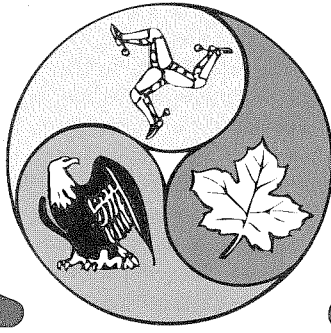


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To Preserve "Whate'er is left to us of ancient heritage." *TE Brown*

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Mark Your Calendar October 3-6, 1998 Washington, DC

The Greater Washington DC Area Manx Society extends an invitation to all members and their friends to attend the 43rd Convention of the North American Manx Association during the first weekend in October 1998. The 1998 Convention Planning Committee has chosen the Holiday Inn, Historic District in Alexandria, Virginia, as the site of the convention. Located in historic 'Olde Towne' Alexandria, the site offers great proximity to many historical sites nearby as well as easy access to Washington, DC and the surrounding area. It is easily accessible by car and is just one mile south of National Airport. For those flying in, plan to use National Airport if you can and visit the new multi-million-dollar terminal, which just opened in July of this year.

For your planning purposes, you should know that rooms at the hotel are furnished with one king-size bed or two doubles and the rate is \$108.00 per night regardless of the number of occupants. That is a moderate to low rate for the Washington, DC area and is guaranteed for all NAMA members attending the convention. Also, that rate will apply for three days prior to and after the convention for anyone wishing to extend their stay to visit other places in the area. This will be the third NAMA Convention the Washington Manx Society hosted in this area. It has been our experience that members like to combine visits to other sights and points of interest when visiting Washington, DC. The new FDR Memorial was dedicated this year and has already attracted thousands of visitors.

Planning for events to take place during the convention continues apace. Three members of the Planning Committee have visited the Isle of Man this year and held conversations with Manx officials and individuals. It is expected that a number of official representatives and entertainers from the Isle will be present for the convention. The plan is to have an extensive genealogy facility, a sumptuous sales table and lots of information about the future prospects for the Isle of Man and its residents.

There is still time to make your suggestions known if you have specific ideas of what you would like to see included in the convention. Send them to Don Quayle, Convention Chairman, whose address is listed on page 2. Or you can send Don an e-mail at DRQuayle@aol.com. All ideas will be considered. He doesn't promise to include them all but he does promise that you will have a good time attending the NAMA 43rd Convention. So mark the dates of October 3-6, 1998 on your calendar and start your planning to attend the next convention. More details on the convention and Washington area tourist opportunities will be included in subsequent Bulletins prior to the convention.



Our Reverie

by Mary F Kelly

Travelers from ages 9 to 90 joined the 1997 North American Manx Association Homecoming group. Our itineraries were individualized and even the length of the visits varied, however, we had common interests and one destination, Douglas, Isle of Man. All in all, there were over 40 NAMA members

attending events and enjoying the camaraderie. For our youngest member the main attraction was the trains, for the oldest it was visiting with relatives on a family farm, for so many others it was witnessing some of the events related to the Island's National Day, Tynwald.

From the moment we decided to take the trip we were making choices about how to allocate our limited time among people and places. We were still undecided when the transport met us at Ronaldsway. Not to tempt our fate, we made a point of bidding "good day" to 'the little people' as we passed over the Fairy Bridge. From that moment on, we decided not to even try to fill our minds with expectations but rather wait to see what would develop.

We chose hotel accommodations from either the newly remodeled seaside Stakis Hotel and Casino or the cozy comfort at the Welbeck. Both offered menus featuring traditional Manx and international fare. The breakfast kippers got my days started right.

Our early arrival, coupled with the unanticipated availability of a few tickets for a Women's Institute chartered excursion around the Island on the SeaCat, made for an unbelievable two hour tour. I could not help but imagine what my Manx grandfather, who left the

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The North American Manx Association (NAMA) was organized in 1928 to bring together those who have Manx Ancestry and an interest in the Isle of Man. To keep members informed of Manx activities both here and on the Isle of Man, the NAMA Bulletin is published quarterly—March, June, September, and December. Annual membership dues are \$15.00 for individuals and \$20.00 for family or society.

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Island in 1874, might have thought if he could have been on this vessel.

On July 2 the NAMA members were guests at a reception hosted by the Isle of Man Tourist Board at the Manx Museum. There we met Hon Dominic Delaney, MLC, of the Department of Tourism; Mr Terry Toohey, Chief Executive; Mr Bernard Caine, Chairman, Manx National Heritage; Mr Brian Whitehead, Director of Public Relations for the Manx Museum; Hon Noel Cringle, SHK; Hon Tony Brown MHK; Mr Victor Kneale; Hon Jim Cain; Miss Noreen Cottier, of IOMFHS; Mrs Win Livingstone, President of WMA; and Mrs Betty Hanson, Past President of WMA; Mr Andrew C Douglas, author and historian; and many others. At the reception there was much talk about special activities and events being planned on the Island for the summer of the year 2000. There was just not enough time to visit with everyone, nor space here to report on the many conversations that took place. The incredible refreshments, friendly greetings, and talk about our return convinced even the first-time visitor that our ties to the Island are still strong.

The next morning we boarded a bus to Peel for a pre-dedication visit to the House of Manannan. Mr David Parsons, manager, welcomed our group and started us on our tour. While we had heard about the new \$10,000 heritage centre, we had not anticipated so many life-size and talking historic figures, nor the interactive computerized learning centers. The three main themes are: The Manx Celts and Vikings, Marx maritime traditions, and Peel town and Castle. The museum truly brought the Island history to life.

On our first "free day" we took the bus from Douglas to Glen Vine. From there a relative took us to little Glen Maye Methodist Chapel. There they still use some of the altar service and furniture from old Kirk Lonan. Old Lonan is where some of my Kelly ancestors worshiped.

After a delicious lunch in Peel, we bused backed to Douglas on the top deck of a bus full of visiting Welsh school children. We had fun playing language games with some of our new acquaintances.

The evening of July 4, we spent at a Ceilidh featuring Greg Jouchin and Friends, including members from the Mullig Band, that had been arranged just for our group by Valerie and Ron Caine, both of the Isle of Man Tourist Department. Traditional Manx folk dancers entertained us and encouraged audience participation. It was an exciting celebration at Glen Helen, near the famed "Swiss Cottage". After returning home, I found a turn-of-the-century postcard showing the same location and I knew I had retraced steps of my ancestors.

On the morning of the second "free day" friends took us on a tour of the south of the Island. We walked the end of the Raad ny Foillan (Road of the Gull) and saw some seals basking in the sunshine on the rocks below. Another view from that shore looked out on Kitterland and the Calf of Man. From there we visited Cregneash, starting with the Chapel. We also saw some of the Loaghtan sheep said to be the only surviving Manx breed of farm animal. We enjoyed sampling bonnag cooked on an open hearth during a reenactment. Then we had an open air noon tea with fresh crab salad sandwiches from their local restaurant. The sunny cool day was so perfect and the sky so beautiful that we didn't recognize how vulnerable our skin would be to the intense sun.

