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COME ONE, COME ALL TO THE 2018 NAMA CONVENTION JUNE 21-25, 2018 IN VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA!

MESSAGE FROM KATY PRENDERGAST

We have so many fun things planned for next year's Convention in Canada, the third country of the North American Manx Association. We are thrilled we will be there during its 150th Anniversary! We have some amazing things planned: including whale watching or a Hop-on Hop-off bus tour; Afternoon Tea at the Fairmount Empress; a trip to Butchart Gardens; Manx Break-out sessions and plenty of opportunities to catch up with old friends.



First though – Have you asked yourself how to get to Vancouver Island, Victoria, BC?

I'll simply start by telling you that there is no right or wrong way to get to Victoria, and that how you come upon the lovely island city is a decision only you can make.

I have flown from Chicago to Vancouver, done customs in Vancouver and then got a connecting flight to Victoria. The airport is approximately 18km from downtown, and there is a shuttle service to the hotel or you can take a taxi.

Kelly and Bill McCarthy, who are from the east coast, were able to get a flight from Washington DC to San Francisco to Victoria, meaning they were able to pass through customs in Victoria. (Kelly wants to remind everyone travelling on a Brit-

ish passport that you will need to get an Electronic Travel Application (ETA) visa in order to travel to Canada. They are available online at <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/eta.asp>

I have flown to Seattle and then taken the Victoria Clipper, which takes approximately 3 hours. The advantage to this method is that the landing port is less than a mile/kilometer from the hotel. Very walkable.



There is a car/people ferry from Port Angeles, WA, to Victoria, the company is Black Ball Ferry Line. There are ferries approximately 4 times a day. This is also very walkable and the port for this is 100 feet in front of the Victoria Clipper.

There is a car/people ferry from Tsawwassen to Vancouver Island, and you are approximately 20mi/32km outside of downtown Victoria.

I have taken a float plane, which has some advantages in that you fly from Seattle to Victoria Inner Harbor in approximately 45 minutes. It was a completely scary and exhilarating experience, and not one for any with mobility issues. You have to walk up a ladder to get into the plane and bend quite a bit to clear the doorway. The downside is there are absolute luggage restrictions, I believe you can only bring a traditional carry-on size bag. There is definitely no place for a full-size bag.

As of right now Victoria does not have Uber or Lyft, but they do have some truly wonderful cab companies and rental car services, you should not need a vehicle to get around the convention, unless you venture out on your own.

Please look at the cover of this newsletter, above your name and address; if it says "please pay" and either \$15 or \$20, make your check payable to NAMA and mail it to John Prendergast NAMA Treasurer, 10251 S. Bell Ave., Chicago, IL 60643-1901 (The form is on page 4) We have set the Junior membership at just \$2 and that takes you right up to your 30th Birthday.



FROM THE IOM FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY JOURNAL - MAY 2016 A STORY OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR.

'PEACE TO HIS ASHES' BY JOHN MURRAY (EDITED)

In the final months of the American Civil War, the Union army of General William T. Sherman left Savannah, Georgia, and marched north through the Carolinas. In mid-February 1865, Sherman's forces entered Columbia, the state capital of South Carolina. On 17th February much of Columbia was burned. A local and prominent photographer, Richard Wearn, was present and shortly after the war, probably in May 1865, he took 19 carte de visite images of the destroyed city.

Richard Wearn's name and examples of his work appear in many books on American Civil War photography and several originals of Wearn's photographs of the destruction of Columbia are held by the library of the University of South Carolina, Columbia. These include the images of the South Carolina Rail Road offices, Hunt's Hotel, the South Carolina freight depot, the bridge of the Congaree river, the Presbyterian Lecture Room, Evans and Cogswell's printing establishment on West Gervais Street and the State Armory on Arsenal Hill (shown here.). Reputedly depicted in the foreground of this photograph is Richard Wearn himself. Evans and Cogswell were responsible for printing much of the Confederacy's paper money and, after Sherman's visit, the printing premises were worth just about as much as the Confederate scrip. Wearn's own premises were 'Shermanized' on 17th February 1865.



Richard Wearn was born on the Isle of Man on 23rd October 1826. His father, also called Richard, was a Cornishman, a tin miner, who had moved to a tin mining area in Scotland where he met and, on 25 November 1822, married Henrietta Thompson. It is not known when exactly Richard and Henrietta moved to the Isle of Man but Richard senior probably continued working as a miner. His son was baptised in Rushen Parish on 5th November 1826 and the nearest working mines would probably have been at Bradda near Port Erin. (Joseph Lindsey, late of the 102nd Pennsylvania Volunteers, a resident of Port Erin, and the subject of articles in this Journal, is buried in Rushen churchyard. By another coincidence, Manx-

born Edward Corrin's regiment, the 15th Iowa, was present in Columbia at the time of the burning.)

