



NORTH AMERICAN MANX ASSOCIATION

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IT'S CONVENTION TIME!

**JUNE 21-25, 2018 IN VICTORIA,
VANCOUVER ISLAND,
BRITISH COLUMBIA!**

This issue contains lots of information about the 2018 Convention in Victoria, Canada which is being hosted by 1st Vice President Katy Prendergast and the Chicago Manx Society. Be sure to reserve your hotel room, book your transport to Victoria island, and if you're not Canadian or American, get your eTA in plenty of time.

Convention times run from the evening Thursday, June 21st to the evening of Saturday, June 23rd.

**We encourage everyone to stay at the official
NAMA Conference Hotel**

As administrators to the conference, NAMA is contractually required to guarantee a level of usage for the **Hotel Grand Pacific** and holds a financial responsibility to do so. The room rate is good for 3 days either side of the Convention. Quote NAMA Convention 2018 and **reserve by Monday May 22, 2018** to get the group room rate of Can\$249/night, or upgrade to a harbor view for \$40/night.

Hotel Grand Pacific: Toll Free: 1-800-663-7550

Direct: (250) 386-0450

Email: reserve@hotelgrandpacific.com

In order to qualify for the group rate, you must quote the Group Name: NAMA Convention 2018.

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.

**REMEMBER VISA REQUIRED BY
SOME TO TRAVEL TO CANADA**

All international travelers must carry acceptable identification and a valid eTA visa (if necessary) when entering Canada. Americans traveling on an American passport do not need an eTA.

**YOUNG? BROKE? NEED A HAND
TO GET TO VICTORIA?**

The 2012 Convention passed a resolution to offer assistance to younger people who wish to come to a Convention but find it financially challenging. NAMA will offer four scholarships of \$250 to four members under 30 years of age to count towards Convention attendance. Applicants for the scholarship should send an email to Brad Prendergast at BEEVES@juno.com outlining the reasons why they should be considered for the award. The Board will review the applications and all applicants will be advised of the outcome. The deadline for applications is May 30, 2018

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 6) We have set the Junior membership at just \$2 and that takes you right up to your 30th Birthday.

FASCINATING SPEAKERS FOR
2018 CONVENTION
THE WOOD BROTHERS

Marjorie Cullerne is a violinist/fiddler, a music historian, and has a deep knowledge of her own Manx Heritage (her grandfather, and two of her great-grandparents are buried on the IOM, as are an aunt and uncle but, more importantly for NAMA 2018, she will be sharing her knowledge of two (deceased) Manx musicians, who are as near to famous as it's possible to be from the Isle of Man unless you're a Bee Gee. Marjorie is an expert on the musician brothers **Harry Wood** and **Haydn Wood** (*shown*) - brothers of her grandmother Mary Hannah Cullerne, née Wood.



She and her research partner have created a website about Haydn Wood (1882-1959). www.haydwoodmusic.com. Marjorie will both speak and play at the convention. She is a Victoria, BC, resident.

Manx Gaelic in 30 minutes!

Bill Cassidy introduces the Manx language, Gaelg, a sister tongue of Irish and Scottish Gaelic. Learn a bit about the history of Manx Gaelic and pick up some important phrases. We'll have a braew time and you'll soon have Manx *dy liooar*!

Gow Arrane: Learn Manx Songs. Manx singers are making a big impression these at festivals all over the Celtic world and beyond. This is your chance to learn a few songs in Manx. We'll lead you through a simple song or two, line by line and word by word, until you're ready to sing.

Mythical Manx Craithurs!

The Isle of Man is home to many creatures of legend from the Buggane to the Tarroo Ushtey. Manx mythological creatures are tied to the landscape like the Moo-injer Veggey with Fairy Bridge and the Moddey Dhoo with Peel Castle. Some are beautiful like the Ben Varrey (mermaids); creepy like the Glashtyn (water demon); or kinda goofy like Jef (he actually has a music video and stars in a web comic). Let's discover more about these unique beings that belong to our unique Isle.