The afternoon of July 5 was spent at Laxey. The officials could not let visitors near Lady Isabella because an Island protester had barricaded himself at the top. This trip's attractions included a visit to St George's Woolen Mill and going to the Laxey Fair in the Valley Garden. The Laxey school children performed and we watched a young cousin with familial



1997 Homecomers in front of Government House by Island Photographic Co, LTD, Douglas, Isle of Man.

delight. After tea and a short visit with relatives we rushed off to Douglas.

The Annual Gathering and Dinner of the World Manx Association was held at the Masonic Hall in Douglas. The evening was hosted by President Mrs Win Livingstone, with Honorary Vice-Presidents Mrs Betty Hanson and Mr John J Quilliam. Captain David M Cowell, Chairman, was the master of ceremonies. They served a wonderful Roast Beef with Yorkshire Pudding with all the trimmings and topped it with Trifle for dessert. The event was a wonderful reunion of Manx people who live on the Island with those who had traveled long distances from as far away as Canada and Australia.

A number of the members of our group worshiped in Douglas churches in the time honored tradition. We were listening to the radio to hear the Sunday morning broadcast of the popular Geraldine Jamieson program. She featured an interview with Ireland's President Mary Robinson, who was the primary honored guest for Tynwald, and also included a segment with your NAMA President! Mrs Jamieson really gave us both very good exposure. On the day of the taping, Mr Stewart Watterson, Managing Director of Manx Radio, gave us a commitment to air announcements that would help our organization locate Manx people who are living in North America.

The President and Members of Tynwald were our hosts at the Garden Party at Government House on Sunday afternoon. It was held in the presence of His Excellency Lieutenant Governor, the Hon Sir Timothy Daunt KCMG and Lady Daunt. We enjoyed the beauty of the grounds, the elegant refreshments, while being in such esteemed company. (See group photo)

Sunday evening was a very special evening. In response to the request of a dear friend, Captain David M Cowell drove us to the Arbory Parish Church flower Festival-1997 Marines' Service. Captain Cowell, is a member of the distinguished Mariners' Choir. That evening's performance was enhanced by two soloists, Terence and John Qualtrough. It was a religious church service filled with harmonious music, the most beautiful cut flower arrangement (for Manx Heritage Flower Week), a rousing sing-along with tea and homemade treats, and warm Manx fellowship.

The long awaited Tynwald Ceremony was held on Monday, July 7. Major Eric Colville escorted us to the event. We arrive early, enjoyed the folk dancing, and

walked through the fair. Most of our party had reserved seating in the Grandstand. It was the first time we had tickets to the Royal Chapel of St John the Baptist (Methodist church). It was a reverent governmental church service with music by Mr Derek Crellin, organist, and Mr Terence Qualtrough, soloist. Then we took the rush-covered walk to the ceremonial four-tiered hill (thought to be the burial place of a Bronze Age chieftain) to observe the ancient custom of promulgating the laws enacted in the past year which included reading them in English and Manx Gaelic. Later we returned to the closing service at the church. We were left in awe of the historic ceremony we had witnessed.

The Isle of Man Music Festival at Peel was concluding a four-day run when we arrived on the evening of July 7. We were there to participate as well as enjoy the merriment. Our event was a presentation titled 'Manx American Pioneers'. Cousin David Kelly of Rhaa Farm, Baldrine, and Frank Evans from Cottage Grove, Wisconsin, read excerpts Mrs Ruth Jungbluth of Dodgeville, Wisconsin, had selected from the 1850s diary of an immigrant who settled near Laxey Church, Linden, Wisconsin. We then took our places among our friends on the hillside amphitheater and watched the gulls riding updrafts over Peel Harbor while listening to the amplified traditional and contemporary versions of Celtic music performed by some of the finest artists. After hearing the hauntingly beautiful sounds of Emma Christian and her company we called it a night, long before the music stopped.

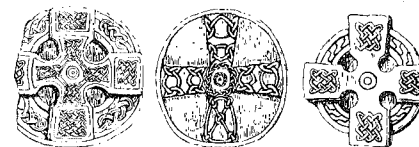
On July 8, we were scheduled to meet with some family members and have them help us locate where our great grandparents lived near Dhoon Waterfalls, back in 1880. The day was full of surprises. At the hotel, we enjoyed an unexpected first-time visit with a cousin and later we met several members of her family.

Another surprise was coming across King Orry's Grave (a trapezoidal mound with a long burial chamber, c 2300 BC) at Laxey, as we traveled to Dhoon. After a good try, we gave up on hiking the rugged Dhoon Glen. We stopped for a pub lunch in Laxey and headed back to Douglas.

We looked forward to the NAMA Award Ceremony. (See details in Ladies' Auxiliary News) Other years the NAMA Awards Ceremonies had taken place in the Millennium Room. Before we left, Mr Baker and Mrs Hanson gave our small party a tour of the elegant and uniquely

beautiful meeting room.

With few exceptions, the participants in the 1997 Homecoming seemed to be well pleased with the scheduled events, the accommodations, and the services. Only one change seems inevitable; personally, we'll try to arrange a longer stay next trip. Even though we had many visits with family and friends intermingled with the Homecoming group functions and we added an extra day to wrap up any loose ends, our time on the Island fell short of meeting our needs. We'll try to get back there in the year 2000, if not sooner. We hope you will too!



Chaplain's Corner

Patrick of Ireland and Colum Killey of Scotland brought Christianity to the Isle of Mann about 450 AD. The faith was developed by their monks who established keeills on farm lands to minister to families, including on St Patrick's Isle at Peel, where Patrick himself visited.

Viking Norsemen took over and settled in the Isle of Mann from about 800 AD and intermingles with the Celtic peoples there who were following the Christian faith and way of life. Celtic Christians inter-married with the Vikings who moved from pagan to the Christian faith. They also established a democratic parliamentary government at Tynwald on July 5, 979 which continues to this day.



Ruth Smith's replica on left and Gaut's Kirk Michael Cross on the right.

Around 900 AD churches were established, including Kirk Michael. One of the faithful men there, "Mail Briati, Son of Athakan the smith", placed a memorial cross carved by Gaut Bjornson who had come from one of the Hebrides near Scotland. He was a mix of Nordic and Scottish traditions and bloodlines and settled in the Isle of Mann between 930 and 950 AD. His stone cross still stand after 1000 years and is one of the most beautiful of Manx crosses, a mix of Celtic and Norse Viking designs—by a Scottish-Norwegian-Manxman. Symbolically: the cross is the symbol of Christ our crucified and risen Lord; the circle is the symbol of our Eternal God; the intertwined vines: Jesus said, "I am the vine and you are the branches. Abide in me, and I in you." (Jn 15:4.5)

The Christian faith was sustained in the Ancient Isle of Mann by persons such as the ones memorialized by Gaut's stone cross (a replica of which was carved for me by my wife Ruth). Today, a thousand years later, we in our generation sustain the same faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, our Savior, as represented by this beautiful Manx Celtic Cross.