Richard Wearn senior, his wife and child emigrated to America and by 1831 had settled in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, an area noted at the time for gold mining. Richard junior grew up to become an 'itinerant' photographer working in Charlotte, North Carolina, and Newberry and Anderson, South Carolina, before setting up in business in the Palmetto state's capital in 1859. Wearn was joined by William P. Hix and together Wearn and Hix established a profitable photography business focusing principally on making portraits and taking landscape images.

Throughout the conflict, Wearn took *carte de visite* images of Confederate soldiers stationed at nearby training camps. According to photography historian Richard McCaslin, the 1870 census showed the married Wearn to be a prosperous man living in Main Street, with three (other sources state five) children, and "employing black servants". Apart from running a successful business, Wearn took time to serve as an Alderman of Columbia. Then tragedy struck.

On 9th January 1874, Wearn committed suicide by shooting himself in the head with a deringer pistol. News of Wearn's death spread far and wide - and quickly. Including this from the

15th January 1874, *The Intelligencer* of Anderson, South Carolina, commented upon Wearn's death:

"Death of Mr Richard Wearn"
The Columbia papers chronicle the death of Mr. Richard Wearn, the well-known photographer of that city, who committed suicide on Friday morning last, by shooting himself through the head, while laboring under a temporary fit of insanity. The circumstances of his death are truly mournful, and awake the sympathies of a large circle of friends throughout the State for his deeply afflicted family.

Mr Wearn was a resident of Anderson for several years when he was a young man, and always maintained the respect and confidence of our people. He was kind and generous in his disposition, and possessed the power of making friends innumerable wherever he went. He was a native of the Isle of Man and was about forty-five [sic, actually 47] years of age. Peace to his Ashes."



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Our blog is also hosted here which means you can remain updated on events of interest to Americans of Manx descent. You can check this website to find links to Manx Societies across America and Canada as well as recipes, Membership details and random Manx facts. Also a great source of information for the next Convention. Guest authors from the Isle of Man make regular additions. You should visit often!

 Regional societies take note, you need to keep your content updated, so either learn how to use WordPress and get Log-in credentials from Jim Kneale jim.kneale@gmail.com, or email us your information and we will post it for you. We're also on Facebook. Our pages are called North American Manx Association and NAMA Youth.

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If you have news you'd like to share with the members of the North American Manx Association, please email Kelly@mustgoto.com



JUDGING OF NAMA YOUTH AWARDS
BY ANNE MINAY

Being a Life Time Honorary Member of NAMA has allowed me the privilege of representing the Association at a number of prestigious Manx events. Recently I was delighted to serve on the judging panel for the 2017 NAMA Youth Awards, together with Professor Ronald Barr, Chief Executive of the Department of Education and Children and Aimee Corlett, President of the World Manx Association.

The process began in early April when the Department of Education and Children circulated letters inviting nominations from Secondary Schools, University College Isle of Man and other organisations such as Yn Chruinnaght and various Manx associations such as Manx Deaf Association.

Copies of the nominations were then forwarded to the judges, with photographs of art work and sound bites of musical performances where applicable. This gave time to thoroughly consider the nominations and to attend the

judging with as much information as possible to help make the difficult decisions.



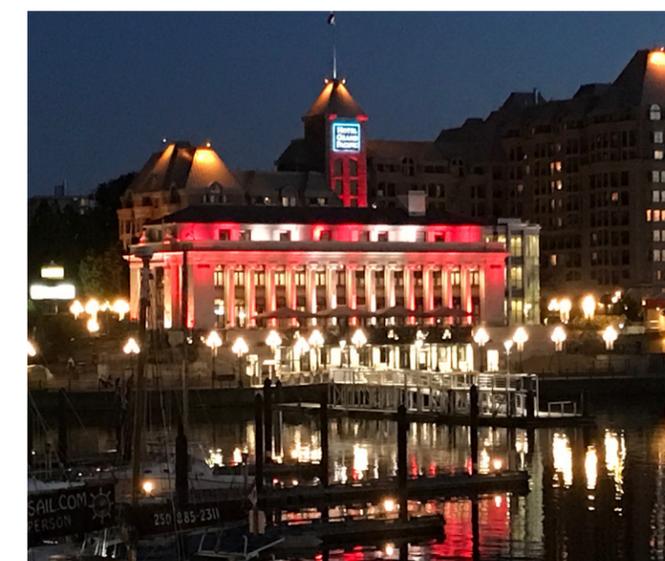
This year there were twenty-nine nominations over eight categories and it was not an easy task. The nominees highlighted the wealth of talent amongst our young people and their commitment to upholding our Manx culture and serving their community. (continued page 6)



OFFICIAL HOTEL OF THE 2018 CONVENTION

The official hotel of the 2018 convention is the Hotel Grand Pacific. Convention dates run Evening Thursday, June 21st - Evening Saturday, June 23rd.

