



AWCCS Newsletter

American Women's Club of Central Scotland



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Thank you!

Susannah Stout, Newsletter Editor

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You will need to register in order to log in to the Members Only Section.*

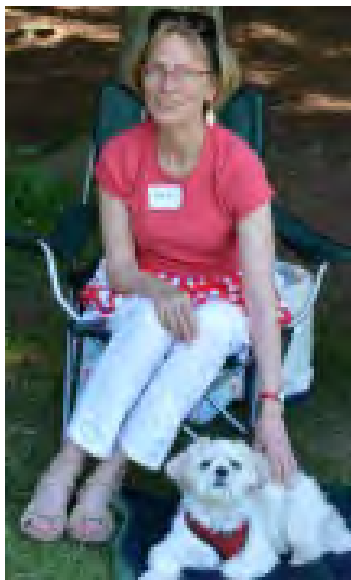
*If you've got a favourite activity and would like others to join, please let
Nancy Lynner know at president@awccs.org and we will start
a Special Interest Group for you.*

AWCCS President's Letter May 2015

Dear Members

This month, I am making the letter in a user-friendly form—bullet points!

- **Saturday 9th of May** we meet at The Gothenburg in Preston Pans—that is in East Lothian. (It is a bus ride -1 hour from centre city, or a 15 minute train ride) Some of our members have been working on a needle-point tapestry for the Scottish Diaspora, and it will be on display. See the article within this newsletter for details. Come for 12 noon. The board is meeting there at 11 for our monthly board meeting, and anyone is welcome to come and sit in on those.



- **Friday 15th of May** is the Queen Margaret University Costume Showcase at 7:15 in The Pleasance Theatre. Go to Eventbrite and book your own tickets. 10.00.

- **Thursday May 21st** is Birthday Bash. Join us for a drink. See article for details

- **Wednesday 27th May** is probably Coffee Plus—check the article by Dale Finlayson.

- **Tuesday 2nd June** is the AWCCS Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the US Consulate. This is always a highlight of the year. Start time is 6:30, finish is 8:00. We will have our Election of new officers, and will learn about the new club Online Auction. Zoja Bazzanic, Principal Officer of the US Consulate General Edinburgh will speak about The Special Relationship between the US and the UK.

- **Saturday 4th of July** —This event will be a Bring Your Own Picnic in the afternoon on Portobello Beach, and is therefore another FREE event. Our Website manager and Treasurer, Joyce Halsan, lives on the beach promenade and she is including a map of the beach area and where it's best for our meeting place, so look for that within our newsletters. There is no need to reply – we do not have a chairperson for the event. Bring the husbands, kids, brothers, sisters, and other Americans you know, if you wish. Let us share the camaraderie of our Independence Day.

- **Elections-** This newsletter includes the list of officers that is the structure of our club management. Anyone can run for any office, and we have several offices that are vacant, or will be vacant. These posts also could be shared by two people.

Vacant spots are:
Vice President
Treasurer
Charity Chair
Social Chair
Advertising Chair

The strength of an organisation improves with strong members and leaders. If you work on the board, your social life is really boosted in a positive way. I hope you will volunteer at some point this year.

I would like to salute Josy Perelman, who is stepping down as Membership Chairperson—she has served as several different board positions for the AWCCS for many years. Her calm

insight has helped the Board find solutions to all sorts of questions. Now she is moving with her family back to Israel. Their plan to live in Scotland for 2 years has stretched into 15 years, and we thank her profusely for all the time and effort she has selflessly contributed over these 15 years. We will miss you, Josy. Her daughter, Eve, will remain in Edinburgh for a while. (Hurray!)

Remember to reply for your attendance at the AGM because the US Consulate has to have the names of all attendees in advance.

See you there!
Nancy Lynner



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 May Meeting , Saturday May 9th, 12 noon

THE SCOTTISH DIASPORA TAPESTRY PROJECT CELEBRATING SCOTTISH LINKS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Three AWCCS Club members, Kathy McGlew, Amanda Drollinger and Annie Stewart participated in this international art project by embroidering a panel commemorating Colonel Ninian Beall.

Ninian Beall served in the Scottish Army and was later captured by Oliver Cromwell's troops at the Battle of Dunbar in 1650 and consequently was sold into slavery in Barbados. His owner then brought him to Maryland where Ninian Beall was awarded tracts of land and he persuaded many more Scots to come and settle in America. Having served as Commander in Chief of the Maryland forces and as deputy-surveyor, the tracts of lands he acquired would later become Georgetown and Washington, D.C.

