



# AWCCS Newsletter

## American Women's Club of Central Scotland



Hi!

Welcome to our electronic newsletter. **You will receive it through your email as a pdf file you may wish to save it and the calendar on your desktop to view each month.** *There are now some live links to information, other websites, and to club forms and payments.* If you would like to submit an article or info for our newsletter, please send it to [newsletter@awccs.org](mailto:newsletter@awccs.org) by the 20th of the preceding month.

Thank you! - Susannah Stout, Newsletter Editor

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Submissions are welcome and should be sent to [newsletter@awccs.org](mailto:newsletter@awccs.org) by the 20th of April. Please accompany submissions with images if you have any! Contact the Editor by phone or email for details. Late submissions may not be included. Although material may be edited for clarity or space, contributions should be submitted ready for print. The next issue will be published in May 2016.

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Newsletter Editor Susannah Stout

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### Glasgow

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*Remember to check the website for the latest updates: [www.awccs.org](http://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](mailto:president@awccs.org) and we will start  
a Special Interest Group for you.*

## President's Letter April 2016

Dear Members,

The International Women's Day seminar at the Festival Theatre was excellent—it was the first year that venue offered to celebrate in this way, and they promise to do it next year as well. Topics ranged from the Scottish Women's painters exhibit at the Scottish Modern Gallery of Art II, to a hysterical comedian from Glasgow, to a local poet, to the Artistic Director of Dundee Repertory Theatre who is moving into a new post at Stellar Quines, a women's-issues-based theatre in Edinburgh.

**APRIL- our monthly meeting is Saturday 2nd April, at the Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum in Glasgow.** I hope you can join us! We'll meet to view the museum and will have lunch in the KG café afterwards. The club board will meet over lunch, so you can join in—we will keep it a very short meeting. Coffee and chat are always a part of AWCCS Board meetings—and this time we'll also enjoy the good food from the Kelvingrove's charming glassed-in patio restaurant.



Annie Bartlett Stewart, our Membership chair, receives many US TAX questions through the club's incoming email portal. She and our Secretary, Kathy McGlew, are putting together **a US TAX SEMINAR on Thursday 26th May**, and you'll find further information within this newsletter. This is an important service to offer to all ex-pats. Do check out the article for the accurate details.

Within the spring newsletters we always list the election positions, as part of our due diligence to the By Laws. You'll find this within. We'll vote at **the Annual General Meeting. The date is set for Monday 13th of June, from 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM at the US Consulate.** This is always a well-attended get together—the club provides a supper buffet, and our Principal Office attends. Suzi Wilson is going to speak. She is a terrific Principal Officer, and we're lucky to have her and her family in Edinburgh now, running our Consulate.

In March, Amanda Drollinger and Sue Stout went to Frankfurt to the FAWCO meeting on our behalf. The next time you see either Amanda or Sue, ask them for details. You can see their photos on our club Facebook Page—check it out at <https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=american%20womens%20club%20of%20central%20scotland>

One final date I want to mention—this year the Queen Margaret University Costume Showcase is May 13th, and although I am not listing it as an event, I am going. It's again at The Pleasance, and you can email me if you want to know which show I am going to. I am getting my ticket through evite.

Cheers to all—

**Nancy Lynner, AWCCS President**

## April Event:

### Visit to the Kelvingrove Museum and Art Gallery in Glasgow Argyle St, Glasgow G3 8AG

**Saturday 2 April** , meet at

**12 noon** near gift shop downstairs (to look at exhibits before lunch)

**or**

**1pm** for lunch at the restaurant

Join us in Glasgow for a casual visit and lunch at Glasgow's premier Art Gallery and museum. Exhibits include works by The Glasgow Boys and Girls, Costumes, furnishing from Rennie Mackintosh and contemporaries, Dutch Art, Impressionists, as well as the museum's prized Salvador Dali.

Contact Sue Stout at [newsletter@awccs.org](mailto:newsletter@awccs.org) or 07807 464904 on the day



# IMPORTANT U.S. TAX



**SEMINAR**  
**6:30 pm**

**Thurs May 26,**

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As a US citizen, you are required to file taxes annually no matter what country you live in outside the USA. Are you current with all the new requirements?

