



AWCCS Newsletter

American Women's Club of Central Scotland



Hi!

Welcome to our bi monthly 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.** *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 by the 10th of the preceding month.

Thank you! Susannah Stout, Newsletter Editor

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Glasgow

Books Beverages and Banter

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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 nlynner@gmail.com and we will start
a Special Interest Group for you.*

2018 SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER

AWCCS President's Letter

Dear Members,

Welcome to the Autumn Newsletter. We're delivering it to your IN boxes a bit after the start of September as our faithful Newsletter Editor of 15 years has been visiting her home state of Connecticut to spend summer days with family. I hope all of you visited with family at some point over the summer.

We have the Autumn American Potluck on Thursday 13th September, which we mentioned in the previous issue, and I am looking forward to it. The theme is American Recipes, and if you'll refer to the article in this newsletter, you'll find which category of food you're to bring—it's organised according to your last name. RSVP to make sure our hostess, Susanne Hathon, knows how many are coming to her home.

In October we have a special Coffee Plus this time—it includes an exclusive back stage and all about the theatre tour of our Edinburgh Festival Theatre, preceded by coffee in the café. It is during the day, as are all the coffee plus events. If you wish to have a tour and are not able to join our tour, the Festival Theatre offers tours on some Saturdays, and you can sign up for those via Festival Theatre Box Office, for a fee.

On Monday 19th November there is a meeting at National Library of Scotland for a tour of their Frederick Douglass exhibit, celebrating this brilliant American's 200th birthday. RSVP to me, if you can attend, as the NLS only has room for 10 on the tour. It will be during the day, but I am awaiting the time.

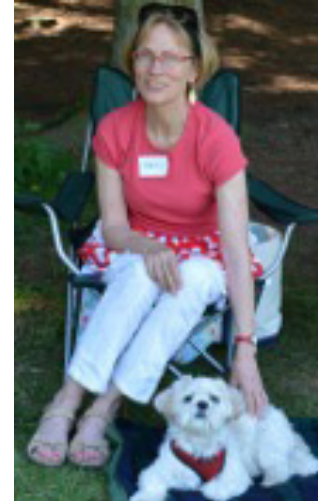
THANKSGIVING! Just around the corner—on Sunday afternoon 25th November, 2019. And we're returning to the Braid Hills Hotel where we have found an excellent, family-friendly plan for celebrating. Check out the plans and the good prices this year. You'll all be receiving a mailed invitation later this autumn but the details are within the newsletter, too.

Be looking for news of a CHARMING event in November, with Amanda Drollinger. At the FAWCO Biennial Conference, (March 21-24, 2019 here in Edinburgh at The Dalmahoy Hotel & Country Club) a unique charm for a charm bracelet is always created and available for purchase. Our club is making the Edinburgh FAWCO charm and you can be a part of the team, from design to production, which will include two separate events.

Charity is an important aspect of AWCCS and our mission. This is our 2nd year supporting Friends of the Earth Scotland. If you'd like to create a special event for the club to raise funds for this charity, let me, or our Charity Chair (Alanna Kibiloski) know—we can help make it happen.

In October the US Consulate General Edinburgh welcomes its new Principal Officer, Ellen Wong. We will invite her to be an honorary president of our club, as we do all female Principal Officers.
Nancy Lynner, President

Nancy Lynner,
AWCCS President



Are YOU the AWCCS KIDS' HALLOWEEN HOSTESS we are Looking for?

Calling all members with an interest in HALLOWEEN parties for the club children.

The AWCCS Board has voted to allot £50.00 to the member who steps up and creates an October 2018 Halloween Party for the children of AWCCS members. Please reply to Nancy Lynner before October 10th. I will make sure you get the funds to help make a party for our children.

RSVP by October 10 to nlynnner@gmail.com



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AWCCS November Event

Saturday 3rd November.

Board meeting in Roslin 10:30am-12pm

at Amanda Drollinger's flat
1C Station Road
Roslin EH25 9LP

Lunch at either Amanda's flat or we go to the local pub and visit Roslyn Chapel for inspiration.

