

NORTH AMERICAN MANX ASSOCIATION

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## LET'S CELEBRATE 400 YEARS OF THE MANX IN AMERICA! AUGUST 2020 PLYMOUTH MASSACHUSETTS



### BOOK NOW! We have an amazing Convention planned for you!

2020 marks the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims aboard *The Mayflower*. In search of religious freedom these brave souls set out to form a settlement on the shores of America in a town that became known as Plymouth, Massachusetts. The area was already home to the local indigenous people, the Wampanoag, and the two groups lived together in relative harmony for nearly fifty years, largely as a result of a peace agreement brokered by the redheaded, small but feisty Manxman aboard the vessel, Captain Myles Standish. He was not the ship's captain but the Captain of the Militia and he was in charge of the Pilgrims' security. We are all going to learn a great deal more about our illustrious ancestor. (He was known as *Captain Shrimp* by the settlers and "little pot that soon boils over" by the locals!)

We hope that parents and grandparents will seriously consider the possibility of bringing your children and grandchildren to this incredible, historic Convention that brings together our two great cultures. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity as Plymouth

has two years of non-stop entertainment planned to celebrate the anniversary of the landing. We will be there at the heart of it, August 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> 2020. *The Mayflower* replica has been restored and we are including a 45-minute self-guided tour as part of our Friday activities. Remember: Only members in good standing can come to the Convention. The membership form is on the back of the Booking form, so feel free to complete both if you owe dues.

### FUN-PACKED ITINERARY

The Board will meet on Thursday (August 6<sup>th</sup>) afternoon. Main group activities will kick off on **Thursday August 6<sup>th</sup> 2020** in the evening with a Meet and Greet in the Standish Room at the hotel around 6pm. We will also hold a short General Meeting, so please be there to cast your vote. Ruth Keggin, a musician from the Isle of Man will entertain us during this time.

**Friday August 7<sup>th</sup>** will feature an all-day tour to the world famous **Plimoth Plantation** as well as the Pilgrim's ship, *The Mayflower*. We will catch a bus from our hotel (Hotel 1620) to Plimoth Plantation to explore both the English village where the Pilgrims made their first home, and the Wampanoag village where the local Native Americans had hunted and fished for millennia.

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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)

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Our day starts with a movie and then we will have a guided tour (*special access options are available, see booking form*) by an in-character actor. Plimoth Planation is an easy walk for most people, but golf-cart options are available. We will enjoy a Pilgrim/Wampanoag themed lunch and then head over to Plymouth Harbor to visit *The Mayflower*. This is a fantastic opportunity for Americans to learn more about the early settlers and their lives and habits. The reenactors are all in period costume and speak the language of the day. Many talented men and women of both European and Wampanoag tradition ply their crafts at the Plantation. There is a wide range of retail opportunities from souvenirs to hand-made period-style crafts. As it's the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Plimoth Planation is pulling out all the stops to make this an extra-special visit.



Saturday August 8<sup>th</sup> will be hotel based for workshops hosted by Ruth Keggin and Bill Cassidy. We are lucky to have Ruth with us. She is Manx speaker and fabulous performer. Check out her website for more about her work and philosophy. [www.ruthkeggins.com](http://www.ruthkeggins.com)

We are very fortunate indeed to have Ruth join us at this Convention. We are very grateful to Culture Vannin (*Culture Vannin is the trading name for the Manx Heritage Foundation, established in 1982 by the Isle of Man Government to promote Manx culture, heritage and language*) for awarding us a grant which we will put towards Ruth's travel expenses. I am sure that we all join in thanking them for this concrete support in sharing Manx culture with the Manx diaspora. We are very, very excited to discover what we can see, hear and learn from Ruth's presence amongst us as she talks to us about Manx history, the regeneration of the language, and Manx culture in general. We are busy working to create learning opportunities for all conference delegates in music and Manx language. If you have children coming, we will offer special events for them to learn more about their rich, Manx cultural heritage.

Saturday Night features our traditional "hand-over" dinner when the new slate of Board Members will be installed. Entertainment will be by Manx super-star Ruth Keggin – and a special visitor, Captain Miles Standish, himself!

No activities are scheduled for Sunday.

### How to book for the 2020 North American Manx Association 'once in a lifetime' Convention!

Make your hotel reservation at the Hotel 1620, Plymouth Harbor, 180 Water St, Plymouth, MA 02360. It is very important that you book directly with the hotel and do not go through another booking option as it will not count towards our room total. Call for Reservations: 508-747-4900 or book online at [www.hotel1620.com](http://www.hotel1620.com) quoting booking reference **NAMA2020**. Our special room price is \$225 per night during this incredibly busy season for Plymouth. If you have already booked please call to confirm the dates you will be staying. Remember the Convention starts on the evening of August 6<sup>th</sup>.