The tax seminar , complements of ClearTaxation of Edinburgh, will be held at Mother's Gin and Draft Bar at 24 Howe Street, Edinburgh. Drinks, nibbles or meals can be purchased while we listen to their informative talk.

Space limited. Room accommodates 20 individuals. Members and spouses welcome.

Please RSVP to Annie Stewart by May 20:

[getinfo@awccs.org](mailto:getinfo@awccs.org).



**U.S. Consulate General Edinburgh Principal Officer Susan Wilson  
and**

**The American Women's Club of Central Scotland**

**cordially invite you to attend the  
AWCCS Annual General Meeting**

**Monday, June 13, 2016**

**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 2016!***

***Remarks by Susan Wilson***

**RSVP to [president@awccs.org](mailto:president@awccs.org)**

## American Women's Club of Central Scotland 2016-2017 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 13th 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

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 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 nine 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.

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 – Annie Stewart

FAWCO - Amanda Drollinger

Prospective Membership - vacant

Charity - vacant

Social - vacant

Advertising – vacant

Appointed positions:

Honorary President- Susan A. Wilson, Principal Officer U S Consulate Edinburgh

Website Manager - Joyce Halsan / Social Media – Jana Doughty

Glasgow Rep appointment -

## **FAWCO News**

*Photos from the FAWCO Conference in Frankfurt, Germany attended by our AWCCS FAWCO Rep Amanda Drollinger and Newsletter Editor Sue Stout*



*Sue and Amanda*



*Quilt Winner, Rick from FAUSA*



*Conference Meeting*



*Prize Quilt*



*Fancy Dress Charity Auction Dinner*

## News from FAWCO

*FAWCO has a new new logo and tagline, here it is :*



**FAWCO**

Inspiring Women Worldwide

*and it has a new Mission Statement:*

“FAWCO is an international federation of independent organizations whose mission is to build strong support networks for its American and international membership; to improve the lives of women and girls worldwide; to advocate for the rights of U.S. citizens overseas; and to mobilize the skills of its membership in support of global initiatives for education, the environment, health and human rights.”

***Vote! Primaries Matter, Too!***

We are well into primary season and it is already clear that here, again, every vote counts!

Have you registered and requested your ballot? Remember that we are now required to do that every year and, in many cases, for every election in the year. Requesting your ballot is easy from Overseas Vote or the Federal Voting Assistance Program and remember to check the box requesting a ballot for every election in the year. If you voted in the one day democrat primary this has not registered you to vote in the general election. You still need to request your ballot from your State.

All members of the **AWCCS** are members of FAWCO and can access the FAWCO website for info concerning FAWCO and info useful to Americans abroad, such as info about taxation, voting and current legislation. We also have available to us the opportunity each year to apply for certain **scholarships**, many of which are **available to both adult members and children of members of the AWCCS**. Look for application info on the website. Here are the recipients of this years grants and scholarships:

***2016 Development Grant Recipients***

***EDUCATION***

AW of Surrey Hope Through Education

RECIPIENT: MENTAWAI BOARDING SCHOOL

Location: Indonesia; Nominating Club: AWG Languedoc-Rousillon

APam Dahlgren Educating Africa's Children

RECIPIENT: HOPE ALIVE FOUNDATION - Mary Handley Initiative on  
Child Health and Education (MHI)

Location: Malawi; Nominating Club: AWA Rome

### **ENVIRONMENT**

Mother Earth, sponsored in part by AC Shanghai

RECIPIENT: SOLAR POWERED SHOWERS FOR HEALTH AND  
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN NORTHERN ETHIOPIA

