

THE AMERICAN-SCOTTISH FOUNDATION®

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AUTUMN BULLETIN 2011

The American-Scottish Foundation® (ASF) is in the midst of celebrating the 55th Anniversary of its formation in 1956. Founded by Lord Malcolm Douglas-Hamilton, who believed there was a need for a bridge between the United States and Scotland, the ASF is dedicated both to bringing the two countries closer together and to helping foster and develop closer cultural, educational, business and charitable ties through its extensive platform of programs and partnerships.

His mission for ASF is as strong today as it was then.

The Wallace Award® Honors Outstanding Contributions to American Scottish Relations

On November 1st, the ASF will hold The **2011 Wallace Award® Gala Dinner**, celebrating the 55th Anniversary of its formation and awarding the Wallace Award® to celebrated historian and author Duncan A. Bruce and The Rt. Hon. Lord Smith of Kelvin, Chairman of Weir Industries and Scottish & Southern Energy. The evening is chaired by Betty DeForest Scott, longtime Foundation board member, and Tom Ward, President of the Scottish Community Foundation, of which Lord Smith is Patron. The evening will benefit the ongoing work of both organizations.

ASF Energy Forum - 'The Future of Energy in America and Scotland - The Challenges of Today and Tomorrow'

The Forum, which will take place on Monday, October 31, 2011 at the SUNY Center, New York, offers a day of both panel discussions and keynote speeches. Topics include such timely issues as the balancing of alternative energy, carbon credits, environmental and economic development - citing concerns from both a US and Scottish perspective. For more details, please call the ASF office at (212) 605-0338.

Public Catalogue Foundation Brings to Light Rare Scottish Oil Paintings

The ASF has partnered with The Public Catalogue Foundation (PCF), a British charity dedicated to cataloging publicly owned paintings in Scotland - to raise funds and awareness as well as improve access to rare Scottish paintings dispersed across museums, galleries, universities, hospitals, fire stations and even lighthouses.



As an introduction to this important project, the ASF joined with Christie's to host a review of PCF's work. A similar event took place with Living Legacy of Scotland in Washington DC. The functions created awareness of PCF's initiative, cataloging over 30,000 paintings in Scotland and over 300,000 throughout Britain. What began as wonderful hardcover catalog books of the project's progress has now become an interactive on-line catalog with the BBC which has recently gone live on bbc.co.uk as the next stage in this project's exciting development.

His Grace The Duke of Hamilton is ASF Patron



The Board of the American-Scottish Foundation® is honored to announce that Alexander Douglas-Hamilton, 16th Duke of Hamilton and 13th Duke of Brandon, has become Patron of the Foundation.

His Grace is the great nephew of the Foundation's founder Lord Malcolm Douglas-Hamilton. He was educated at Keil School, Dumbarton and Gordonstoun in Scotland.

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Plans are underway for **Tartan Week 2012** which heralds a week-long celebration of Scottish culture each year in April, centering around April 6th, **National Tartan Day**. The week (eight days in 2012!) provides a platform for American Scots to tell their story to their fellow Americans, and to showcase both contemporary and historic Scotland for all Americans.

The ASF is involved in a variety of events during the week, from forums to turning Lower Manhattan's Stone Street into a piece of Scotland, showcasing Scottish music, food and drink, and presenting community concerts. In 2011 the ASF also undertook an exhibit with the Museum of American Finance on the life and work of Alexander Hamilton.

The ASF calendar of events for Tartan Week 2012 will be announced shortly and will conclude with the **Tartan Day Parade** taking place on Saturday, April 14th. The ASF is a lead organizer of the parade, having spearheaded the first parade in 1997.



The ARCHIE Foundation

The ARCHIE Foundation is a vibrant charity supporting the healthcare of over 100,000 sick children each year in the North of Scotland and the Islands; who need medical care in the Royal Aberdeen Children's Hospital, in children's wards in Inverness and Elgin or in their own community.

The ASF is looking forward to welcoming over 50 Scots who will join us in Manhattan for the New York Marathon, running for the ARCHIE Foundation. As one of the ASF's partner charities, the ASF will be helping in the raising of funds for ARCHIE Foundation projects to improve sick children's healthcare in many of the most remote communities in Scotland.

Hamilton Grange

In October **Hamilton Grange**, Alexander Hamilton's historic home situated in St. Nicholas Park, was reopened to the public after extensive renovation by the National Parks Service. The ASF is taking the lead in the establishment of the **Hamilton Garden**, with the first trees to be planted shortly. During 2011, the ASF was instrumental in bringing together the Scottish and American Hamilton family descendants for the first time in 300 years. A private visit was also arranged to Hamilton Grange.



Winner of Big Apple Award Announced

ASF has partnered with Nordoff Robbins Scotland and Creative Scotland in a competition to find the Best New Scottish Band and to then bring the winner to New York for **Tartan Week 2012**.

Bands submitted over the summer, with semi finalists performing at the Garage, Glasgow in front of leading members of the music industry.

'**Song of Return**' stormed on to win and will be presented with the **Big Apple Clef Award** at the Nordoff Robbins Tartan Clef Awards - Scotland's leading music awards - on November 19th. They will then will travel to New York in April for Tartan Week where they will play various showcases. **Save The Date for April 10th, 2012 - ASF Nordoff Robbins Creative night.**



A Selection of Upcoming Events 2011/2012

October 21st-23rd, 2011

The North American Leadership Conference - Detroit Conference organized by ASF & Illinois St. Andrew's Society

Monday, October 31st, 2011 - **The Future of Energy in America and Scotland - Challenges of Today & Tomorrow**
ASF Energy Forum and post conference Reception

Tuesday, November 1st, 2011 - **Wallace Award® Gala Dinner** celebrating the Foundation's 55th Anniversary and honoring Duncan A. Bruce and The Rt. Hon. Lord Smith of Kelvin

Friday, January 20th, 2012 - **Annual Burns Night Celebration**
A night to honor Scotland's national bard, Robert Burns

April 6th-15th, 2012 - **Tartan Week 2012**

Tuesday April 10th - **ASF Nordoff Robbins Creative night**

Saturday, April 14th, 2012 - **New York Tartan Day Parade**