Charm design session at Amanda's flat 2pm-4pm

Discuss and debate FAWCO 2019 Conference Charm ideas
Look at the fabrication options and materials for making the various ideas and chose our winning design. Amanda will then submit our design to the FAWCO Foundation Board for final approval.

Once the design is finalised and approved we will have a follow up event to learn silver working skills to make the charms. The Charms will be sold at the FAWCO conference to raise money for FAWCO Foundation charities.

Sallie Chaballier, FAWCO President will be in town for Conference site visit and to meet and personally thank our club members for all the hard work we have and will be putting into the 2019 FAWCO Conference at the Edinburgh Dalmahoy Hotel.

Amanda Drollinger,
FAWCO Representative



THE AMERICAN WOMEN'S CLUB OF CENTRAL SCOTLAND
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO ATTEND

THANKSGIVING DINNER 2018

BRAID HILLS HOTEL
134 Braid Road, Edinburgh, EH10 6JD
SUNDAY, 25th NOVEMBER

2:00 PM CHECK-IN * 2:30 PM SEATING
Complementary Welcome Drink (wine or juice)

MENU

Stuffed Roast Turkey Roulade & Gravy
Roast Potatoes
Sweet Potato Casserole, Green Beans
Roasted Vegetables
Cranberry Sauce
Pumpkin Pie & Vanilla Ice Cream
Tea and Coffee

Advanced RESERVATION PURCHASE REQUIRED

Members & Family: £25/person..... £10/child (Ages 4-12)
Non-Members: £35/person..... £15/child (Ages 4-12)
Children under age 4: FREE (no meal provided)

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CHARITY AUCTION!

Proceeds to Benefit the AWCCS Scottish Charity and Club Initiatives for 2018-19

MUSIC BY
Okefenokee Reunion

Please be sure and bring a non-perishable food item for the local food pantry collection!



AWCCS November Event

'Strike for Freedom: Slavery, Civil War and the Frederick Douglass Family'

Sign up for this free tour of the exhibit to mark the 200th anniversary of the birth of Frederick Douglass. This National Library of Scotland tour can take the first 10 people who sign up.

DATE: Monday 19th November
TIME: 10:30 AM-12 noon
LOCATION: National Library of Scotland, George IV Bridge
RSVP: Nancy at nlynnner@gmail.com

This exhibit is on from 4th October – February 2019.

For additional reading try his autobiography:
Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass

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New Directory Out

Please note that the September 2018 Member Directory is now available for download on our Members Only page under Downloads.

Membership Renewals this Year

There is a slight change in our renewal dates this year for membership. Anyone who joined in 2017 or 2018 will receive an invoice on their anniversary date for renewal. Those of us who have been a member for years celebrate the autumn as our membership renewal time. An invoice will be mailed to our autumn renewal members this year along with our Thanksgiving invitation and reservation form. This is to make it easier for you to remember to renew and will have all the options for how to renew as well.

Please also remember that we voted for a slight increase in our membership fees to begin in July 2018. Our yearly fees are now £35 for a full membership and £29 for a reduced membership (senior or student benefit). We very rarely change our membership dues, but we need to keep up with the costs of keeping the club running. Please be assured that we keep the costs down as much as possible. Also, if you are having any difficulty paying the dues, please contact one of the Board Members so we can consider a special fee structure with you.

Joyce Halsan, Membership Co-Chair joycehalsan@me.com



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American Citizens Abroad - submitted by Dale Finlayson

Voting

Have you signed up to vote in what is developing as a very important midterm election? U.S. citizens living overseas have the right to vote in all U.S. federal elections, but you must re-register for every election. Voting in federal (as opposed to state) elections will not involve you in any requirement to pay state taxes; voting for state offices, on the other hand, may require you to file a state tax return in addition to the federal return that all U.S. persons must file.