Location: Ethiopia; Nominating Club: AWC Zurich

### **HEALTH**

The Coughlan Family Foundation's Support in Sickness and Health

RECIPIENT: MOTHERS AVERTING AIDS

Location: Republic of South Africa; Nominating Club: AILO Florence

Critical Health Concerns, sponsored in part by Renuka Matthews

RECIPIENT: EYE SURGERY AND PLACEMENT OF PROSTHETIC EYE

Location: Philippines

Nominating Club: AILO Florence

### **HUMAN RIGHTS**

Breaking the Cycle, sponsored in part by AWEP and AILO Florence

RECIPIENT: GROWING GUAYULE TO FIGHT AIDS AND PROVIDE BIO-FUEL  
(a/k/a/ Condoms, Cash, and Cooking Fuel)

Location: Republic of South Africa; Nominating Club: AWG Languedoc-  
Rousillon

FAUSA Displaced Women and Children

RECIPIENT: CASA RUTH AND THE NEW HOPE COOPERATIVE PROJECT

Location: Italy; Nominating Club: AWC Naples

### **SAFE HAVEN**

RECIPIENT: FRAUEN HELFEN FRAUEN (WOMEN HELPING WOMEN)

Location: Germany; Nominating Club: AIWC Frankfurt/Taunus

### **2016 EDUCATION AWARD RECIPIENTS**

AWG PARIS IT AWARD FOR YOUNG WOMEN \$4,000

RECIPIENT: SARAH RUEGGER.

VIOLA WHEELER ARTS AWARD \$4,000

RECIPIENT: ALYSSA SPAETH. Her mother is a member of AWBS International Women's Club.

SCIENCES AWARD \$4,000

Sponsored in part by AIWC Genoa, in memory of Frieda Bacigalupo Natali .

RECIPIENT: AASHNA IYER. Her mother is a member of AWC Mumbai.

HUMANITIES AWARD \$4,000

Sponsored in part by AAWE Paris, in memory of Gertrude de Gallaix

1ST RECIPIENT: ADRIEN CABANTOUS. His mother is a member of AAWE Paris.

2ND RECIPIENT: MALLIKA IYER. Her mother is a member of AWC Mumbai.

DUAL CULTURAL AWARD \$4,000

Sponsored in part by Donna Erismann and AWC Bern, in memory of Suzanne Erismann

RECIPIENT: ALESSANDRO KALB COSMO. His mother is a member of AWA Rome.

AWC BASEL AWARD FOR UNIVERSITY DEGREE STUDY PROGRAMS \$5,000

Sponsored by Shirley Kearney

RECIPIENT: ERIN NEWBY. She is a member of AWG Paris.

FAUSA SKILLS ENHANCEMENT AWARD \$4,000

This award is for acquiring new skills or enhancing already existing ones.

RECIPIENT: KELLY SNOW. She is a member of Chilterns American Women's Club.

WOMEN IN TECHNOLOGY AWARD \$4000

In Honor of AWA Dubai's 21 years serving the international community of Dubai

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## VOTING – Advice from American Citizens Abroad

If you are an American citizen living overseas you are entitled to vote in both primary and general election contests. It is important that you exercise your right to vote from wherever you are. Don't let distance prevent you from standing up and being counted!

Voters now need to register and request a ballot in each election year, since ballots are no longer automatically sent to overseas voters at their previous address of record. Even if you registered to vote in previous elections, you should complete a new Federal PostCard Application (FPCA) to ensure you receive your ballot via the fastest delivery method possible. This can be done at the Federal Voting Assistance Program website, [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov), which has an excellent FAQ section: <https://www.fvap.gov/vao/vag/appendix/faq>. Alternatively, go to [www.overseasvotefoundation.org](http://www.overseasvotefoundation.org) to request an absentee ballot and at the same time create a persistent personal profile that will facilitate voting in future years.

Voting laws and procedures vary from state to state. You will obtain an absentee ballot from, and send your ballot to, the county, borough or parish election office at your last place of domicile in the United States. The registration process for overseas voters has changed in many states this election cycle, so be sure that you are not caught out by missing a deadline.

A review of state voting laws which have changed recently indicates that where proof of citizenship or photo ID is required, a copy of the passport placed in the mailing envelope (but separate from the security envelope containing your ballot) is the most commonly adopted solution for overseas voters. ACA recommends that all overseas citizens keep several copies of their passport available, to facilitate passport replacement in case of loss or theft and to document citizenship when required by voting laws.