We strongly recommend that you arrive no later than Thursday afternoon as the festivities begin on Thursday night. The official room check-in time is 4:00PM, and check-out is at 11:00AM. They are able to hold your luggage should your room not be ready early.



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Annual	\$15	_____	Annual	\$20	_____
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Under age 50	\$250	_____	Under age 50	\$325	_____
Age 50-59	\$175	_____	Age 50-59	\$235	_____
Age 60 and over	\$125	_____	Age 60 and over	\$200	_____
Junior (age 1-30 yrs, no bulletin)	\$2	_____			

To become a NAMA member, or to renew your membership, please send this form and your check made out to North American Manx Association or money order to John Prendergast.

Total Remittance
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Please advise John if you change your address.

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We have a room rate for three days before the convention and three days after the convention. While we have tried to give you many of the highlights of Victoria, we do strongly encourage you to stay and visit and see things like Fisherman's Warf, Chinatown, and totem pole park.

If you have mobility issues, it is critical not only to book early, but to also ask for a handicap accessible room. There is an approximate 3-foot step to get into the tub to take a shower with no grab bars.

Reservations should be made via the Hotel Grand Pacific reservation department at one of the following numbers:

Toll Free 1-800-663-7550
 Direct (250) 386-0450
 Email reserve@hotelgrandpacific.com

In order to qualify for the group rate, it is imperative that individuals indicate the Group Name or Group Code, and re-serve by April 30, 2018. Group Name: NAMA Convention 2018. Please note that the hotel requires a valid credit card as security or full pre-payment of room and taxes upon arrival. When you reserve your room, kindly provide the correct number of occupants for planning purposes.



SOUVENIR BOOKLET

This year the souvenir booklet will be compiled by the Chicago Manx Society. However, it will be printed in Victoria, as such we are starting this process early.

A full page this year will be \$80, and a half page will be \$40.

If you have previously submitted art, we encourage you to provide us an updated copy, if possible. If you are unable to provide updated art, we might be able to look up from previous booklets. Please send all art and funds to NAMA Treasurer, John Prendergast.

If you provide your email address and or phone number, someone from the Chicago Manx Society will confirm that we have received your page(s).



LOCAL SOCIETY NEWS

The Denver Museum of Nature & Science currently is hosting "Vikings: Beyond the Legend", an exhibit containing artifacts from the 7th, 8th & 9th centuries. The exhibit is from the National Museum of Sweden.



On two successive Sundays the Rocky Mountain Manx Society visited the exhibit. On May 28th Vicky and Gary Reynolds, Colleen Kent, her son Michael and Linda Corlett accompanied Jim & Sandy Corlett for lunch at the Museum and a tour of the exhibit. The following Sunday Anne DeLancey, Charles, Leanne and Michele Corlett had their lunch and tour with Jim & Sandy.

GREATER WASHINGTON AREA MANX SOCIETY

GWAMS has been busy meeting people. We held two events at the National Press Club in Washington D.C. Our first was to see the club and meet Past President Angela Greiling-Keene who has Manx blood in her veins. She graciously showed us around the Club premises and answered questions during dinner in the Members' Lounge. One interesting fact was that she had to renew the Liquor License for the club when she became president. As a mark of the love of journalists for a drink, the first license issued in D.C. Liquor License No. 1, following Prohibition was to the National Press Club.

Our second trip was to meet up with Paul Moulton from Manx Telecom TV. He interviewed two members, **Kearlsey Walsh and Jaine Sirieys** (photo) on what it means to have Manx heritage. Next day he interviewed Bill Cassidy, NAMA Trustee and upholder of Manx Culture, where they discussed the Manx language and the importance of cultural ties. Both videos can be found at www.manx.net.



CHICAGO MANX SOCIETY

General Meeting – April 23, 2017 - 1:00 PM

Hostess: Dorothy Gawne

The Chicago Manx Society had a meeting at the home of Dorothy Gawne on Sunday, April 23, 2017. There were eight people in attendance, including a new member, Kevin Jackson. We had a wonderful pot-luck lunch with a nice pork roast provided by Dorothy, and side dishes and desserts brought by members. Our Chicago Manx Society President, Richard Corrin, submitted his resignation as our President, due to health issues. We wish him well. Dorothy Gawne was nominated and elected to serve as our President.