Rev Devore Craine Smith



OBITUARIES

Hilda E Collinson, 92, a resident of the Toulon Health Care Center in Toulon, formerly of Galva, Illinois, died Friday, July 4, 1997.

Hilda was born December 7, 1904, in Lower Foxdale, Isle of Man, to Frank S and Eleanor (Craine) Kennaugh. She was a child when she came with her parents and family to the United States in 1911.

She married Clyde Collinson on October 27, 1926, in Pekin. He died in 1973. She is survived by one son, Dale Collinson of Galva; one daughter, Mrs. Bernard (Donnamae) Hocker of Macom; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Hilda was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Galva, had been a district officer for the United Methodist Women, was a charter member of the Knox County Home Extension and was a member of the North American Manx Association and the Galva Manx Society.

Hilda was very proud of her Manx heritage and was buried holding a Manx hanky with the three legs on its corner.

Herb Storey died of a heart attack on Sunday, July 27, in Pacific Grove, California, with his family at his bedside. He was born in St. Louis 64 years ago and was married to Marlene Fargher for 45 of those years.

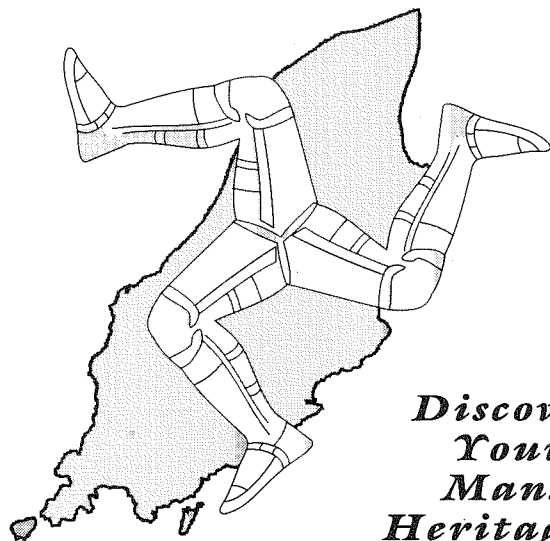
A resident of the Bay Area since 1955, Herb spent twenty years in the restaurant business. During this time his love of woodworking transitioned him into his next 20 year career as a cabinet crafter and carpenter. After retiring to Pacific Grove in 1994, Herb's project was to restore their retirement cottage and gardens to their original charm.

Herb will be remembered for his outgoing personality, generous nature and eagerness to always help family, friends, neighbors and even complete strangers. NAMA members will remember the help he gave to the NAMA-90 Convention in Santa Clara.

Herb is survived by his wife, Marlene Storey; daughters Karen Storey of San Jose, Dawn Storey-Schaeffer of Monte Sereno, and Shawn Ruocco of Manhattan Beach; eight grandchildren; his godfather and uncle, Herb Emde and his wife Ann; his sister Elenore McGuire and brother John George Storey and his wife Rose; as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws and friends.

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President's Message



S'taittin Ihiam, Ellan Vannin—I love the Isle of Man!

The Manx were the featured guests at the 10th annual Rio Grande Valley Celtic Festival and Highland Games, May 24, 1997, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Mr and Mrs Laurence Skelly were the official representatives of the Isle of Man Government at the event; Norman and Joan Gill, Frank Evans and I were promoting the IOM and NAMA and looking for new members. It was a good experience and we were pleased by the response of the crowd.

Don Quayle, the 1998 Convention Chair, with the help of the Greater Washington, DC Area Manx Society, hosted the NAMA Board of Directors Meetings in Alexandria, Virginia, June 20 -22. We were productive; watch for more information about the meetings in future issues and find out about a trial program to offer funding for outreach activities elsewhere in this issue. Neither a long agenda nor hot weather could keep the Directors from also attending the Oatlands Celtic Festival where the GMD CAMS had set up an eye-catching Manx display and our own Joan Gill was a feature "Yn Skeallyer"—a storyteller in the workshop sessions.

The 1997 Isle of Man Homecoming trip was my fourth to the Island. There's no secret about how I feel about Ellan Vannin. What do I love the most? The people! That's not to say that beautiful natural settings along the seashore, the glens, or the mountain tops aren't spectacular; it is just that the people who live there are so warm and friendly. Visiting our relatives will keep us going back, but it is always a special pleasure to make new acquaintances as well as to visit with the NAMA members living on the Island, members of the Isle of Man Family History Society, the Manx National Heritage, the World Manx Association, and members of the Isle of Man Government. It is a homeland where we always feel welcome.

Like all visitors, I enjoy seeing the cozy churches and quaint little cottages (especially at Cregneash) and we are emotionally stirred while observing the 1000 year old Tynwald Ceremony. These and many other unique aspects of the Manx heritage are well worth preserving. This undisputed fact, however, leads to endless debates over how to do just that. For example, some of the old smaller hotels on the Promenade are being replaced by newer and larger seaside facilities. I was especially pleased to note that considerable effort is being made to blend the new architecture with the old to help preserve that character of Douglas town centre. More recently there has been a dispute over what development, if any, is appropriate on the ancient Rushen Abbey site. And, I can't help wondering what will become of the Camera Obscura on Douglas Head.

The push for growth and progress is evident everywhere on the Island! As soon as we landed at Ronaldsway, we saw some of the new construction. The new Heritage Centre, The House of Manannan, has just opened in Peel, with its interactive technologically advanced displays. Another sign was this year's re-introduction of the 'SeaCat', a wave slicing catamaran operated by the Steam Packet Company; and the Manx Radio Station, too, has new construction throughout. And no where was progress more striking than at the Isle of Man Treasury. While they didn't offer me any free samples, I was privileged to see the new platinum Quarter-Noble with holographic designs in the sail of the sculpted image of a Viking long boat.

Further evidence of the way the Island is openly embracing advancement in the new millennium was the advent of the Isle of Man Government's new Tynwald web site which opened on Tynwald Day, July 7th, at <<http://www.tynwald.isle-of-man.org.im/>> with information about Tynwald and the Island. Since my return, I've visited that site and also had the pleasure of chatting with Manx men and women from around the world on the Internet. The address for the new Isle of Man Chat Area is <<http://www.isle-of-man.com/egl-bin/interests/chat/chat.p>> You might like to explore both. Of course, these sites are no real substitute for just being there on Manx soil.