A number of states have introduced so-called "voter ID laws" which have had the effect of suppressing voter turnout in many communities. Fortunately, military and overseas voters who vote by absentee ballot under the federal Uniformed and Overseas Citizen Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) are exempt from ALL voter ID requirements, save the passport copy.

In some states, voting in state or local races (e.g., Governor, Mayor or State Assemblyman) may justify your liability to state taxation. If you wish to vote in local elections, seek legal advice about how it may affect your tax liability. In contrast, voting in federal elections only (President, Senator and Congressman) will not affect your state tax status.

If you have sent in an absentee ballot request but do not receive it before the deadline for voting, there is a fallback method for obtaining your ballot: the federal write-in absentee ballot (FWAB). This document enables voting – and

in some states voter registration as well. To start this process, go to [www.  
overseasvotefoundation.org/vote/FwabStart.htm](http://www.overseasvotefoundation.org/vote/FwabStart.htm).

If you are a US citizen but you have never lived in the United States, a number of states will permit you to vote in the last place of residence of your American parent. FVAP has a current list of states that allow these citizens to vote absentee: [www.fvap.gov/citizen-voter/reside](http://www.fvap.gov/citizen-voter/reside). In a number of states, such persons are eligible to vote as a federal voter and may vote for federal offices only.

### **DEMOCRATS ABROAD GLOBAL PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY**

In an unprecedented turnout, up 50% from 2008, 34,570 voters in more than 170 countries cast ballots in person, by fax, email, and post, with the results as follows:

Bernie Sanders received 69% of the vote and Hillary Clinton 31%. This gives Sanders 9 pledged delegates to the convention, while Clinton secures an additional 4 delegates.

Dale Finlayson

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## Let's Get Social!



Did you know we're on **Facebook**? Yes, we're that savvy! You can **like our Facebook page**: *American Women's Club of Central Scotland (AWCCS)* to get event notifications and reminders, local festival links, secret recipes we're willing to share, and other fun tips and trivia about the goings on in Edinburgh, Glasgow and Central Scotland! You don't want to miss all the mischief we get up to - if you like us, you'll definitely like our Facebook page!

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## Thank you!

A big **Thank You** to Amanda Kirkpatrick for hosting our Charity Handbag Exchange event in March!

AWCCS members raised over £100 for FAWCO related charities!

## Birthday Bash

*Come for a drink and more as we enjoy the beginning of Scottish summer. Hopefully it might feel like summer. It doesn't have to be your birthday to join the club for a toast!!*

### Thursday April 14th

We meet at one of our excellent Italian local places **AMARONE**, "a stylish intimate Milanese-style" place on St Andrew Square.

**13 St Andrew Square EH2 2AF**

**Phone 0131 523-1171**

**6:00 – 8:00 pm**

***RSVP to Nancy at [president@awccs.org](mailto:president@awccs.org)***

### April Birthdays:

<b>Julie McElroy</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Suzanne Green</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Susannah Stout</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Lise Tole</b>	<b>29</b>



**Have fantastic Birthday, gals!**

*Is your birthday in April? Help us keep the birthday list up to date and send it to me:  
Sue at [newsletter@awccs.org](mailto:newsletter@awccs.org)*

## Edinburgh Morning Book Group

Friday, 15 April, 10:15am

Home of Chris MacLachlan

0131-661-1652

c.maclachlan@blueyonder.co.uk



**Washington Square**, by Henry James

Following on from reading CólM Tóibin's insightful biography of "the Master", we'll read one of James's best known stories, of the young heiress oppressed by a tyrannical father and wooed by a fortune-hunter, depicted with James's sympathetic understanding of the plight of women in Victorian society.



[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Washington\\_Square\\_\(novel\)#/media/File:James\\_Washington\\_Square\\_cover.JPG](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Washington_Square_(novel)#/media/File:James_Washington_Square_cover.JPG)

For 20 May we will read **Mao's Last Dancer** by Li Cunxin.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mao%27s\\_Last\\_Dancer\\_\(book\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mao%27s_Last_Dancer_(book))



  
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## Glasgow Books and Banter

Let's go see Glasgow AWCCS member, **Suzie St. Denis** in the Kirkintilloch Ladies Choir! I can tell you first hand that they put on a cracking performance!

