine carries articles of interest to "repats," and you may apply for the FAUSA Education Award for yourself or a child. In addition, FAUSA members may attend the FAWCO conferences overseas and the FAUSA Annual Meeting, which is in a different part of the US every fall.

Learn all about FAUSA, contact someone in your region, and download an application at **www.fausa.org**. We would love to hear from you.



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