"Tis a Memory With Me
(*S'cooin Ihiam, Ihiat*)

The sights are gold and lavender on the green gem of the Sea;
the sounds of horse drawn trams,
the steam trains, or those of a Manx Ceilidh;
Oh, the fragrance hiking through a mossy glen
or just lingering near a lovely flower garden;
the tastes of the bonnags, kippers, and brew
are a few of the treats on that Island homeland awaiting you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary".

Mary F Kelly
NAMA President

SOCIETY NEWS

World Manx

At the AGM held in Douglas in March there was only one change in the Officers of the Association when the Secretary Alice Pugh stood down after five years. Her place was taken by the Deputy Secretary Hazel Murphy.

June 12 saw some 60 members and friends assemble at the Methodist Hall in St Johns for a very enjoyable supper and entertainment.

The Annual Gathering and Dinner was held in the Masonic Hall in Douglas on the evening of July 5. This year we were delighted to see some 17 homecomers from the USA and Canada, including NAMA President Mary Kelly and her husband Frank Evans. In her reply to the welcome from Win Livingston, the WMA President, Mary spoke of her pleasure at visiting the Island again and of the traditions and culture that link people of Manx descent everywhere. She also expressed a wish that as many as possible from the Island would attend the next NAMA Convention to be held in the area of the Greater Washington Manx Society in 1998. As usual the entertainment was provided by the Cleveland Medal winner. For the first time in many years a male singer won this prestigious award, and so we were entertained by Terry Qualtrough (bass), a performance enjoyed by everyone present.

NAMA President Mary Kelly was interviewed on Manx Radio on the morning of Sunday 6 July and on Tuesday 8 July she was present at the NAMA awards ceremony where she presented awards to young people from various High Schools in the Island for their achievements in Music, Arts and Crafts, Manx Language and Culture, Contribution to the Manx Community, the Overcoming of a Handicap, and to Progress in the Manx Language.

The Tynwald Ceremony was held on Monday 7 July in glorious hot weather. The main Guest of Honour was Mary Robinson, the President of the Irish Republic who later in the day opened the new Heritage Centre in Peel.

It was unfortunate that most of our visitors from North American had left the Island before the Annual Church Service

held at the Peel Methodist Church on July 13th. They missed an excellent service very much enlivened by the personality and humour of the Minister, Sister Viven Ward. We were also treated to two musical contributions from a previous double Cleveland Medal winner, Karen Elliot, whose husband is the organist at the church.

Our next major functions will be the TE Brown Luncheon in the Masonic Hall in Douglas on October 18 and on Sunday 26 October a special TE Brown Service at Kirk Braddan.

Galva

The Galva Manx Society is celebrating its 137th year of existence with their annual potluck/picnic and specially designed t-shirts.

The first Galva Manx gathering took place in 1860. The Manx Society held their first concert and bachelor tea in 1911 with over 200 Manx in attendance. By 1920, the group had grown to over 600 and they had to move to the Galva Opera House in order to accommodate this large gathering.

The Galva Manx Society will hold their annual potluck/picnic at Wiley Park, September 7th at 1:00 pm. Members and guests should bring a dish to pass and their own table service. They are also encouraged to bring lawn chairs as seating will be limited. The program will be presented by Doris Friend and Emily Robson who will talk about their recent trip to the Isle of Man.

Anyone who is interested in learning more about the Galva Manx Society, whether they are of Manx descent or not, is invited to our annual picnic. We would love to have you join us.

Specially designed t-shirts, created by Lance Smith and his mother Michelle Smith who are both of Manx descent, are available. The focus of the design is the "Three Legs of Man", an ancient Celtic image. They are surrounded by a belt used to hold the kilt or tartan of the Manx Clan. The Latin words "Quecunqve Jeceris Stabit" surround the inner part of the belt and translates "Whichever way you throw me I will stand". Above the legs is a banner which reads "Galva Manx

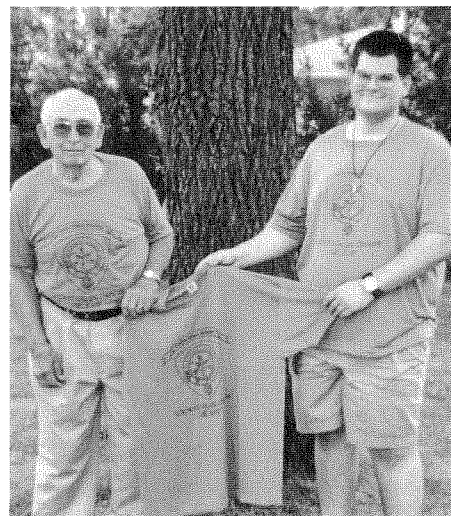
Society". The t-shirts are light blue with navy blue screening. If interested in ordering, call Michelle Smith 309-932-8272 or write to her at 24 N-W 8th Avenue, Galva, Illinois 61434.

San Diego

It's been a busy summer in San Diego. Seventeen members gathered for our June meeting at the home of Devore and Ruth Smith. Katie Kermeen and Betty Lee were co-hostesses. A memorial moment was observed for Ruth Gibson who passed away in May. Hilary Harrison reported on her trip to the Isle of Man and she said that a highlight was a high speed motorcycle ride. She also relayed greetings from Noreen Cottier.

Tynwald Day was belatedly observed on Sunday July 13th. As is our custom, members of our society held open house at the Cottage of England in Balboa Park. Members served cookies, tea and lemonade to visitors. Isle of Man videos were shown continuously and many folks learned a great deal about our homeland. We met two visitors of Manx heritage and invited them to our meetings.

On August 10 we had our first family picnic. We encouraged folks who are not able or interested in becoming active in our society to come this one time to celebrate our Manx heritage. Thirty-eight folks of all ages joined for a lovely



Galva President Russell Kelly and creator Lance Smith with the new t-shirts.

afternoon at the La Mesa First United Methodist recreation area. In addition to local guest family members we were pleased to welcome Dave Browne from Bristol, England, and Laren Dews and daughters Elena and Elizabeth from Bahrain. Also, newcomers Bill and Judy Lavey came to learn a little about their Manx heritage. Ernie Hughes told us of the great time he had on his first visit to the Isle of Man. Laurence Skelly reported on the NAMA Homecoming on the Island. The weather was lovely and a good time was had by all. In addition to the Skelly family, local member Ron Shimmin and family joined the group for their first visit to the Isle of Man.

Greater Washington DC Area

In addition to working with Don Quayle in preparing for the 1998 NAMA Convention in our area, we recently participated in a huge Celtic Festival at Oatlands Plantation in Virginia. The two-day gala attracted nearly 20,000 visitors. Many Scottish clans, Irish societies, Welsh, Galicians and, of course, Manx had booths where information and leaflets were passed out. Our Manx booth, topped by our colorful new sign, attracted a constant stream of friendly inquiries over the two days and we signed up three new members. A sudden violent rainstorm struck just 45 minutes before the scheduled closing of the Fair. With all available hanging on, we were just able to keep our shelter from becoming airborne. Many exhibitors had to chase their tents into nearby fields. The storm subsided rapidly and we all sloshed home, soaked but pleased with our success at the festival.