- Sue Stout newsletter@awccs.

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## Coffee Plus Edinburgh

**Wednesday, 27 April, 10am**

Back to the bottom of the High Street this month, to the Queen's lovely café and then her Gallery, where we can view her Dutch paintings from the Age of Vermeer. The Gallery charge will be £6.70/£6.10conc. If you have a ticket to the Gallery stamped within the past year, don't forget to bring it along (mine is dated 4 June); or you can buy a new one and have it stamped for a year from the 27th. Or buy a joint Palace/Gallery ticket, get it stamped, and use it for our gathering in June (see below).

**Coffee time: 10am**

**Place: Holyrood Palace café, Edinburgh**

**Plus: Masters of the Everyday: Dutch Artists in the Age of Vermeer**

The Dutch artists of the 17th century painted ordinary people doing everyday things. They offer us a glimpse into the rumbustious life of village taverns and peasant cottages, and the quiet domesticity of courtyards and parlours.

While the subject-matter may be ordinary – the preparation of food, eating and drinking, the enjoyment of music or a family game – the painting is rich and jewel-like, with equal attention paid to a discarded clay pipe as to a fine silk drape. The meticulously documented details often allude to a work's deeper meaning or to moral messages that would have been familiar to the contemporary viewer.

Presenting 28 masterpieces from the Royal Collection, the exhibition includes works by Gerrit Dou, Gabriel Metsu, Jan Steen and Pieter de Hooch, and Johannes Vermeer's "A Lady at the Virginal with a Gentleman".

It would be helpful to know if you plan to join us – but if you decide at the last minute, just come along.

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**Coffee Plusers – mark your diaries now for our June visit, which will be on Saturday, 18 June, when we will visit Holyrood Palace to view their exhibition of the Queen's dresses. Details will be in a later Newsletter. Families and friends are welcome to join us.**



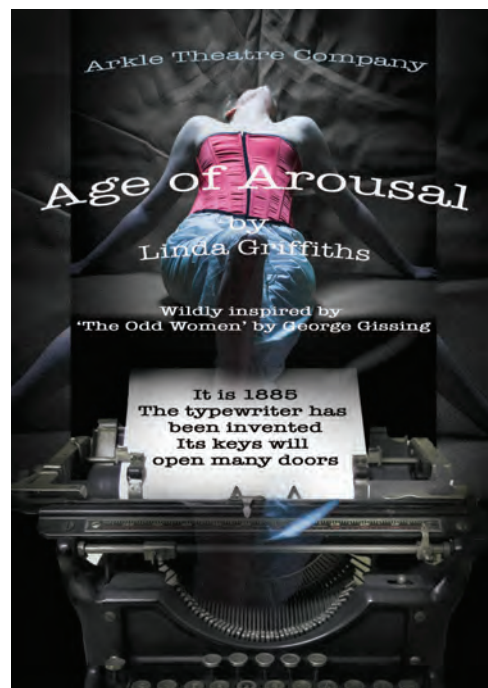
Vermeer, Lady at the Virginals with a Gentleman

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## ***A play in Edinburgh featuring one of our very own AWCCS members!***

1885. The year the rollercoaster was patented. The problem: Too many women and not enough men to go around. Meet the women. Odd women. Women of pleasure. Women with women. Women wearing trousers. Learning to type. Learning to make a living. Intimidating men.

Are they suffragettes? Do they believe in marriage? Can they change? This is the Age of Arousal, a play tracing the lives of five women before the Suffragette movement came to be what we recognize it as today. A play of sensual intrigue, drama, exploration, shifting surprises, and rich language - from Remington type writer training to seaside escapes, this is a moment in time and a paving in history not to be missed.



***Featuring AWCCS club member Jana Doughty***, Age of Arousal will play at the Hill Street Theatre (19 Hill Street) from 27-30 April at 7:45pm each night. Email Michael Mulligan ([grumpy@arkle-theatre.com](mailto:grumpy@arkle-theatre.com)) to reserve your tickets\* for £12 each (£10 normal concessions).

