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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,
After a two-year wait, our national convention in Plymouth was everything we had hoped it would be, albeit a tad hot! There were 40 of us in attendance, and many first-timers. Our workshops also saw our very first day pass attendees, all of whom became NAMA members when they signed-up.

Thanks to Culture Vannin and their sponsorship we were able to bring over Ruth Keggin Gell and everyone who attended her workshops agreed that they were yindyssagh! (fantastic!). Her innovative style of teaching helped us to learn a little Manx, work-out with Manx Dances and Action Songs, and learn some lesser known facts about Manx cultural events and traditions. We also learned a great deal about the trials of the early settlers and the way of life for indigenous people in the area on our visit to Plimoth Patuxet and the Mayflower.

Kelly McCarthy receives the President's collar from Jack Comode, Honorary President.

As the in-coming president (my second time in the role; which means it's time for some of you readers to get involved!) I am committed to reviving failing local societies and working with fledgling groups to get started during my time in office. With the aid of social media it really is quite easy to get your Manx message out to your local community. We no longer suggest formal societies with complicated board structures. Nowadays, we encourage you to find a group and meet in homes or restaurants to cover common ground and explore what being Manx means to you. Use the North American Manx Association to help you get started, whether it's through local members or by having us pay for you to attend a local Celtic event (see Chuck Cashin's use of this facility below).

We also host Zoom meetings with interesting people, including the upcoming one with Myles Standish, fresh off the Mayflower (see below).

There's lots to cover in this edition so let's get going! And please, remember to send in your Society and family news.

Kelly

WANT TO STAY IN TOUCH?

Our website is www.namanx.org Find links to Manx Societies across America and Canada as well as recipes, Membership details and random Manx facts. Also a great source of information for the next Convention. You should visit often!

Regional societies take note, you need to keep your content updated, so email us your information as it changes and we will post it for you. (kelly@mustgoto.com) We're also on Facebook. Our pages are called North American Manx Association and Kiarkyl ny Gaelgey (For Manx language fans).

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

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 8)

REPORT FROM THE CONVENTION:

Day One: The Manx Connection

The first full day of the long-delayed 2022 North American Manx Association Convention dawned bright and sunny and very, very hot. And we were up bright and early, anxious to get going.

We all boarded a luxury coach (none of that yellow school bus nonsense for us Manxies!) for the short ride to the Plimoth-Patuxet living museum. We started with a fascinating self-guided tour highlighting some of the artifacts from the first settlers and revealing their significance to both the Wampanoag and the Pilgrims. Then Plimoth-Patuxet staff split us up into two groups for guided tours by museum docents. The groups took different routes across the outdoor parts of the historic recreation. We visited the Pilgrim village, complete with houses, reenactors and growing crops. Then to the Wampanoag village where we learned about the Native American's practices, food, culture and language. All completely fascinating.

Then, as a special treat for our group, we got to meet Myles Standish (or at least the staff reenactor portraying him – more on this later) who likely hailed from our Isle of Man, and whose wives definitely did. Captain Standish was the soldier who commanded the militia that protected the settlers and was instrumental in the survival of this colony.
But that wasn't all!

When the outdoor tours concluded we visited the workshops where artisans, schooled in the methods of the 17th century, created pottery and other useful items the settlers would have required.

Following the tours, we were invited to dine in a 17th-century style lunch experience. We ate what most of us would consider a traditional style American Thanksgiving dinner with significant Native American influence – lunch for us, but to our ancestors would have been a feast. We ate with our hands and maybe a spoon off pewter plates; it was delicious and the staff gave us the recipes to try ourselves at home.

But our day wasn't over yet! Back on the bus. And off to tour the Mayflower II. This ship is a detailed replica of the original Mayflower and is a fascinating visit all by itself. We listened to staff explaining how everything worked and where everyone lived. Honestly, it's not a very large vessel and we all marveled at the number of people (and animals) who sailed to our continent on it. And, we learned that once they got to Plymouth, they still lived on the ship until suitable housing could be built, imagine those additional months in such cramped quarters!

Brad Prendergast and Jack Kermode on the Mayflower.

And no visit to Plymouth would be complete without a visit to Plymouth Rock. If you've ever seen it you'll know it's a bit of a surprise!

After that, it was time for a cool shower, and an evening of merriment and Manx trivia provided by our special guest Ruth Keggan Gell!