ALSO:

Florence Abbinanti (NAMA of the past)

David and Christine Holmes (The Isle of Man today)

Lawrence Skelly (Keynote speaker on Saturday night)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS
MAY 22, 2018

Please address all Registration checks to
North American Manx Association and send to:
Chicago Manx Society, C/O Bradley Prendergast, 2108
W. Devon Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60659

Current list of 2018 Convention registrants, as of 3/27/18:

Johnston-Kinley	Susan	Boise	ID
Prendergast	Bradley	Chicago	IL
Wozny	Albena	Chicago	IL
Wozny	Nicole	Chicago	IL
Abbinanti	Florence	Evergreen Park	IL
Prendergast	John	Chicago	IL
Prendergast	Mary	Chicago	IL
Prendergast	Kate	Chicago	IL
Prendergast	Tim	Homewood	IL
Prendergast	Shannon	Homewood	IL
Gawne	Dorothy	Niles	IL
Kneale	James	Clarksville	IL
Schaitberger	Sharli	Meza	AZ
Schaitberger	Stephen, Rev	Brainard	MN
McCarthy	Kelly	Alexandria	VA
McCarthy	Bill	Alexandria	VA

NAMA 2018 CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

REGISTRATION DETAILS (ONE PER PARTICIPANT PLEASE)

Mr. Ms. Sir Madam

Family Name:..... First Name:.....

Address:.....

City:..... State:..... Zip:.....

Country:.....

Phone:.....

Email:.....

Can we include this information in the Souvenir Bulletin Yes No

REGISTRATION FEE

Become a member when registering and benefit from the discounted members' rate from now on (further details are available in the bulletin and on the NAMA website)

	Already member (\$USD)	Non-Members (\$USD)
Registration Fee (Thursday and Saturday food and activities)	\$ 285.00	\$ 342.00
Tea at the Fairmont Empress (Friday including taxes)	\$ 80.00	\$ 97.00
Whale Watching on the Zodiac (Friday – small boat)	\$ 115.00	\$ 138.00
Whale Watching (Friday – big boat)	\$ 115.00	\$ 138.00
Dinner for Saturday (please pick one)		
Sablefish		
Chicken		
Lamb		
Polo T-Shirt Size (to wear on Saturday to Butchart Gardens)	Are you a member of the board	
XS S M L XL XXL 3XL 4XL 5XL		

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Specific diet requirements (vegetarian, allergies):

The price of the Empress Tea has dropped. If you already paid for it,
John Prendergast will refund you the difference directly.

BOOK AN AD IN THE 2018 CONVENTION SOUVENIR PROGRAM



Please address all checks to **North American Manx Association** and send to:

C/O John Prendergast,
10251 South Bell Ave.,
Chicago, Illinois 60643, USA.

Please **email** artwork by
JUNE 1st 2018 to:
katyprendergast@gmail.com &
timothyrendergast@gmail.com

Dimensions and price:

Full page ad: 5.25in w x 7.25in h (133.35w x 184.15h)

\$80.00

Half page ad: 5.25in w x 3.625in h (133.35w x 92.075h)

\$40.00

Third page ad: 5.25in w x 2.4 in h (133.35w x 60.96h)

\$20.00

ONLINE RESOURCES

www.namanx.org Check this page for emergency updates to the Convention or to get news from the Island. We're also on Facebook. Our pages are called North American Manx Association and NAMA Youth.

In recognition of her great support to the Association by keeping our website up to date on local Manx events and news, the Board voted to bestow Honorary Membership on Val Caine, a journalist based on the Isle of Man. Thank you for all you do for us, Val!

Regional societies take note, you need to keep your website content updated, so either learn how to use WordPress and get Log-in credentials from Jim Kneale - jim.kneale@gmail.com - or email him your information and he will post it for you.

WANT TO GET IN TOUCH WITH US?

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

LOST IN THE MAIL



We recently received a letter from Priscilla Lewthwaite at the Family History Society.

This time the Newsletter was sent to Tortola, British Virgin Islands and has only just been forwarded onto us. It made me study the front and I realised that actually it is being sent to the wrong address in Peel. Luckily our postmen are very good and we always receive it correctly but I think the time has come to put the right address on!

The correct address is:-

Family History Society, Derby Lodge, Derby Road,
PEEL IM51HH British Isles.

We keep all the newsletters and it is surprising how much news of families that emigrated etc. there is in them. They are very handy for research purposes.

We would be delighted if you could mention our Society...like all Family History Societies we are trying very hard to keep our membership up... so far we have been very successful but we that overall membership...is dropping as everyone is now convinced that all records are on line! Of course we know it is only a very small part of the archives that are available on the web.

If any of your members are planning on visiting the island and would like help with their research we do offer private visits to our library and the help of retired professional researchers free of charge. I can be contacted by email: priscilla@manx.net or by phone 01624851104, but do need to know, as much in advance as possible, please.