**What:** ***Age of Arousal***

**Where:** ***Hill Street Theatre***

***(19 Hill Street, near the North Castle Street end of Hill Street)***

**When:** ***7:45pm each night from 27-30 April***

**Cost:** ***£12 (£10 concessions)***

**RSVP:** ***Michael Mulligan ([grumpy@arkle-theatre.com](mailto:grumpy@arkle-theatre.com))***

Hope to see you there!

\*Please arrive 15 minutes before the play starts to pick up your tickets. Tickets not picked up 15 minutes before the show starts might be given to eager patrons on the stand-by list.

## Upcoming Events

### **AWCCS June Coffee Plus moves to a SATURDAY for the Queen**

***Saturday June 18th 2016 Coffee Plus will meet at the Café at Holyrood Palace in Edinburgh at 10:00 AM***

After coffee and chat we can go to the Palace for the special exhibition—

### ***Fashioning a Reign: 90 Years of Style from the Queen's Wardrobe.***

Buy your own tickets--For locals, it is a good value to have the 1-Year Pass, which allows you access to the Palace for 1 year. Ticket prices range from £12.00 Adults to £11.00 Students, £7.20 Disabled.

To quote from Holyrood Palace website:

In celebration of The Queen's 90th birthday, three special exhibitions will be staged across each of Her Majesty's official residences during 2016. Fashioning a Reign will chart significant events in The Queen's life and the nation's history through an unprecedented collection of dress and accessories designed for these occasions, from childhood to the present day.

Constituting the largest collective display of The Queen's dress ever mounted, the ***first exhibition will open at the Palace of Holyroodhouse in Edinburgh for Her Majesty's birthday on 21 April 2016 until 16 October 2016.***

The ***second, and largest exhibition*** will be at the Summer Opening of the State Rooms, ***Buckingham Palace***, from 23 July to 2 October 2016 and the third will open at ***Windsor Castle*** from 17 September 2016 to 8 January 2017.

***RSVP by June 16th to Nancy Lynner [president@awccs.org](mailto:president@awccs.org) so we will know to be looking for you.***

**Upcoming event - Mark your calendar!**

**AWCCS Enjoys American Artists in Scotland**

*Join the club to see the*  
**Alvin Ailey Dance Theatre at the Festival Theatre**



DATE **Tuesday 18th October, 2016**  
TIME 7:30 Curtain  
WHERE Festival Theatre  
PRICE £30.50 each  
RSVP: by July 30 2016  
to Nancy Lynner email: president@awccs.org

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## Amy Moar

It is with great sadness that we are made aware of the passing of Amy Moar. A talented pianist and harp player. She performed for us at two Thanksgivings and gave a talk and performance for us at our FAWCO Region 1 meeting in 2014. Showing us that talent cannot be contained it must be shared. Throughout her life she used her gifts to help others and with her passing would like to do the same. A justgiving page has been set up in her honour. The chosen charities were important to Amy. The work she did with them enriched her life and she dearly wished to continue to enable them to continue the effective work that they do.

Amy began supporting Scottish Love in Action's orphanage in Tunj, India in 2003 with *The Why of A Miracle*, composed by Janet Anderson. This support is ongoing. Amy was always pleased to read the SLA newsletter with updates of how the young people are benefitting from this charity's funding.

Amy's involvement with Drake Music Scotland (DMS) sprang from her ambition to become a community musician. Having early training in this field with Hear My Music, this ambition was further realised once she gained her Developing Potential Traineeship with DMS.

Remember: Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Your details are safe with JustGiving - they'll never share them with anyone or send you unwanted emails. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to the charity. They'll make sure Gift Aid (an additional 25%) is reclaimed on every eligible donation by a UK taxpayer, too. That means more money goes to the charity, faster, with JustGiving.

<https://www.justgiving.com/teams/AmyMoarLegacy-Funds>



## 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](http://www.fausa.org)**. We would love to hear from you.