~ Bill McCarthy & Katy Prendergast

Day Two: Manx Workshops Shine in Plymouth

"*Mie lhiat cappan dy hey?*" ("Do you like a cup of tea?")

The North American Manx Association knows that question and its answer now (S' mie! Yes!) thanks to Culture Vannin Manx Language Development Officer Ruth Keggin Gell.

On Saturday, Aug. 6, Ruth led NAMA's first-ever day-long program of Manx Language and Culture Workshops at the 2020 NAMA Convention in Plymouth, Mass. She had NAMA members young and old dancing in the corridors and speaking Manx before they knew it.

Learning Action Songs to improve our Manx!

Even Myles Standish was, or would have been, impressed. "I haven't heard that language in years!" Standish, or at least the actor who portrays him at the Plimouth-Patuxet living history museum, exclaimed when several NAMA members wished him a "*fastyr mie*" (good afternoon).

The workshops were an important component of a conference program that stressed the connections between American and Manx culture and history, 402 years after Standish, a Manxman himself, and the English now known as the Pilgrims arrived in Plymouth.

Ruth made Manx culture – including Manx Gaelic and traditional dances – accessible to NAMA members in a way they couldn't have experienced outside the Isle of Man otherwise. The workshop series was a tour de force performance that capped three days of activity.

Ivy Howell learns the tin whistle!

Those afraid cultural workshops might be too academic or "dry" were bowled over by her enthusiasm and by the depth of knowledge she had to share, ranging through Manx song, language, dance, folklore and music. She also led a Manx pub quiz on Friday night!

Learning more about the early settlors at Plimoth-Patuxet

One result was six new NAMA members, with four people attending the workshops and NAMA banquet as "day students" – an opportunity never offered before — and at least four people attending the convention directly because of the Manx workshops.

That's important. For NAMA to grow, the organization must promote Manx culture in North America, just as it does on the Isle of Man through our youth award program.

The popular and well-attended workshops may lead to an annual Manx language and culture event sponsored by NAMA. We'll have to examine opportunities in 2023!
~ Illiam Cassidy

MANX WORDS, PART 6

There's more to words than meets the eye, or perhaps the tongue. A word contains history, both a history of its own and the history of the people who use or used the word. Words can shape identity, and our sense of place, how we perceive the world. Manx is a unique language, and its vocabulary reflects a unique community and experience. Manx preserves some old and unusual words that either disappeared or fell out of favor in the other Gaelic languages, Scottish Gaelic and Irish, after the Middle Ages. Let's explore a few Manx words and the stories they tell.

Aile (Fire)

Words related to hearth and home often convey warmth, light, and comfort. Níl aon tinteán mar do thinteán féin is an Irish expression meaning "there is no hearth like your own." The Manx word for fire, aile, is associated with a more unusual, heavenly form of light.

Aile is pronounced much like "aisle" or "isle" in English, both of which have a silent "s." If you've been in Castletown, you may have strolled by the Stashoon Aile or Fire Station. But the Manx are unique in their use of the word aile, as in so many things, for "fire." In Irish and Scottish Gaelic, the common word for fire is tine or teine. That word isn't found in Manx.

Instead, Manx preserves an archaic word that originally meant "very bright" in Old Irish, aingel or airgel and later aingeal or aigheal. The word survives in Irish and Scottish Gaelic with the meaning "brightness, light, fire, beacon, warmth," but is considered archaic. Not coincidentally, aingeal is also the Irish and Scottish Gaelic word for "angel," now ainle in Manx. The word originally was borrowed from Latin angelus. (Manx also has another word for angel, giallican, which would seem to mean "bright one" or "little bright one" from the root gel.)

The connection between the words for "angel" and "brightness" shouldn't surprise. Take this description of an angel from the Book of Daniel (10:5-6): "Va e chorp myrgeddin goll-rish y veryl, as e eddin myr sollyssid y tendreil, as e hooillyn myr lampyn dy aile …" "His body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire …"

So how did Old Irish or Scottish Gaelic aingeal become Manx aile? There are a couple of possible explanations.

First, the ng in the middle of the word is elided in some Scottish Gaelic dialects, meaning it's more or less eliminated and the word is pronounced more like "ai-yil." The same process may have happened on the Isle of Man. Second, aile could also be related to later variants such as aigheal, in which the "gh" would be pronounced as an English "y."