The Scottish Diaspora Tapestry project involves 25 nations (there were over 25 panels with historical links to the U.S.A. with famous Americans such as Andrew Carnegie, John Muir and John Knox Witherspoon.) The exhibition will be on display until May 20 after which it will travel internationally across the world. If you are interested in seeing the exhibition with other club members we plan on viewing the framed tapestries at:

The Scottish Diaspora Tapestry Exhibition

Saturday, May 9 at 12 noon

(11:00 am if you would like to attend the AWCCS board meeting)

at The Gothenburg "The Goth"

<http://www.thegoth.co.uk/>

227 High Street

Prestopans EH32 9BE

Phone: 01875 819 922



If taking public transportation, take the 26 Lothian Bus which drops you off directly in front of The Gothenburg. If driving there is a free carpark directly opposite the building. There is no cost to view the exhibition and is a great opportunity for families to explore history together.

The AWCCS Board meeting will be held from 11 am - 12 noon in the cafe for anyone wishing to attend the board meeting prior to seeing the exhibition located upstairs at The Goth. The completed tapestries are being published in a book being released on May 31. See the attached link for further information on this project:

<http://www.scottishdiasporatapestry.org/thetapestry>

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at info@awccs.org.

Annie Stewart

May Event

Queen Margaret University's Costume Showcase!

Evening Gala Show at The Pleasance Theatre, Edinburgh

which shall take place on

Friday, May 15 at 7:15pm

There will be a Bar and Exhibition.

Tickets are £10.00

Please book your own ticket :

***(Please note when booking that there are 2 times, a matinee, and a 7:15 event,
and we are going to the 7:15 event)***

Tickets are sold to individuals at www.eventbrite.co.uk

<http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/costume-showcase-2015-tickets-16232491820?aff=ehomesaved>



Nancy Lynner
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AWCCS 2015-2016 Elections

Read the list and duties of the officers of the AWCCS-- you may run for any of the first 9 offices. At the AGM on June 2nd we will vote for officers for the next year.

A. Board of Directors

1. President
2. Vice -President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Social Chairperson
6. Charity Chairperson
7. Membership Chairperson
8. Newsletter Editor
9. Public Relations Chairperson
10. FAWCO Representative- appointed position

B. Appointed Positions: The president shall nominate appointees and the elected officers shall approve the following positions;

1. Honorary President: Offered to the American Consul General, if female, or the wife of the American Consul General if in residence.
2. Glasgow Representative: Helps to organise activities in Glasgow and brings any issues from that area to the board.
3. Web site Manager: Responsible for maintaining the club's web site.
4. Such other positions, as the Board of Directors may deem necessary.

ARTICLE V - Duties of officers

Section 1. The President

The President shall preside at all the meetings of the club using ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER NEWLY REVISED and be an ex- officio member of all committees. The President shall be the primary representative of the club to the community. The President shall ensure that an annual budget is drawn up by the Board early in its term and presented to Club members in the November newsletter.

Section 2. Vice-President

The Vice President shall assist the President and preside in the President's absence. The Vice President shall have charge of programming and selection of venue for the monthly meetings.

Section 3. Secretary

The Secretary shall keep minutes of Board meetings and general Club meetings ensuring that all voting is in accordance with ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER NEWLY REVISED.

Section 4. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be custodian of all Club funds including receipt and expenditure of such funds. All bills shall be sent to the Treasurer, documented by invoice. The Treasurer shall give the Board a monthly report of all receipts and expenditures. The Treasurer shall prepare a preliminary statement of income and expenditure for the year, to be published in the June newsletter. A final statement shall be prepared subsequently for the Board and published in (in) the October newsletter. The Treasurer shall keep a Petty Cash account of not more than £20 for incidental Club expenses and reimbursements. The Treasurer will work with the President and the Board to develop the yearly budget.

Section 5. Membership Committee Chairperson

The Membership Chairperson shall be responsible for compiling and keeping a correct list of members, for collecting the membership fees, for regularly updating a membership directory and for maintaining a Resource Book which is available on the web site. The Membership renewal fees shall be collected from all members once a year starting from October. The Membership shall present a "AWCCS Club membership status" report to the Board at the February meeting. Membership is responsible for being the first contact with prospective members.

Section 6. Newsletter Editor

The Newsletter Editor is responsible for producing and disbursing at least 9 newsletters annually to all Club members, sponsors, and appropriate FAWCO officers.

Section 7. Advertising and Publicity Chairperson

The A/P Chairperson is responsible for securing advertisements for the Club newsletter and seeking continued support from advertisers. The A/P Chairperson will maintain accurate billing and collections from all advertisers. When appropriate the AP Chairperson will promote the Club and its activities in the community and may seek sponsorship for club events and publication.