Chicago

The Chicago Manx held their meeting on Sunday August 10th at the home of Barbara and Ed Brown in St Charles, Illinois. We began with a delicious pot-luck dinner. We had several visitors from Rockford, IL, and St Louis, MO. Our Rockford guests had been on the 1997 Homecoming to the Isle of Man, and told us of their trip. Barbara's sister from St Louis, who had been at the '92 convention on the Island, was also able to be with us and it was good to renew friendships.

Our program was "The ABCs of the Isle of Man", a list of 26 questions about the Isle of Man compiled by Bob and Jean Kelly with each answer beginning with the letters "A" through "Z". Some were very well known while others gave us new information. We found it to be very enlightening and much fun.

Brad Prendergast gave information about the 1998 convention which will be

held in Alexandria, Virginia, as he had attended the executive Board Meeting in June.

Our next meeting will be a Christmas party on Sunday, December 7, at the home of Florence Abbinanti in Evergreen Park, Illinois.

Ontario

Once again the Ontario Manx were very fortunate with perfect weather for their Annual Picnic, which took place Sunday July 27 at the home of Lil and Pat Kendall at Richmond Hill. We had twenty-five members in attendance coming from places like Hamilton and Cobourg. It was a great day, lots of food as usual, and of course plenty of laughter by the time we finished the races and games.

The Fall Meeting will be held Sunday October 19 at the home of Margaret Roche, 121 L'Amoreaux Drive, Scarborough, Ontario.

The Ontario Manx hope you have all had a pleasant and safe summer.

Cleveland

The Manx Picnic on August 16 was a huge success, with a large number of members attending. It was held at The Barn, the party center of MacIntosh Farms. We enjoyed the food, which consisted of party trays, and were entertained by Will Kless, who led us in song.

In September we will attend the Carousel Dinner Theater and see the musical "Crazy for You". We will have a combined October-November meeting, but at this time the date has not been finalized. Our Christmas Party will be early in December. We will not meet again until March.

We have welcomed several new members to our group in recent months, and hopefully we will get a few more soon. However, we were saddened by the death of Ruth Thormann, a past president of our society.

We are always happy to meet visitors, so do contact our president Alice Cannell (216-449-1372) if you are in our area. Also, if you have Manx friends or relatives in greater Cleveland, send their names and addresses to Alice at 775 Kenbridge Drive, Richmond Heights, Ohio 44143. We will contact them and hope to include them in our membership.

Buffalo Memories

by Dorothy L Faragher

For many years there was quite an active Manx Society in Buffalo, New York.

Piecing together a bit here and a bit there I would say they organized in maybe 1895 or 1896. Dad was president up until the time of his death in 1924. The group met spasmodically for a few years after his death but there wasn't anyone willing to take on the presidency so it gradually disintegrated. They tried to stay together and did host the NAMA Convention in 1931 and 1941 but that was about the end.

There were quite a few Manxmen in Buffalo but now I don't even know if there are any off-springs around. I can remember going to meetings at various homes, and many times they rented a hall and had a real "bash". Every summer there was a picnic in Delaware Park (the place for picnics in those years). One couple lived in Blasdell, New York, and they were faithful in meeting attendance. They had a small "farm" in Blasdell and a few times the group went there for a corn roast during the growing season when their corn was ready to pick.

I have many snapshots of the picnics and one of the group assembled for the corn roast. (That was a "big" event.) No automobiles—traveled by street cars.

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NAMA Financial Support to Societies

NAMA has just instituted a new policy of financial support to local Manx societies to help spread the word about things Manx. During the July Board of Directors meeting in Alexandria, Virginia, the Board voted to establish a program to assist local societies who wish to set up displays at local Celtic Festivals or other events where those of Manx heritage may be in attendance. NAMA will pay half of the costs incurred by the local society up to a maximum of \$50 per society per year. The success of the program will be evaluated after some experience has been gained within one or two years.

Local societies can use the funds to pay for festival registration fees, advertising space in festival programs, booth rental fees, and the purchase of booth permanent materials such as display signs and other display items to catch the eye of passers-by. Funds can also be used to pay the purchase or printing costs of give-away materials such as NAMA and local society membership forms, Manx descriptive information or other materials thought appropriate to encourage Manx awareness. The goal is to recruit new NAMA and local society members and make all familiar with the Isle of Man and its rich Celtic culture.

NAMA has recently purchased three different types of "Manx pins" that would be of interest to many individuals. One pin is a white and gold Manx cat, another is a red flag with the Manx three-legs symbol, and the third is a pin with the US and Canadian flags and text reading "Isle of Man". The pins can be purchased for \$1.50 each from the NAMA Treasurer and then sold at festivals or other events for whatever price you feel proper to raise funds for your society. Their purchase cost is not a NAMA matchable cost and any pins purchase become the property of the local society.

If your society is interested in this new financial support, send the NAMA President your request for support describing the event and how you propose to use the NAMA funds. The NAMA Treasurer will pay half of the local society's documented costs, up to \$50, after the event upon receipt of the listing of expenses along with supporting receipts and a copy of the President's approval letter.

The Washington Manx Society was given approval to participate with NAMA support at the Oatlands Celtic Festival at Leesburg, Virginia, held during the Board meeting weekend. The effort was rewarded with at least three new Washington Manx Society members and about 20 pins were sold. We believe this is a good way to increase Manx awareness and recruit new NAMA and local members. Send us your requests and let's get this program kicked off to a great start.



OUR OWN PEOPLE

The Homecomer Group had the opportunity to meet some of the Isle of Man NAMA members at the Reception held on their first evening at the Manx Museum. Dr Earl and Mrs Lampshire met with Noreen Cottier at the Family History Society Library for some research on their Manx family. Marshall and Tina Cannell also were able to visit Noreen during their stay on the Island. Marshall provided a computer disc of his Cannell research to be entered on the www.isle-of-man.com (Genealogy pages) of the Internet.

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A NAMA Shopping List

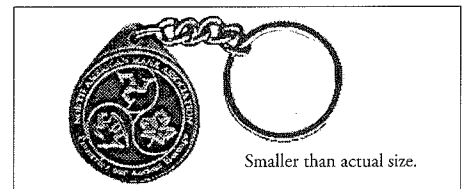
It's not too early to start thinking about doing your Christmas shopping. Have you been wishing your children or grandchildren, or even your siblings would become more interested in their Manx heritage? Here are some gift suggestions that may help solve that problem.

Give them a year's membership in NAMA. For an individual the cost is \$15.00 and for a family membership it is \$20.00. This is a gift that will last the whole year. It is a great way to share your heritage and love of the Isle of Man with others.