On the web at www.iomfhs.im

NORTH AMERICAN MANX YOUTH AWARD PRIZE \$200 AND LIFETIME NAMA MEMBERSHIP

Please nominate a young person from your Society to receive this award at the Victoria Convention in June! The award recognizes under 21 year-olds living in North America for their contribution in maintaining an awareness of the Isle of Man and its culture. The prize includes a check for US\$200 and free lifetime membership of the North American Manx Association from NAMA, and an award hewn from Pooil Vaaish marble from the Isle of Man Government.

The winner must demonstrate an interest in Manx culture or history by sharing their knowledge through essay, art, multimedia, performance art, etc. Nominations will be accepted via the internet or by snail mail. Each nomination must be in the form of a short description of the nominee's work that explains how this relates to the Isle of Man.

Photos or video of the original work should accompany the nomination (soft or hard copies). Nominees must provide contact details for themselves and one reference that may be used by the judges to discuss the work and its authenticity. All initial contacts should go to BEEVES@juno.com.

LOCAL SOCIETY NEWS

GREATER WASHINGTON AREA MANX SOCIETY

We held our annual 12th Night Party and fun was had by all. New members, Joshua and Sheriden White brought their daughter Rosie. Gil and Helen Cowley brought their (grown-up) son Richard as a new guest. In attendance: Brent and Cris Warner, Bill Cassidy, Kearsley and Ed Waggoner, Mim Blower, Matt Blower, Bill and Kelly McCarthy, Jaine Sirieys, Jim and Faith Kneale, Dan and Cristin Clague and Mary Andrews were in attendance. We played a spirited game of Laxey Swap and divided into teams to compete in a general knowledge quiz about the island, originally compiled by Bob Kelly from Illinois.



L-R: Kearsley Waggoner (Pres.), Matt Blower, Mim Blower, Jaine Sirieys, Ed Waggoner

NAMA MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT FORM
PROMOTE AND PROTECT OUR MANX HERITAGE

Join now and make sure you keep receiving your newsletter and don't forget to mail us if you change your address!
Please print your information and mail with your check to John Prendergast at the address below.

Name _____ Spouse _____

Street _____ Phone _____

City _____ email _____

State/Prov _____ Zip/PC _____

			Family Membership	Dues	Amount
Individual Membership	Annual		Annual	\$20	_____
	LIFE MEMBERSHIP		Under age 50	\$325	_____
	Under age 50		Age 50-59	\$235	_____
	Age 50-59		Age 60 and over	\$200	_____
Age 60 and over					
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
(in U.S. Dollar or equivalent amount) _____

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Please advise John if you change your address.

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RIP Norman William Gill (Jul 16, 1939 - Mar 12, 2018)



NAMA Past-President, and stalwart of the Minnesota Manx, Norm Gill, 78, passed away on March 12 2018. Norm, along with his partners in crime, Marshall and Larry Fargher, kept us on our toes at Board meetings and was always up for some mischief when the opportunity arose. We will miss him greatly. He is survived by his wife, Joan; sister Bonnie Gill, and his dog Som-bra. We hope to see Joanie, who has always been very involved with the Association, at future gatherings and send her and the family our deepest condolences.

RIP Richard Corrin

Richard "Rick" L. Corrin Jr., 74, of Glenview, passed away April 3, 2018. Beloved husband of Mary Lee Corrin. Rick was a trustee of NAMA, having been appointed at the convention in Minnesota. He served one term of 6 years from 2006 until 2012, until his health prevented him from continuing. He was also the President of the Chicago Manx, succeeding to that position when Bob Kelly passed away.



Photo: Chicago Manx Society. March 2015. Front row (L to R): Florence Abbinanti, Muriel Connelly, John Wier, Middle row: Mary Prendergast, Marjorie Brazina, Dorothy Gawne, Katy Prendergast. Back Row: Rick Corrin, Mary Lee Corrin, Lynell Cannell, John Prendergast

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NORTH AMERICAN MANX ASSOCIATION YOUTH AWARD WINNER TAKES BBC FOLK PRIZE



Harpist Mera Royle says she's 'completely overwhelmed' after winning the 2018 BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards. The 18-year-old student scooped the Young Folk Award at Belfast's Waterfront Concert Hall on April 4th.

NAMA knows Mera Royal very well, as she was the recipient of the NAMA Outstanding Achievement in Manx Music Award in 2017. Congratulations, Mera!

What the presence of so many Manx musicians in a major competition like this shows is the great state of trad music on the Isle of Man today and how it is a thriving musical community which is deservedly drawing attention from all over the world and taking its place alongside that of the neighboring Celtic nations. As this momentum picks up, the NAMA Youth Awards are fast becoming a predictor of local talent!