

2021-22 Newsletter for November, December and January 2022

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AWCCS Newsletter

American Women's Club of Central Scotland

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Greetings from your AWCCS Board. Our Winter Newsletter is presented to you through email, pdf and online. We hope you are well and can spend some time with your relatives and friends during the holiday season. We continue doing most of our club events online, but have included some in-person experiences using precautions for Covid19. We miss meeting up with everyone, but delight in our ability to keep in touch in other ways.

During the holiday times, it would be wonderful if we could all think about our friends, family and neighbours and take special care to offer help, support, love during this strange time in our lives. Please take care and continue to do well. Wishing you peace and contentment.

UPCOMING EVENTS

[VOTE for our 2021-2023 local charity and Donate](#)

3 Nov 2021

Your Emailed Vote is needed

[Glasgow Christmas Fair with Tahitia McCabe](#)

27 Nov 2021 11:00

Royal Concert Hall, Buchanan St, Glasgow

[AWCCS Thanksgiving Dinner and Charity Event 2021](#)

28 Nov 2021 14:00

BRAID HILLS HOTEL 134 Braid Road, Edinburgh, EH10 6JD

[FAWCO Global Issues Book Discussion hosted by the Human Rights Team](#)

2 Dec 2021 18:00

Your Zoom Room

[December 2021 Coffee Morning](#)

10 Dec 2021 10:00

National Portrait Gallery, Edinburgh

Watch for these Events to Come:

AWCCS January 2022 Event and Exhibit at Upright Gallery

Art Exhibit and book signing

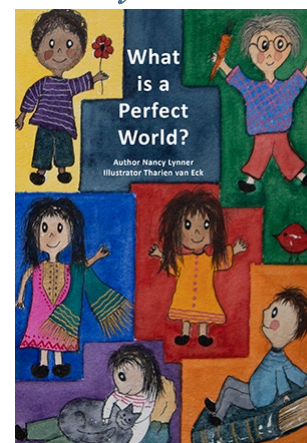
WHERE:

- Upright Gallery, 3 Barclay Terrace
- and Castello Coffee. 7 Barclay Terrace, EH10 4HP

WHEN: January 2022, to be announced

WHAT:

- an exhibit of original water color paintings from “What is a Perfect World?” by Nancy Lynner, illustrated by Tharien van Eck
- view or purchase the book and get it signed by Nancy at Castello Coffee



Stay tuned, and look for the Event eMail from AWCCS

*Next in our series on Mental Health will be a speaker on
MINDFULNESS*

DATE: January 2022, a weeknight evening (**Event eMail will follow**).

TIME: To be announced,

WHERE: Your Zoom Room

Stay tuned, and look for the Event eMail from AWCCS

Glascow Kahoot dates

Thurs 20 January 7:30pm

Thurs 24 January 7:30pm

Stay tuned, and look for the Event eMail from AWCCS



AWCCS Thanksgiving 2021 will be held on **Sunday 28th November 2021**, the Sunday following US Thanksgiving holiday. The Venue has been chosen and the Members have received their invitation. If you have not yet received your invitation for Thanksgiving, please let us know and we will send out another one.

Staying Covid19 Secure

Our event will follow current Scottish Government Covid restrictions.

- **Masks will be required while moving about**
- **Once seated at your table, masks may be removed**

You may wish to take a Lateral Flow test before event but it is not required.

If you have any covid symptoms on the day, contact Nancy Lynner for a full refund.

Charity Donations at Thanksgiving

To raise money for our chosen charity a **silent auction** will be held during our Thanksgiving Dinner, on Sunday the 28th of November at Braids Hill Hotel. Members are kindly invited to donate goods or services to be auctioned on that day. Items for donation can be brought directly to the hotel on the day or dropped off at my house in Colinton.

Please Download our **auction item donation sheet** in which you can email to our **Charity Chair, Katie Graham**. a description of the item you are donating so an Auction Bid sheet can be made.

Further Note for Donation Bid: Please consider using either cash or cheque to pay for your winning donation bid. We will have PayPal available online, but would like to contain unnecessary movement away from our tables. Thanks so much in advance.