The nearest major airports are **Boston Logan** and **T.F. Green** at Providence, Rhode Island. This is a useful website for transportation connections. [www.newenglandtravelplanner.com](http://www.newenglandtravelplanner.com) The bus does not go to the heart of Plymouth and the last mile or so must be completed by taxi. We recommend friends car pool as there is adequate parking at Hotel 1620.

## IN MEMORIAM



Norm Standish, a former President of the Northern Manx Association, passed away on October 28<sup>th</sup> 2019. He was 89 years old. He was born Norman Weston Standish, on April 4 in Marion, and he was a 10<sup>th</sup> generation descendent of the historical Myles Standish, Captain of the Militia onboard *The Mayflower*.

Norm was a life member of the NAMA, and active in the Cleveland Manx Society while working there, and later in the Galva Manx Society. He was the NAMA President from 2002 to 2004. He was the convention chair for the 2002 Convention in Lanark, Illinois.

He is survived by his wife Ingrid, and his three children. Here he is standing on the left of another NAMA President, Jim Corlett, at the NAMA Convention in Denver in 2010.

## RUTH KEGGIN



Meet Ruth Keggin! She's a Manx Gaelic singer who is passionate about bringing Manx music and language to a wider audience. Her debut solo album, *Sheear* ('Westward'), features traditional and contemporary Manx Gaelic songs, was released in February 2014 to critical acclaim. Her second solo album is *Turrys* (Journey). Ruth and her band have given live performances and interviews on BBC Radio 3, BBC Radio Wales and 'Seirm' on BBC Alba (television), and Ruth has also been a feature-presenter for, and sung on, the BBC 2 television programme 'Coast'.

Ruth is also part of a bold new vocal project called 'Aon Teanga:Un Çhengey' (One Tongue) together with Scottish musician and broadcaster Mary Ann Kennedy and Eoghan Ó Ceannabháin – a sean-nós singer and musician. At one time, the Gaelic language was a single tongue. While there have been many moves to re-establish Scottish-Irish links in recent times, there has never been – until now – a project that unites the three Gaelic traditions. Ruth also sings and plays flute with the collective Nish As Rish who won the Trophée Loic Raison for best new group at the Festival Interceltique de Lorient 2011.

**Remember! The North American Manx Association will pay the fees if your Society decides to participate in a local Celtic Festival. Contact our Treasurer, John Prendergast at [jprendergast4c-dot@yahoo.com](mailto:jprendergast4c-dot@yahoo.com) when you have made your plans.**



## LETTER FROM OKLAHOMA

*I found your organization NAMA, from searching online. This year in Oklahoma City we held our first Celtic Festival celebrating the culture and traditions of the Seven Celtic nations. As it was our first year, I used the contacts that I had in our local Celtic community but those are mostly Irish and Scottish. I was hoping to find a Manx Society here in Oklahoma but haven't as of yet. For our last festival we had a local dance group represent the Isle of Man by performing the Hop-tu-Naa. For future events, I'd love to have a set up to tell people about the Manx history and traditions. I wanted to reach out and see if you might have any suggestions for contacts.*

Thank you for your time,  
Diana Ogle, Managing Partner Sean Cummings  
Irish Restaurant  
Celtic Festival Oct 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> 2020  
[www.seancummings-ok.com/celtic-festival](http://www.seancummings-ok.com/celtic-festival)

## NEWS FROM FLORIDA



Pictures from the Highlands and Islands Celtic Music Festival and Games from Chuck Cashin in Gulfport, MS on 11/9/2019. Originally from Cleveland, Ohio, Chuck's dad's family was mostly in the greater Cleveland area. His granddaughters enticed him and his wife Sherry to move south to be near them, so they now live in Jack-

sonville, Florida. He is very keen to link up with others interested in our heritage, so if you live in Florida or near the Georgia/Florida line, please reach out! On a recent visit to the Island, Chuck went to the Leece Museum on Douglas quay to talk with Roy Baker, who was very helpful and knew quite a bit about his great great-grandfather. There are a number of pictures of William Cashin in the museum.

## LOCAL SOCIETY NEWS

### WASHINGTON D.C. AREA MANX SOCIETY

#### Launch First Annual "Manxgiving"

We have been holding 'pop-up' events where some but not all the members attend an event. It is proving very successful as we are able to pick 'horses for courses.' In November, we held our First Annual **Manxsgiving**. We met at a pub for a classic Sunday Lunch and brought toys we donated to a local charity. It was a WONDERFUL way to reflect our start as a relief charity for poor Manx immigrants when they landed in America and moved around in search of work and a place to put down roots.