Registering online to vote is easy. One site is the Overseas Vote Foundation's tool that allows you to complete the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) in just 10 minutes. You can type directly on the FPCA and then print the completed form, sign and mail it to the County Clerk of your registration district. This tool is non-partisan and your data will not be saved. As you fill it in, make sure you look at the overseas voting rules for your state, which are available on the site. This voter registration tool is available at:

<http://www.overseasvotefoundation.org/>

Information is also available on the Federal Voter Assistance Program website, which is recommended by FAWCO:

<http://fvap.gov/>

You can download and print a registration and ballot request form (FPCA), fill it in and post it to your county clerk's office. You must also look up the information on your state requirements. To do so click on your voting state at:

<http://www.fvap.gov/pubs/vag.html>

Another useful tool, should you wish to use it, that of Democrats Abroad, also makes the process of registration easy. Go to:

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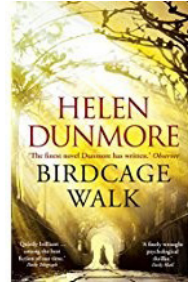
Edinburgh Morning Book Group



Friday, 21 September
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Home of Jennie Gibb
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Birdcage Walk by Helen Dunmore

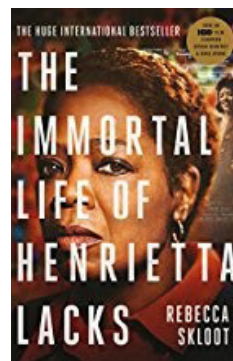


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Friday, 19 October
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The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot

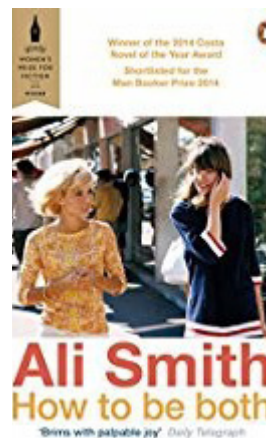


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Friday, 16 November
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Home of Marily MacVicar
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How to Be Both by Ali Smith



AWCCS Glasgow Books, Banter and Beverages (BBB)

Wednesday 26th Sept

It is time for a catch up!

Venue: Roastit Bubbly Jocks

Address: 450 Dumbarton Road, Glasgow G11 6SE,

Website: <http://www.roastitbubblyjocks.com/>

time: 6pm

Located not far from the Partick underground.

All are welcome! rsvp: maryjo.bonecaselton@btinternet.com

Mary Jo Castleton

Glasgow BBB

BIRTHDAYS:

September:

4th Jana Livermore
8th Jana Dougherty
12th Renee Grieve
25th Olivia McLaren

October:

12th Carole Herbstritt
20th Kathryn Cross
27th Tahitia McCabe
29th Caroline Graves
29th Melissa Kaplan
30th Alanna Kibiloski



Have a fantastic Birthday, gals!

AWCCS Birthday Bashes

Come join us, even if it isn't your birthday!

Remember to Rsvp so Nancy can book the right size table-

September 2018 BIRTHDAY BASH

September Birthday Bash Edinburgh:
Thursday 27th September 2018

SAVE THIS DATE!

Come and have a drink, even if it isn't your birthday

TIME: 6:00 – 8:00 PM

WHERE: Peacock Lounge,
Waldorf Astoria Caledonian Hotel

RSVP – Nancy Lynner nlynner@gmail.com



October 2018 BIRTHDAY BASH

Please look out for the mid month email reminders for details of the venue and date , Thank you!

RSVP – Nancy Lynner nlynner@gmail.com

Coffee Plus (Edinburgh)

Wednesday, 26 September, from 10am

Venue: City Art Centre

Hard to believe the Festival, and the Summer, are over. But there are still some good exhibits around. If you haven't seen the Rembrandt at the National Gallery, be sure you go before it closes on 14 October. Get in by 10-11am, or after 4pm, and you can view it for the off-peak price of £10/£8.50 rather than £13.50/£11.50 at other times.