If they are already NAMA members, buy them the new NAMA pin that was introduced at the 1996 convention. It is an attractive pin to wear on lapels, caps, collars, shirts, etc. The price is \$5.00. For just \$3.00 you can purchase a NAMA certificate with their name artfully drawn on it. Also on the certificate is an interlacing chain with corner crosses designed by the first Norse sculptors around 1000 AD and the NAMA crest. It is accompanied by a letter of explanation of the symbols.

Send membership information and pin or certification orders to NAMA Treasurer Helen M Drom (address on page 2).

An idea for stocking stuffers—small pins with either the Manx flag or the Manx cat on them. They are great for wearing to Manx activities or to spark interest in the Island. Kids love them! The cost is \$3.50 per pin or 3 pins for \$10.00. A limited number of split-ring key chains with tags beautifully cast with NAMA symbols (double sided) in pewter are still available at a cost of \$10.00. Write to NAMA President Mary F Kelly (address on page 2).



Smaller than actual size.

Still available are several informative writings from conventions and back issues of the Bulletin. Send your order to the Bulletin Editors (address on page 2).
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Genealogy of the Isle of Man by Niegel G Crowe. \$4.00
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Ellan Vannin. . . A Brief History, by Gertrude Cannell, ten pages of facts sprinkled with bits of lore and oral tradition; includes political, religious, and naval history; plus information on many of the famous sites on the Island. \$4.00
 The following titles are one page descriptions and reminiscences, also by Gertrude Cannell, \$1.00 each

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All prices include the cost of packaging and postage. Please make the checks or money orders payable to North American Manx Association.

What a wonderful way to get your family and friends interested in their Manx heritage!



CHILDREN'S CORNER

The Mermaid and the Apple Tree by Kathleen Killip

A long time ago a fisherman called Juan Caine lived in a thatch house in the Isle of Man, right on the edge of the sea. His thatch was as bright as gold and his walls as white as the winter snow.

When he wasn't out in his boat he was busy in his fields or his garden where the waves washed up to the tall fuchsia hedge and on stormy days tried to get right in. His flowers grew bright in the sea air. In spring the scent of the apple trees floated out over the water and in autumn they were heavy with shiny red apples.

And whether he was digging the garden, or milking the black cow, or sowing the corn, or mending the nets, Juan was

always singing because he was as happy as the day was long.

But sad to say there came an end to all this, for one summer Juan got a spell of bad luck at the fishing. Every time he went out to look for the silver herring he came back with an empty boat. And when this happened for a whole summer you may well believe Juan couldn't sing any more.

One moonlight night he went out to smoke a pipe under the apple trees and listen to the whisper of the wind and the talk of the sea, that way he would maybe find out what kind of weather there would be for the next day's fishing. All of a sudden he heard a voice, very low and quiet,

"Juan, is it yourself that's in?"

"It is. It is. But who's asking for me at this time of the night at all?"

"Don't ask who I am. But come over here and answer my questions," said the voice.

"But I can't see any person," replied Juan.

"Over here, by the fuchsia hedge."

Juan leaned over into the shadow and saw a flash of white and a gleam of gold in the water below.

"I believe well it's the Ben Varrey I'm talking to," he said. When he was small his mother had always said there was a mermaid living down at the edge of the tide.

"I used to be coming here every day, Juan, to listen to your singing. Indeed there was nothing I liked better. How is it you're never giving us a bit of a song now at all?"

"Well, I'm not feeling much like singing in the times that's in," said Juan, and he began to tell how he went out in the boat every day and couldn't find the herring anywhere.

"Gone off wandering in the seas they are. Nobody knows where to find them ... but who am I talking to?"

"Never mind that, Juan boy, listen. If I tell you where to find the herring will you promise to sing your songs again?"

"Too true I will. I'll be as happy as the day is long then. But if you can tell me where to find the herring I know you must be the Ben Varrey."

Well, the Ben Varrey told Juan her secret and sure enough the next day he came back with his boat full. Later that night he went out into the garden to thank her.

"And is there anything you would fancy from the garden now," he asked her. "A few roses maybe . . ."

"Well since you mention it, Juan," said

the Ben Varrey, "I've often thought I would like to taste an apple from one of your trees. The blossoms smells so sweet in spring and then in autumn the apples look all red and shiny like jewels."

"You may have as many as you like," said Juan, there and then he picked a basket of the best fruit from his trees.

The Ben Varrey liked the apples so much she often came back for them and you can imagine that from that time on Juan was always lucky at fishing.

One day he decided to give the Ben Varrey an apple tree all for herself, and he planted one by the garden wall, just at the edge of the tide. In spring she could catch the petals of blossoms as they floated down and in autumn she could reach up and gather an apple from her own tree.

All this, as I told you, happened long, long ago, and of course Juan's little house is no more to be seen. But the tree he planted is there today, and some people say that on moonlight nights the Ben Varrey still comes to gather her apples.

Source: NAMA Bulletin, March 1965.



Noah sailing on the sea stuck hard and fast on Ararat.

His dog then made a grab and took the tail from off a pretty cat.

*Puss through the window then did fly
 And swam as only brave cats can;
 Nor never stopped 'till, high and dry,
 She landed on the Calf of Man.*

*Than tailless puss earned Mona's thanks
 And for ever after was called Manx.*

Source: A booklet about the Manx cat published in 1882 by Joseph Johnson of Douglas.

Cat Coin

The long-haired smoke is the pedigree cat depicted on this year's crown issued by the Isle of Man Treasury. The long-haired smoke, whose striking coat is reminiscent of the Persian, is a comparatively rare breed today, although it was once popular in darker shades in England and lighter shades in America.

The Treasury has issued a different cat crown each year for the past decade and they prove popular with collectors around

the world. The crowns are available in a variety of metals, including an unlimited number of cupro-nickel, 50,000 in fine silver and 5,000 in fine gold. The crowns feature the queen on the reverse side. They may be ordered from Pobjoy Mint Ltd, PO Box 13826, Dept CM, Milwaukee, WI 53213, or call 414-873-6772.

Cat Book

Long time NAMA member Marge Krach of Cleveland wrote to tell of a wonderful new book for cat lovers. It is *Cat World—A Feline Encyclopedia* by Desmond Morris published by Penguin Reference, an imprint of Penguin Books USA, Inc. Mr Morris is the Curator of Mammals at the London Zoo, a presenter of the BBC television series “Zootime”, and author of several books on cats and other animals.

This book contains several pages on the Manx Cat, listing four recognized categories: the Rumpy, the Rumpy Riser, the Stumpy, the Longy; and a fifth type—the fake Manx—created by ruthless dealers who cut off the tails of ordinary kittens. Interestingly it gives ten fanciful legends to explain the taillessness. The information appears to be accurate and complete. A definite for cat lovers!