Section 8. Social Chairperson

The Social Chairperson shall coordinate the Thanksgiving and 4th of July events for the Club.

Section 9. Charity Chairperson

The Charity Chairperson shall coordinate charity fund raising by the club to raise funds for our designated charity and help to identify the latter every two years.

Section 10. FAWCO Representative

The FAWCO (Federation of American Women's Clubs Overseas) Representative serves as a liaison between FAWCO and the AWCCS, shall communicate as necessary with FAWCO organisations, and shall ensure that annual dues and, when appropriate, donations are paid to FAWCO. This is an appointed position.

Candidates running for office so far:

Please feel free to put your name forward as well for any of these positions:

President- Nancy Lynner

Vice President - vacant

Secretary - Kathy McGlew

Treasurer - vacant

Newsletter - Sue Stout

Membership - Tess McNatt

Prospective Membership - Annie Stewart

Charity - Rachel Brubaker

Social - vacant

Advertising - vacant

Website Manager appointment - Joyce Halsan--**Help Desired! Free training.**

FAWCO - Amanda Drollinger

Glasgow Rep appointment - Suzie St Denis



Principal Officer Zoja D. Bazarnic

and

The American Women's Club of Central Scotland

Cordially Invite you to attend the Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, June 2, 2015

6:30-8:00 p.m.

U.S. Consulate General, 3 Regent Terrace, Edinburgh, EH7 5BW

***Greet old friends, make new ones, vote for officers,
and learn about all the exciting club activities for the rest of 2015!***

Remarks on The Special Relationship- US and UK by our host

Where is Home?

by Neeraja Rasmussen

I was born and raised in India, lived my entire adult life in the US, then married a Scandinavian man (from Denmark) and now live in Scotland. Cultural disconnects have been a familiar aspect of my life for years and the question of what "Home" means no longer qualifies for a simple answer. Sometimes I wonder how it must be to live and die in the place of your birth, surrounded by friends and family, to have never left or wanted to leave. Anyone who has moved countries or spent years travelling already knows the process can be tough - the adjustment, the soul searching, the questions of "will I ever go back?" "where is my home?".

This profound and insightful talk from travel writer Pico Iyer really spoke to me - the influences in his life have been global, cross-cultural and anything but ordinary. He tells us that there is perhaps peace to be found in the cultural dissonance - and that through the act of letting go of the familiar, we may have found something beautiful within ourselves. I hope you'll enjoy it as much as I did.

https://www.ted.com/talks/pico_iyer_where_is_home?language=en



AWCCS

4th of July

Where: Portobello Beach, Edinburgh

When: Saturday, July 4

Time: 4pm to 7pm

This year we are planning to do something different for 4th of July. We will meet in “Edinburgh’s Seaside,” Portobello Beach in Edinburgh for our celebration.



You Bring: everything. This year your Board Members are having a rest from doing the planning, buying the food and having everything ready for you. Instead, **you** will prepare a picnic lunch/dinner for your family and dog, bring your own drinks, your chairs and/or blankets and even your sun umbrellas (yes we are optimistic). Don't forget the sun cream.

If you would like to bring something to share with others, its a nice idea to have it at your picnic site and will encourage us all to come visit one another to get a small tidbit prepared by you, or maybe a drink of prosscoco????

If you wish to cook, just pick up a bbq briquettes at the grocery store if you wish to BBQ and maybe bring some wood to stock our bonfire.

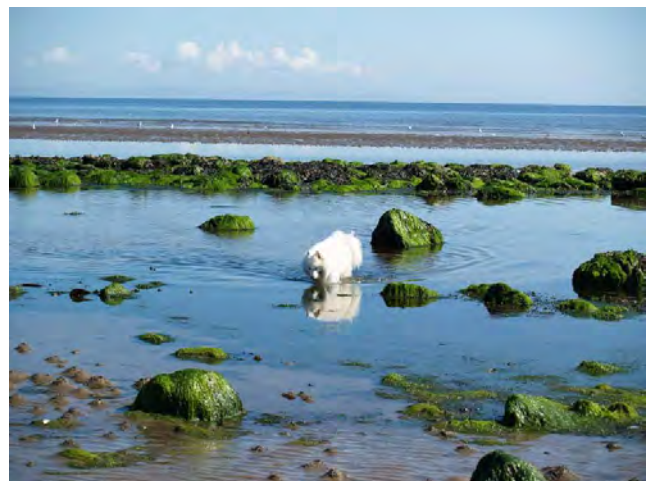
We will be meeting at the foot of Kings Road in Portobello, there is a large free parking area there. If it is full, continue along the high street until you see a P for parking and look there. You can park along the road as well.