Our next gathering is our 12<sup>th</sup> Night Party on January 12<sup>th</sup> in Alexandria, VA. Message [kelly@mustgoto.com](mailto:kelly@mustgoto.com) if you'd like to attend.



L-R: Manxsgiving 2019. Bill McCarthy, Helen Cowley, Gil Cowley, Kelly McCarthy, Harold Quayle, Devon Snodgrass, Matt Blower, Kearsley Walsh, Bill Cassidy Russ Woodgates.

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# NAMA 2020 CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

## REGISTRATION DETAILS

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

Address: .....

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

Phone:.....Email:.....

	Each (\$USD)	Total (\$USD)
<b>Registration Fee:</b>		
Includes: <i>Thursday Welcome Reception, Friday Plimoth Plantation and Mayflower tour with lunch, all Saturday workshops and Dinner Buffet Banquet and all workshops.</i>		
<i>IMPORTANT: For every Adult you are signing up please include Name, Address, Phone and/or Email details. Please attach these details to your check for processing. Name and Address only required for children.</i>		
	How many?	
Adults	\$225.00	= \$
Children under 18	\$175.00	= \$
	Total Conference Fees:	\$
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Small ad in Program @ \$15		
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Please make all checks payable to North American Manx Association and send to:  
Chicago Manx Society, C/O John Prendergast 2108 W Devon Ave. Chicago, Illinois 60659

Send a separate check for membership dues where applicable.

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## NAMA Member Enrollment

See membership categories below.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov. \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/PC \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

### INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

**Annual** \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Life**

Under 50 years \$250.00 \_\_\_\_\_

50 to 59 years \$175.00 \_\_\_\_\_

60 years or over \$125.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Junior Member - Under Age 21 years FREE Note Age here \_\_\_\_\_

### FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

**Annual** \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Life** (2 adults, based on age of youngest)

Under 50 years \$325.00 \_\_\_\_\_

50 to 59 years \$235.00 \_\_\_\_\_

60 years or over \$200.00 \_\_\_\_\_

### SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP (Not for use by individuals)

**Annual** \$20.0 \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE** \$5.00 \_\_\_\_\_

*The membership certificate design and coloring have special significance relative to the Isle of Man. A letter of explanation is sent with each certificate.*

**METAL MEMBERSHIP PIN** \$5.00 \_\_\_\_\_

*(1" diameter, has NAMA logo featuring 3 legs, eagle and oak leaf in gold, red and white.)*

**CONTRIBUTION** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

To further NAMA's goals. (United States tax deductible as allowed by law)

(If current or any past employer matches contributions, send any required forms to NAMA for completion. Thank you.)

**TOTAL REMITTANCE (U.S. DOLLARS ONLY)** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please send check made out to **NORTH AMERICAN MANX ASSOCIATION** to:  
John Prendergast, NAMA Treasurer, 10251 S. Bell Avenue, Chicago, IL 60643-1901

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## CHICAGO MANX SOCIETY

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On Sunday, September 29, 2019 the Chicago Manx Society held a meeting at the home of Mary and John Prendergast in Chicago, IL. There were 10 people in attendance. On a beautiful cloth table runner with decoration of Fuchsia and Gorse, from the IOM that Katy received while she was on the island. We had a great potluck dinner with chicken and side dishes that were bought by the members. The desserts were delicious: Lemon Cake, Old Fashion Icebox Cake, and fresh fruit. It was a delightful meal.

After dinner we gathered for our meeting that was called to order by Dorothy Gawne. Florence then read the minutes of the previous meeting and also the treasurer's report and both were approved. Dorothy Gawne reported that she was in possession of the large flags that were displayed at the NAMA conventions over the years. These flags were thought to be missing, but have been located. We will discuss how to handle the flags at the next meeting.

Due to declining membership both in the Chicago Manx Society and the Wisconsin Manx Society, our last meeting was a "joint meeting" held in Rockford. To try to bolster attendance at our next meeting, John and Kay Weir offered to host the meeting in the far northwest suburbs of Chicago. That is far more convenient for the Wisconsin participants than coming all the way to the south side of the city. We are inviting the Wisconsin Manx, and any other interested people from the area to join us at on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020, at 1:00PM at All Saints Lutheran Church, 630 S. Quentin Road, Palatine, IL. The church is off of Route 53, so it has easy highway access. There will be a potluck luncheon.

If you have plans to be in the Chicago area on March 15<sup>th</sup>, we welcome you to join us. Please contact Brad Prendergast (brad@lawyerbrad.com) for more info.