Manx News

Dr George Daniels, 70, of Ramsey, is acknowledged—even by the Swiss with their long tradition of watchmaking—as the greatest horologist of this century. Dr Daniels made his first watch in 1968 and gave it to a friend, Sam Clutton, who had introduced him to antique watches in 1956. It was later presented to the British Museum after Sam's death. One watch Dr Daniels made 15 years ago was auctioned a few years ago for £87,000. His reference works have been translated into three languages, while his watches—one of a kind designs—are collected by connoisseurs. Although he has not constructed a watch for some years, he intends to produce a timepiece to celebrate the millennium.

The new UK Prime Minister Tony Blair has Manx ancestors. His father Leo's ancestors on his mother's side were among the richest in the UK, the Bridsons of Bolton having made a fortune on bleach. They were originally bankers and merchants from the Isle of Man.

The manuscript of the Chronicles of the Kings of Man and the Isles is back in the Island on loan from the British Library.

Manx history's earliest known manuscript is on show at the House of Manannan Heritage Centre in Peel. The Chronicles is a record of the exploits of medieval Norse-Gaelic kings who ruled the Isle of Man and parts of the Hebrides. This treasured book dates from the 13th and 14th century. The manuscript will be displayed beside a modern computer counterpart because turning the pages of the original would damage them. Visitors will be able to use the virtual version to leaf through the pages of early Manx history, as recorded by Cistercian monks. The computer will change the monks' Latin text to modern-day English.

The Steam Packet's car ferry Lady of Mann is being used as a location for the filming of *The Boxer*, a film backed by Universal Studios starring Daniel Day-Lewis. Also being filmed on the Island is *All The Little Animals*, a contemporary thriller, starring John Hurt as an eccentric recluse.

A replica Viking longship Olav Tryggvason left Peel on June 29 to sail more than 1,200 miles to Trondheim in Norway, to celebrate the 1000th anniversary of the founding of Trondheim and the reign of one of the great Norse Kings. It had a crew of 15 Norwegians and one Manxman, George Kneale. The target arrival date was July 17. It will also be a repeat, in reverse, of the voyage of its sister ship Odin's Raven from Trondheim to Peel in the millennium year, 1979. The new expedition carries the title *The Return of Olav's Men*. Olav Tryggvason was King of Norway from 995 until his death in battle in the year 1000. He devoted himself to consolidating the Viking settlement of the Western Isles and the Isle of Man. He was a well-travelled empire builder and perceived the political advantages of Norway belonging to the Christian community of Europe. He was a significant figure in Norse and Manx history.

For the first time, Tynwald Day had a female sword bearer, Bernadette McCabe of Port St Mary.

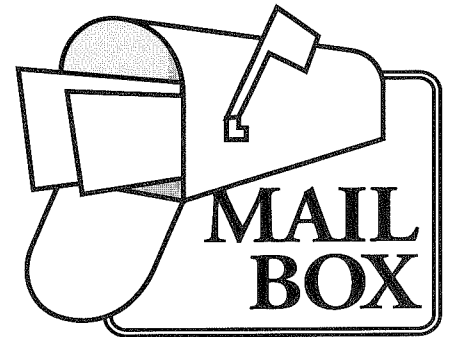
Rushen Abbey owner Graham Ferguson Lacy has ambitious plans for a £7 million transformation of the site. Phase one involves restoring and landscaping the area around the original ruins, including housing a museum and arts and crafts centre in the old infirmary and abbot's house. Phase two will involve the demolition of the Academy Nightclub and in its place will be an exact reconstruction of the original abbey surrounded by a second cloister area which will house 72

rooms available to visiting parties and tourists.

The £300,00 project set to revitalise the Port Erin Railway Museum for 125, Isle of Man Railways' 125th birthday, is going full steam ahead. The work is due to be completed late this summer and during the winter the museum will be refitted so that it is ready to reopen for the Steam 125 next year.

Five couples from the Isle of Man were among the 8,000 couples who had the honour of sharing golden wedding celebrations at Buckingham Palace with Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh.

Source: *Isle of Man Examiner*.



We are doing a family tree on “Greggors”. My father had a cousin Ruth Close, nee Greggor, who lived in Cleveland, Ohio. We are trying to trace her. She used to write and then her mail came back to us a few years ago. We need to know her family names, etc. Her father was John Greggor and her mother was Pearl (never knew her surname). Ruth had a daughter Debbie, only child, living in California. If anyone has information, please write to us.
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From time to time we receive a publication Connections, the Manx Business Connection Newsletter. If anyone is interested in receiving this newsletter contact:
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One of our members, R Scott Sherman of Red Bluff, California, has asked that we have a column in the Bulletin for members to place genealogy inquiries and ask for assistance. If there are other

members who seek this service, please let us know. We want the Bulletin to serve the needs of the membership.



Ladies' Auxiliary News

Greetings to Members of the Ladies' Auxiliary!

The 1997 North American Manx Association Awards Ceremony was held on July 8th, in the Wedding Reception Room in The General Registry, Douglas, Isle of Man. Officers of the World Manx Association and NAMA were pleased to see so many representatives of the Isle of Man Government, educators, students, family, and the press in attendance. Traditional Manx music was provided by the King Chiaullee, who were also recipients of the Music award.

After Mrs Betty Hanson, Past President of WMA, gave the welcome, made introductions, and talked about the tradition of the NAMA Awards, she introduced the award winners. Then as NAMA President and Acting President of the Ladies' Auxiliary, I made the presentation of the following medallions: Music to the King Chiaullee (mentioned above), a group including Gilno Carswell, Russell Cowin, Matthew Kelly, David Kilgallon and Adam Rhodes of St Ninian's High School; Arts and Crafts to Miguel Fernandes of Ballakermeen High School; Manx Language and Culture to Simon Collister of Ramsey Grammar School, Outstanding Contribution to the Manx Community to Catherine Kneale of St Ninian's High School; and Overcoming a Handicap to Shelley Cannon of Castle Rushen High School.

The 1997 NAMA Ladies' Auxiliary Awards for the Most Progress in Manx Language were conferred by the Hon Sir Charles Kerruish, OBE, President of Tynwald. Robert Daughen of St Ninian's High School and Catreena McFee of Castle Rushen High School each received bank drafts of £50.

Quite unexpectedly, both Sir Charles Kerruish and I received beautifully framed lithographs of a lovely watercolor of Laxey Harbor created by medallion winner Miguel Fernandes.

At the close of the ceremony we enjoyed a delightful array of refreshments provided by Castle Rushen High School. The entire event was beautiful. The qualifications of the students were very impressive. There is no doubt in my mind that the students will remember that happy occasion for a long time and I came away with an understanding of how highly education is

valued on the Island.

There is no doubt in my mind that we need to continue to find ways to fund and support the NAMA awards for outstanding achievement by young people on the Isle of Man. Please continue to create arts and crafts projects to be sold at the 1998 convention. They will be appreciated and the funds will support a very worthy cause.

On this continent, Mona Creer has been winnowing and sifting through the remaining documents of the Ladies' Auxiliary for information about the development and success of the organization. Please let Mona or me know if you have source materials to help her with this project.