But we shall be meeting this month at the **City Art Centre**, in Market Street, where there will be a choice of two free exhibits:

- Edwin G. Lucas: An Individual Eye – The work of a 20th century Edinburgh artist, influenced by surrealism in his early career but who, during the 1940s and 1950s, developed a very individual style, alive with colour. He is virtually unknown today.
- In Focus: Scottish Photography – The exhibition show cases the City Art Centre's photographic collections, charting the development of fine art photography in Scotland from the 19th century to present day. It features work by a range of historic and contemporary artists, including Hill and Adamson, Thomas Begbie, Joseph McKenzie, David Williams, Maud Sulter, Wendy McMurdo, Calum Colvin, Christine Borland, and Dalziel + Scullion.



Meet in the Gallery's café as it opens at 10am.

Contact: Dale Finlayson – dka.finlayson@gmail.com

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Coffee Plus (Edinburgh)

JOIN US FOR AN EXCLUSIVE AWCCS TOUR OF THE FESTIVAL THEATRE

Wednesday 17th October 2018
Tour of the Festival Theatre

Where: 13-29 Nicolson Street, Edinburgh EH 8 9FT

Time: 10:00am for coffee in the Festival Theatre Café
11:00am TOUR of the Festival Theatre

Learn about the dramatic history of the Empire Theatre which is now the Festival Theatre, see back stage, hear about some of the amazing productions—join this free tour by Sam Goldblatt, Senior Marketing Executive of Capital Theatres. Will we see the ghost? Halloween is not far away...

RSVP: Nancy Lynner nlynnner@gmail.com
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About our AWCCS Chosen Charity 2017-19: Friends of the Earth Scotland

Since 1978, Friends of the Earth Scotland has been promoting its vision of a world where everyone can enjoy a healthy environment and a fair share of the Earth's resources. They have become Scotland's leading environmental campaigning organisation and have worked to create new laws and regulations aimed at tackling climate change, pollution and other vital environmental issues that we face every day.

Visit their website at www.foe.scot and learn more about what they do, sign up to their mailing list and get involved! You can even become a member for as little as £3 per month.

This year, we hope to do more for our chosen charity than ever before. We will begin to incorporate more fundraising aspects into our events and hopefully plan a fundraiser or two. We will be placing donation buckets at some events but donations will not be a requirement. If you have any ideas for fundraisers or any concerns, please contact **Charity Chair, Alanna Kibiloski** at alannakib@gmail.com.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

September

Thursday 20th September, Get together with AWC Aberdeen to visit the new **V and A Museum in Dundee**

Friday, 21st September, 10:15 a.m., **Edinburgh Morning Book Group**, Home of Jenny Gibb. Helen Dunmore, Birdcage Walk.

Wednesday, 26th September, 10:00 a.m., **Coffee Plus**, City Art Centre

Wednesday, 26th September, 6:00 p.m., **Glasgow Books Beverages and Banter**, Roastit Bubbly Jocks

Thursday 27th September, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., **Birthday Bash**, Peacock Lounge, Waldorf Astoria Edinburgh

October

Saturday 6th October, 10:30 a.m., **Board Meeting** at at the home of Susanne Hathon, Edinburgh

Wednesday, 17th October, 10:00 a.m., **Coffee Plus**, A tour of the Festival Theatre, Edinburgh.

Friday, 20 October, 10:15 a.m., **Edinburgh Morning Book Group**, Home of Nancy Lynner

November

Saturday 3rd November, 10:30 a.m., **Board Meeting** at at the home of Amanda Drollinger in Roslin

Saturday 3rd November, 2:00 p.m., **AWCCS Charm Design activity** at the home of Amanda Drollinger in Roslin

Friday, 16th November, 10:15 a.m., **Edinburgh Morning Book Group**, Home of Marily MacVicar

Monday, 19th November, 10:30 a.m., 'Strike for Freedom: Slavery, Civil War and the Frederick Douglass Family', **Tour of the National Library of Scotland**, George IV Bridge, Edinburgh

Sunday 25th November, 2:00 p.m., **AWCCS Annual Thanksgiving Dinner**, Braid Hills Hotel, Edinburgh