We discussed the upcoming NAMA Board meeting, and how Chicago members will support the convention with assisting in registration, etc. Everyone who is going plans to help out. Katy Prendergast discussed the planned activities, and we discussed logistics for getting to the convention, including the ferry from Seattle.

Our newest member, Kevin Jackson, has known about our organization for a number of years, having Welsh heritage and attending the Chicago Celtic Fest in years past. It was only recently that he discovered that he has Manx ancestry on his father's side. He has Fargher, Corrin, and Quayle surnames in his family tree. He is beginning to explore his Manx roots, having learned only recently because he had been adopted as a child. Our Honorary NAMA President, Larry Fargher will have one more relative to meet at the next Convention.

Our next meeting will be at the home of Brad Prendergast, on Sunday, September 17, 2017. We would welcome any Manx friends who might be in the area to join us.



JUDGING OF NAMA YOUTH AWARDS

However, after considerable deliberation winners were chosen. They were later presented with their specially minted silver medallions from NAMA life member David Holmes at a special celebration in the Barrule Suite in the Tynwald building.

The winners were:

Outstanding achievement in Manx music was awarded to Ramsey Grammar School student Mera Royle, 17, an accomplished harpist and violinist, Mera has performed both as a soloist and in ensembles across the island and in the UK.

Outstanding achievement in arts and crafts was awarded to Ferghus Doyle, 18, of University College Isle of Man (UCM). Ferghus undertook a photo-journalism project into the island's lifestyle and history, interviewing and photographing the Speaker of the House of Keys, the First Deemster, farmers and families who have moved to the island.

Outstanding achievement in Manx language went to Harry Hewson, 17, of Queen Elizabeth II High School. The former Bunscoill Ghaelgagh pupil is proficient in Manx Gaelic and has continued to study several subjects using Manx and is taking Manx as one of his A-levels. Harry has assisted with Club Spoyrt, which gives Manx speakers the opportunity to practise sport after school through the Manx language.

Outstanding contribution to Manx culture by a student under 18 was awarded to Chloe Irving, 17, of QEII. Chloe, a percussionist, is a member of the Rushen Silver Band and she is a founding member of her school's wind band and has been key to recent successes, including a prize-winning performance at the Manx Music Festival.

Outstanding achievement in the Manx community went to Summer Patrick, 18, of St Ninian's High School. Summer has worked with the St. John Ambulance for many years and helps to deliver first aid training. She helps provide first aid cover at events. She has been St John Ambulance Cadet of the Year and was one of the young people chosen to be a Lieutenant Governor's Cadet.

Young Manx dance group Skeddan Jiarg, led by Grainne Joughin, won the award for outstanding contribution to



The group of prize winners along with Steve Rodan, Graham Cregeen, Geoff Corkish and David Holmes

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Manx culture by a group under the age of 25. This autumn, the group will represent the Isle of Man at Celtic festival Lowender Peran in Cornwall. The group is working with Culture Vannin and the DEC to create online Manx dancing video tutorials to inspire more to learn Manx dancing.

Outstanding contribution to the Manx community in general was awarded to Sophie McKnight, 15, of Ballakermeen High School. She helped establish Balla Angels, a charity that encourages students to write poems for residents of a nursing home. Sophie also coaches Douglas Athletics' children's football team, sells poppies for the British Legion and is a member of the Army Cadets.

Outstanding contribution to the Manx Community - overcoming a disability: David Smith, 21, University College Isle of Man.

David, who has autism, has completed the Duke of Edinburgh Award at bronze and silver level through UCM and is working towards gold.

Laurence Skelly MHK, a past president of NAMA, presented the award for the most progress in Manx language to Joseph Reaney, 15, of Ballakermeen High School. Joseph was chosen by DEC Manx language officer Rob Teare. Tynwald president Steve Rodan MLC gave the vote of thanks.



Great Washington Area Manx Society celebrated Tynwald Day at the Galway Inn in Annapolis Maryland.

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In my opinion, one of the best sites to see is the Butchart Gardens. On my recent visit I went the gardens. As I entered I received a sensory overload of floral scents, many from flowers you will recognize from your own garden, except they are giant sized. I was astonished by the size of the roses, begonias, and impatiens. You are provided with a picture guide for the flowers you may not recognize. We're going to enjoy a pleasant few hours of floral enchantment at this world renowned garden. *Katy Prendergast, 1st Vice-President and Organizer of the 2018 North American Manx Convention in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada.*

Butchart Gardens outside dining area by Katy Prendergast