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## MANX SOCIETY OF MINNESOTA

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The last meeting was held at the beautiful home of Reverend Cannon Stephen and Sharli Schaitberger in Brainerd MN. It was a very warm and welcoming home full of the most delicious food. To start the meeting Stephen asked for ideas on getting more youth involvement. Peggy talked about the beginning of the

Minnesota Manx and Sally talked about possibly restructuring the meetings to make them more modern. Soon it was time for lunch so we all moved to the dining room to a fabulously decorated table. The theme of the table was Plymouth where the next convention will be held. The lunch was partly locally sourced, the walleye was caught by the Stephen and his family, the deer in the sausage was shot by Stephen and the wildrice was collected by a Native American friend of the reverend. The rest of the meal was salad, corn on the cob, sliced bread, and from scratch chocolate cake with finely chopped nuts. As lunch was winding down Stephen read a fun and moving story called *The Cabin by the Lake*. After lunch we went back into the other room to relax after such an excellent and big meal. Stephen began by taking about NAMA and that they would like to help get more information about the Manx out to the public and they may be able to help fund projects to do that if we have any good ideas. We then played several games of guessing and trivia which were awesome fun and then the reverend handed out prizes and promotional items for the next convention. The meeting finished up as leftovers were packed up and given out before everyone hit the road for the journey home.

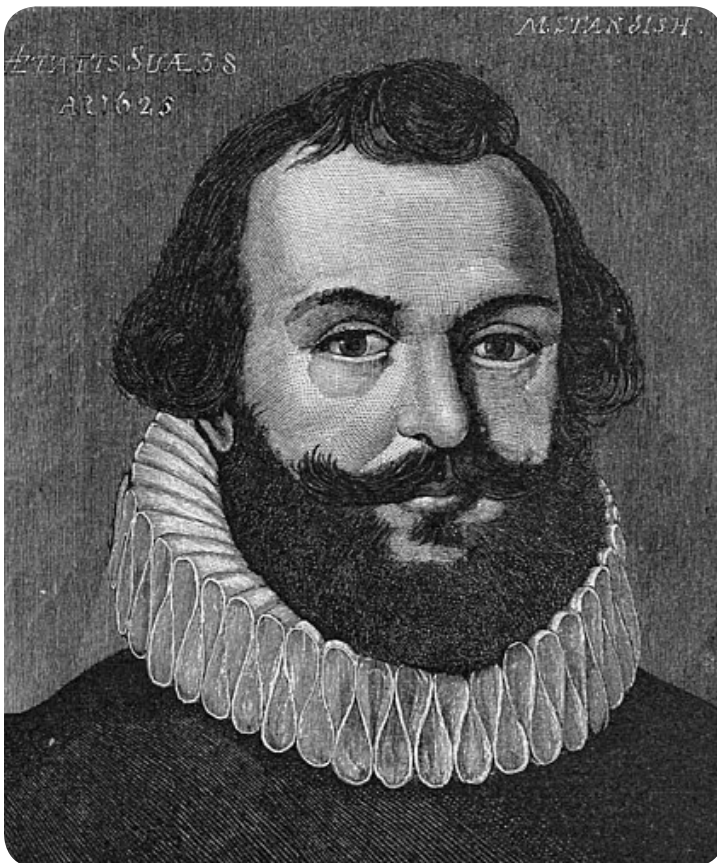


Pic Left to Right: Jim Anderson, Peggy Rudnitski, Sally Dahlquist, Reverend Cannon Stephen Schaitberger, Sharli Schaitberger, Michael Kollars, Brenda Schaitberger, Stephen Schaitberger. In front Michaels daughters Kennadie and Kara. Photo by Amy Rudnitski.



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### 2020 The Manx Connection

*Myles Standish's Manx connections date back to the arrival of Lancashire English families in Man after the Stanleys became Kings of Mann in 1405. There were Standyses in Castletown in 1511, according to the Manorial Roll. Around 1540, Standishes acquired the farm of Ellanbane, also known as White Island or Island bane, which had been owned by Rushen Abbey. Myles may be descended from John Standish of Ellanbane, as claimed by G.V.C. Young.*

*Historians have debated for centuries whether Myles was born in the Isle of Man or Lancashire. But Myles isn't the only possible Manx connection to the Plymouth colony. His first wife, Rose, is believed to have been a Standish cousin, and to have been from Ellanbane in Lezayre. She died in January 1621 in Plymouth, and is buried in an unmarked grave on Coles Hill. Myles married her sister, Barbara, in 1623, and they founded the Standish family in America.*