Coming down Kings Road as you look to the sea, walk to your left and we will be on the beach along the prom (northwest of Kings Road). Take Busses LRT 26, 15, 45, 49 and 21 to get to Portobello. Get off on the Kings Road stop (you will have just turned onto Portobello High Street.) Coming along the Prom, walk North (west) to get to the Kings Road end.

There are toilet facilities (one coin operated, one free) down the prom (about two blocks away) and there are shops with ice cream, fish and chips, coffee and drinks along the prom as well. There are also kiddie play areas on the prom not to mention the large sandy beach and refreshingly cool seawater. Bring your suits. There are plenty of trash bin along the prom, but you might want to bring a bin bag just to cart your rubbish away.

We will have a bon fire, and will have some songbooks for singing around the fire. Anyone have a guitar or banjo???

We hope you will enjoy this urban celebration this year; it just seemed the perfect thing to do. If it rains, bring umbrellas, if it pours, it will have to be cancelled (an email will be send out informing you it has to be cancelled. Questions or comments? Email: websitemanager@awccs.org



AWCCS Member Announcements

Welcome to our new members!

Janice Simpson (Tranent) from Wauconda, Illinois
Eve Perelman (Edinburgh) from Beer-Sheva, Israel

We look forward to meeting you at our upcoming events!

May Birthdays: Have fantastic Birthday, gals!

Eve Perelman	5
Karen MacCormick	12
Amanda Drollinger	17
Mary Heckert	24

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There are members who are going through to some May events in Edinburgh including Prestonpans and the Costume Show at Queen Margaret University which you may wish to attend as well.!



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Online Auction!

At our March 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 (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!

Tess McNatt

Charity Chairperson
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Edinburgh Morning Book Group

Friday, 15 May 2015, 10:15am

Home of Jenny Gibb
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Ghost Moon by Ron Butlin

A remarkable novel by Edinburgh poet and novelist Ron Butlin, based on his mother's story. Pregnant and unmarried, she was disowned by her family and forced to fend for herself and her child. Butlin imagines her story as revealed through memories in old age of events in the 1950s. Despite its subject, this is not a "misery memoir" but full of humor and a "rattling good read" (The Scotsman).

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Birthday Bash

Thursday 21 May 2015, 6:00 – 8:00pm

Location: **Clouds & Soil** at 4 Picardy Place, EH1 3JT, 0131 629-2728



Come have a drink and celebrate the **MAY** Birthdays!

This is one we have not tried before— it has lovely views of the city, unique cocktails, as well as wine by the glass, beer, and appetizers.

(This is across the traffic circle from VUE Cinema, John Lewis, and St Mary's RC Church. It is next door to a Bank of Scotland)

The owners call it Clouds & Soil because it's a tall (5 story) building. The bar is on the ground floor.

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Coffee Plus Edinburgh

Date: **Wednesday, 27 May 2015**
Venue: **Costa Coffee, Princes Mall rooftop** (opposite Apple Store)
Time: **10am**

We haven't met here for some time, so perhaps it's time to return to our original "home". Meet at 10am for coffee and a natter. After which, those who have the time can join me at the **National Gallery** lower level to look at the "**David Roberts drawings from the Helen Guiterman Bequest**".

David Roberts (1796-1864) was born in Stockbridge, the son of a cobbler. He began his career as a house painter, before finding success as a theatrical scene painter. In the mid-1820s Roberts began to travel extensively, initially in France, Belgium and Spain and later in the Middle East, making sketches that became the basis for his highly successful print publications, still celebrated today.

This exhibition features around 30 drawings and watercolours by Roberts, many of which are drawn from the important group of works bequeathed to the Scottish National Gallery by Helen Guiterman in 2008. Guiterman (1916–1998) was the leading expert on Roberts' work and her 30 years of research into his art and life helped to re-establish his artistic reputation. The drawings from the Guiterman Bequest show the diverse range of Roberts' output and interests, from deft preliminary sketches to dramatic architectural studies, and his consummate skill as a draughtsman. Also included in the display is a selection of Scottish watercolours by Roberts and prints from his only series of etchings, the Antiquities of Scotland.

- If you would like to know more about David Roberts, on Tuesday, 27 April, at 12:45pm, there will be a talk in the National Gallery Hawthornden Lecture Theatre entitled "David Roberts: A kindly, canny Scot, well-to-do and amazingly clever". The talk will last around 45 minutes.

Dale Finlayson

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JOIN FAUSA

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.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GupJKnBwnr0&feature=youtu.be>

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