Questions?

Contact Us

2021-23 Charity Choice

We are currently voting on our Charity Choice for the next two years. We will post here the Charity selected after 29 November 2021. Thank you for sending along your suggestions to our **Charity Chair, Katie Graham**. We always give to three charities, (1) the one chosen by our members, (2) the FAWCO Target Program and (3) we contribute to an emergency fund for Americans who show up at the U.S. Consulate General in Edinburgh.

You have sent in your nominations and **now it's time to finalize the choice of the local charity the AWCCS will support over the next 2 years.**

The final three nominations for our support are:

- *The Kilbrandon Fund*
- *The Teapot Trust*
- *The Moira Anderson Foundation*

All three are small local charities that could greatly benefit from our supports.

Please Vote before November 25th

- Submit your vote by email
- Reference in the subject line: AWCCS Charity Vote
- Note the charity name you wish to vote for
- Send email to Katie Graham at kubaltroup@hotmail.com

Thank you all for your continued support,

Katie Graham

AWCCS CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome New Members:

Julianne Waller

Carol Castleberry



Happy Birthday

November 2021	December 2021	January 2022
-Suzette Bell (Nov 14) -Ellen Brennan (Nov 12) -Maeve Gillies (Nov 6) -Joyce Halsan (Nov 18) -Andreea Luca (Nov 24) -Donna Nodson (Nov 22) -Lindsay Nygren (Nov 29)	-Mary Jo Caselton (Dec 12)	-Michele Henry-Woods (Jan 07) -Gayatri Malik (Jan 12)



Glasgow Events

Glasgow Christmas Fair

Join me for a shopping trip to the Glasgow Christmas Fair held at the Royal Concert Hall on Buchanan

Street in city centre Glasgow on Saturday, the **27th of November**.

The Fair features over 60 artists, designers and makers, who only sell their own work. One special artist at the fair is Samira Kitman, who spoke at the Edinburgh FAWCO conference in 2019. She's an artist originally from Afghanistan and has gorgeous designs on note cards and pillow cases but I imagine she'll have some surprises to share with us as well!

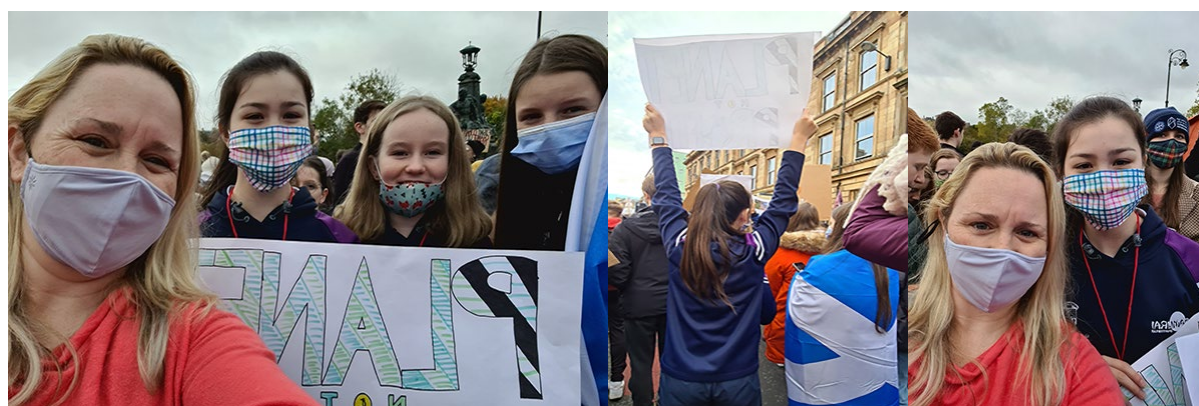
If anyone is interested in coming along with me to the Fair on the 27th of November to support Samira and to see the rest of the event, I thought we could meet at the entrance to the Hall at 11.00.

You can **RSVP** by **emailing** me at tahitialynn@gmail.com .