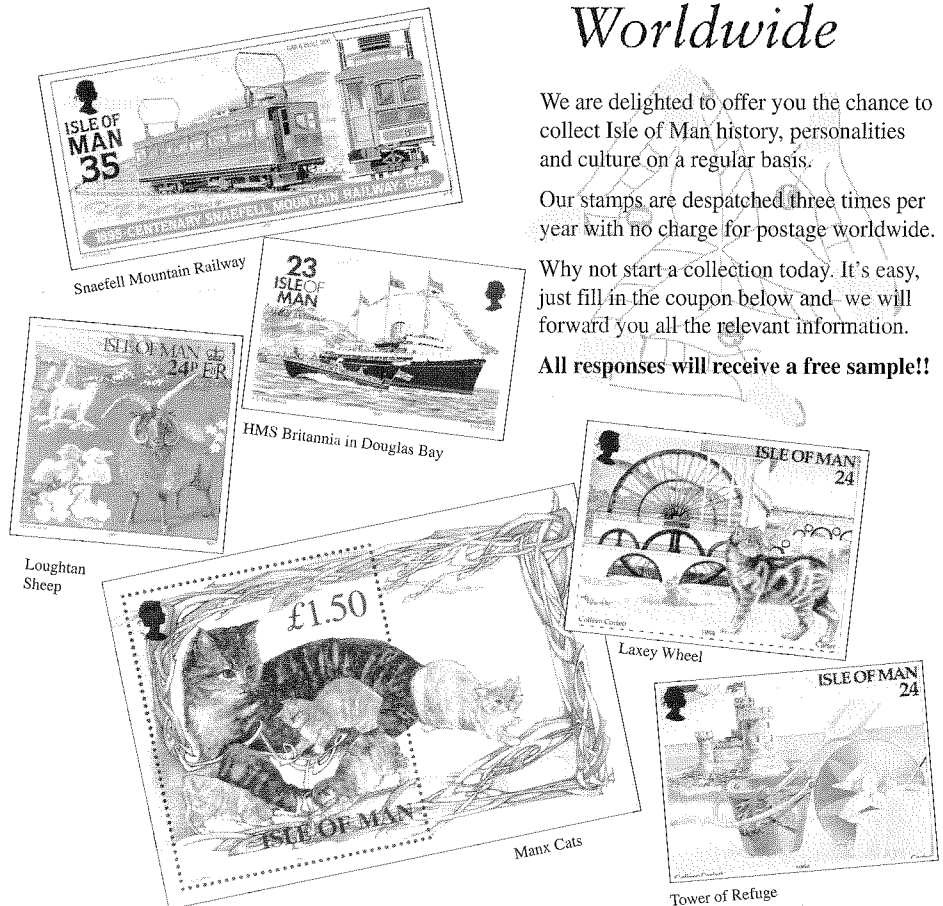
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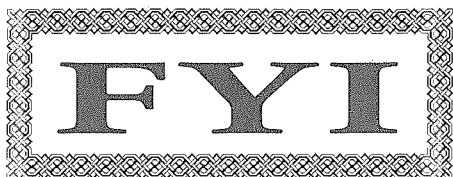
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Editor(s) Needed

The current co-editors of the NAMA Bulletin are retiring after the June 1998 issue. A new editor(s) will be needed starting with the combined September/December 1998 issue. This gives the new editor about five months in which to plan and compile the first issue.

What are the qualifications for being an editor?

First of all, an interest and love of all things Manx. Next, some spare time and the ability to type or word process the material for the Bulletin. If you have the ability to do the layout on the computer, that's a real plus but not a necessity. After printing, time is required to prepare the Bulletin for mailing.

What are the perks of being an editor?

As editor you would be receiving correspondences from members all across the North American continent, as well as the Isle of Man and other foreign countries. As new books, tapes, videos, etc are released on the Island, information about these materials will be sent to you, sometimes accompanied by a sample of the product. You are an officer and director of the North American Manx Association. You will have a complete set of all the NAMA Bulletins for reference. We have also subscribed to the Isle of Man Examiner as source of information. It is a very rewarding position, above and beyond the yearly salary of \$400.00.

What help will the new editor receive?

The outgoing editors and their layout person are willing to give as much time, information, and assistance as you feel you need. Some material is supplied on a regular basis: President's Message, Society News, Chaplain's Corner. Helen and Lloyd Drom prepare the mailing labels.

Those interested in the editorship or more information about what it entails, please contact the Bulletin Editors or NAMA President Mary Kelly (addresses on page 2).

Celtic Festival

The Celtic Nations Heritage Festival of Louisiana will be October 25th and 26th at Marconi Meadows in New Orleans' City Park. It will feature internationally

acclaimed performers, Highland Games, the Sixth Annual Currach Regatta, Celtic Canines, and artisans displaying and demonstrating traditional Celtic crafts.

NAMA will have an informational booth and Joan Gill will do storytelling at several venues. If you are in the area, join us.

Video

We have two copies a a new video, The Isle of Man— An Island of Contrasts, available for loan. This video, produced in 1996, is 65 minutes of breathtaking photography, fascinating commentary and haunting original music by Charles Guard which combine to tell the millions of years old story of the Isle of Man. If your society would like to borrow a copy contact Norman Gill (address on page 2).

Shirts and Flags

There are two items for sale from a Manx Society of Minnesota event. One is a white cotton/polyester t-shirt with a red circle containing the Three Legs of Man and Isle of Man printed beneath it, very attractive in sizes large and extra large. The cost, including packaging and mailing is \$12.00. The second is a ten inch high 5x3 Manx flag in a wooden holder, great for your desk, office, or use several as a table decorations. The total cost is \$6.00. Send your orders to Joan Gill (address on page 2) and make checks payable to Manx Homecoming.

Temporarily Away

If you know that you are going to be away any of the months (March, June,

September, and December) that the NAMA Bulletin is mailed, please let us know. We can mail the copy to your temporary address. If you are having your first class mail forwarded, send the editors the cost of first class postage. This varies according to the size of the Bulletin, but an average would be 60 cents in the US and 90 cents in Canada. This will be a saving of both time and money for NAMA. For each piece of mail returned to us with an incorrect address or temporarily away there is a charge of 50 cents. That doesn't sound like much individually, but when there are numerous returns it begins to add up.

Deadlines

We plan to issue four NAMA Bulletins each year. We welcome and need your contributions at any time. Listed below are the deadlines by which we must receive your materials in order to make a given issue.

<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Bulletin Issue</u>
February 10	March
May 10	June
August 10	September
November 10	December

If you wish to FAX your material, send to Norman Gill at 612-513-1757.

Have You Renewed?

If you are yearly member of NAMA, it is time to renew. Check your mailing label to see the amount due. If payment is not received by the end of November, you will not be mailed the next Bulletin. Send payment to Helen Drom (address on page 2).



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