There's information on the Fair at <https://www.3d2d.co.uk/royal-concert-hall> and Samira has a FB page at <https://www.facebook.com/samirakitmanarts/> .

She's also looking for a place to stay if anyone has a spare bedroom for the nights of November 27 & 28. She can be contacted at Samirakitmanart@gmail.com about that. She's a lovely woman so would be no trouble at all!

Glasgow COP26



Our Glasgow members participate at Cop26

Edinburgh Events

Edinburgh Halloween- Nancy



Photos supplied by Susanne Hathon, thanks so much

Edinburgh Book Group

The morning book group was back in action, but still on Zoom, after our pause in August for the Book Festival. Our September book was *Love and War in the Apennines* by Eric Newby, the true story of a young soldier in the Black Watch who escaped from imprisonment under Italian fascists and was sheltered by unbelievably hardy, selfless Italian mountain villagers, one of whom he later married! He was to become one of Britain's best known travel writers in subsequent years. A recommended read!



Future selections:

19 November – *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens

AWCCS Treasurer Report 2021-22

AWCCS Proposed Annual Budget

July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

Final October 4, 2021

American Women's Club of Central Scotland - 2021 to 2022	Income	Expenses	Total
2020 TO 2021 CASH BALANCE			£6,714.84
MEMBERSHIP DUES	£1,800.00		£1,800.00
ADVERTISING	£250.00	(£250.00)	£0.00
NEWSLETTERS		£0.00	£0.00
SOFTWARE		(£150.00)	(£150.00)
WEBSITE/DOMAIN NAME - FAWCO & Wild Apricot		(£855.00)	(£855.00)
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING		(£200.00)	(£200.00)
SOCIAL EVENTS		(£1,500.00)	(£1,500.00)
CHARITY CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED / (MADE)	£1,200.00	(£1,300.00)	(£100.00)
THANKSGIVING	£2,000.00	(£2,200.00)	(£200.00)
FAWCO DUES		(£85.00)	(£85.00)
FAWCO CONFERENCE FEE ASSISTANCE	£0.00	(£748.00)	(£748.00)
2021 to 2022 TOTAL BUDGETED INCOME & EXPENSES	£5,250.00	(£7,288.00)	(£2,038.00)
2021 TO 2022 BUDGETED ENDING CASH BALANCE			£4,676.84

Notes:

- 1 - Membership Dues - assuming membership returns to pre-covid figures.
- 2 - Advertising Income will be offset by Advertising Expense for brochure redesign.
- 3 - Software - Zoom.
- 4 - Website/Domain Name = FAWCO Website Hosting £40 + FAWCO Domain Name £15 + Wild Apricot for 2 years £800.
- 5 - Thanksgiving - assume costs & expenses are similar to pre-covid figures.
- 4 - FAWCO Conference Fee Assistance Reserves = £148 c/o 2018-2019 Auction Item + £600 2021-2022 Club Contribution.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susanne Hathon

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FAWCO NEWS

Contact [Caroline Graves](#)

Over the next couple of weeks, FAWCO (Federation of American Women's Clubs Overseas) will announce the 2022 annual meeting in Luxembourg. This is expected to be an in-person event in March. Watch this space on our Website for information on early-bird registration (as a member of AWCCS you are also a member of FAWCO). If you find yourself doing a lot of online shopping these days, please remember that FAWCO is an option on US Amazon Smile as well as a service called iGive so you can donate as you shop. The deadline for FAWCO [Development Grants](#) and [Educational Awards](#) is at the



end of January. Learn more about Education Awards and Development Grants.

MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

Traveling with Mary Jo in Scotland--UPDATE November 2021

by *Mary Jo Bone-Caselton*

Mull of Galloway: My husband Bill and I walked the 37 mile route 15 – 17 Oct. Our weather was mixed – of course this is Scotland after all. Day 1: 13 miles of coastal walking from Ardwell to the Mull of Galloway lighthouse (designed by Robert Stevenson – father of author John Louis Stevenson). This was my favourite part of the walk as we walked along the beach with great views and with sunshine the entire walk.

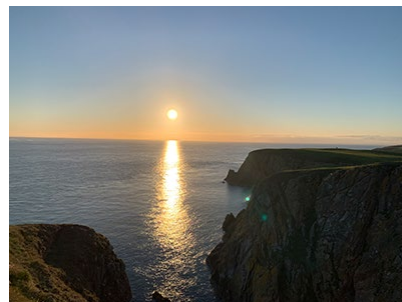


Day 2 from Ardwell to Stranraer (13 miles in total). Approx half the walk was costal followed by a short spell on tarmac into a pleasant forested area leading directly into Stranraer. Weather was mostly cloudy but no rain (thank goodness).

Day 3: Stranraer to Glenapp Church, Ballantrae (11 miles in total). Another cloudy day which soon turned out to be a wet walk. The first 6 miles was coastal which was delightful then a swift turn inland and uphill. We enjoyed a few breaks in the clouds to get some view over the sea but for the most part it was wet. The most challenging part of Day 3 included approx. 1 – 2 miles over open moorland walking. This section of the walk is best described a ‘wet, tiresome and tedious’. I was glad to have been wearing waterproofs although my boots did not remain dry. Oh well – time for a change of boots.



OVERALL I really enjoyed the walk – some good coastal views and historic. If anyone is interested in giving this walk a try let me know.



US Consulate General, Edinburgh

If you are making an application for a social security number for yourself or your child for the first time, completing a change of name with the social security agency or having documents certified as part of a social security benefits claim (if you already have a claim in process). If you would be interested in obtaining an appointment for any of these in person services, please email

Edinburgh-info@state.gov with the following

information:

- Full name of the applicant;
- Your current UK address;
- The type of social security service you are requesting an appointment for.

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Kind Regards,
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Scotland Covid19 Links

Introduction to NHS inform.scot

"Test and Protect is Scotland's way of putting into practice the test, trace, isolate, support strategy.

It will prevent the spread of coronavirus in the community by:

- identifying cases of coronavirus through testing
- tracing the people who may have become infected by spending time in close contact with them
- supporting those close contacts to self-isolate, so that if they have the virus they are less likely transmit it to others

Breaking the chains of transmission in the community will stop the virus spreading. This will allow us to gradually change the restrictions that help to suppress the virus."

Testing

"There are test centres across Scotland for people with and without symptoms. You can also get tests to do at home.

You can get a test for:

- yourself
- someone you care for
- a child in your care"

Get a test if you have symptoms

Get a test if you do not have symptoms

AWCCS BOARD AND GROUPS

AWCCS Board 2021-2022

President

Cynthia Holden

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U.S. Consul General,

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Although we will not be meeting in person, some of these groups may be meeting online. Contact us if you would like to participate.

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Edinburgh: Dale Finlayson for Morning Book Group, Coffee Plus Edinburgh and Voting Coordinator

Glasgow: Books Beverages and Banter hosted by various individuals.

Fife: Pat Peters for Fife Dinner Club

Join us as a Board Member or work on a Team

Interested in joining us as a board member? We would love to hear from you. We are meeting online at the present, but still very active in the club. We have the following openings:

Communications Convenor is looking for members who would like to help as a team in the following areas: Newsletter writing on line, Advertising/PR and working on the website. Expertise is helpful, but training is available if you want to learn a system. Please notify Joyce of your interest.

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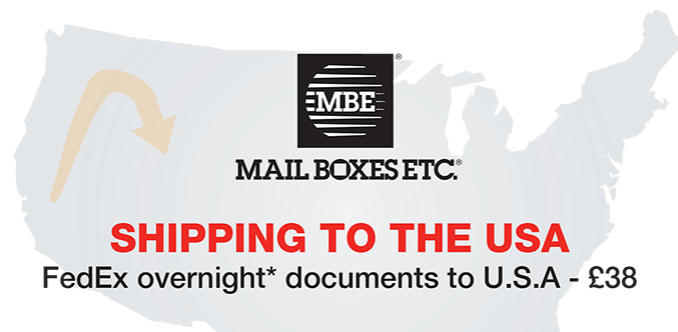
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