In any case, the ministers who developed the Manx spelling system spelled the word as they heard it — more or less — without reference to written Irish or Scottish Gaelic.

In Ireland and some parts of Scotland, aingeal is pronounced with a hard ng – something like the ng in "angular." Scots and later English borrowed the Scottish Gaelic word as ingle, referring to a domestic fire. We first find it in Scots in the early 16th century, according to Dr. Michael Newton, who explores the origin of the word in his book Gaelic in Your Gob: Four Dozen English Words that Came from the Scottish Highlands (Saorsa Media, 2021). You also may have come across the Scots term inglenook – a recessed area by a chimney fire.

The Greeks believed Prometheus stole fire from the gods. In Manx, the word for fire has more "angelic" origins. Remember that the next time you take a brabbag roish yn aile (a "warming," usually of your backside, before the fire – a truly Manx expression!).

Fliaghey (Rain)

"Into each life some rain must fall," American poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote, but if you're on the Isle of Man, you get more rain than usual. Being in the middle of the Irish Sea, the island gets 34 inches of rain a year, well distributed over all the seasons.

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Dublin gets 26.9 inches, and Liverpool 32.9 inches. The Manx hills get more rain, however, than the coastal plains. The top of Snaefell gets a drenching 75 inches of rain on average a year.

So it's not surprising the Manx have a rich variety of ways to talk about the rain and multiple words to describe precipitation. The chief of these is a very old word, fliaghey. In Manx, fliaghey is rain, and ceau fliaghey means raining – literally "throwing rain." Fliaghey is derived from an Old Gaelic word fleochad or flechud, the common Gaelic word for rain in the Middle Ages. In turn, flechud was derived from fliuch, which means wet, and is fliugh today in Manx. Like eayst for moon and aile for fire, the medieval Gaelic term today survives only in Manx. Irish today uses báisteach and fearthainn and Scottish Gaelic uisge, or "water."

By the seventeenth century, flechud had become fleachadh in early modern Irish, according to A History of Ireland in 100 Words (Royal Irish Academy, Dublin, 2019). Fleachadh, with a silent "dh" at the end, would be very close to contemporary Manx fliaghey.

That makes fliaghey a fine old word, indeed, but it's not enough to describe all the various types of rain one might experience on the Isle of Man. **Fliaghey-fliugh**, for example, is a drenching rain, literally a "wet rain." **Deayrtey fliaghey** is pouring or pelting rain, **sheer fliaghey** a persistent rain. A sprinkle of rain is a **Jeiryn fliaghee**. A misty rain is a dramane or drapane, and a little rain **smooidraght**. A Manx rain word chart would be very helpful.

The very best Manx phrase concerning rain? "**Tar staigh veih'n fliaghey!**" That's "Come in out of the rain," hopefully to a seat by a nice warm fire and an appropriate beverage.

~ Illiam Cassidy

BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW ZOOM WITH MYLES STANDISH ON DECEMBER 1ST

Owing to a misunderstanding our anticipated guest of honor at our Banquet Dinner missed the event. As it happens we were having a wonderful time being entertained by the beautiful singing of Ruth Keggin Gell so he wasn't much missed on the evening. However, he was very disappointed not to attend and to make it up to us will be talking to us, direct from the 17th century, by Zoom on Thursday, December 1st at 12:00pm noon (Eastern) for a 45 minute presentation and discussion. That's 5pm in the Isle of Man and 9am on the Pacific coast. If you would like to get to know the Manx Connection better, please email willbcassidy@gmail.com or visit the North American Manx Association Facebook page for details of this event.

BONNAG MAKING OVER ZOOM

Just in time for Tynwald Day we held a fabulous Zoom event as we learned how to cook bonnag the Manx way! Under the fun and fact-filled tutelage of Ruth Keggin-Gell, who wanted to meet some of us before the convention, we mixed and rubbed and baked for an hour or two and produced some fabulous tea breads!

The recipes are online on www.namanx.org. Here's Mim Blower of the Washington Manx with her version!

Aaron Kewish, the Galva Manx president makes quite the statement at his cement factory in Illinois!

2024 CONVENTION – START PLANNING NOW!

FROM DAVID HOLMES, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

The 2024 North American Manx Association convention is planned around the Tynwald weekend and in that year Tynwald day [5th July] falls on a Friday.

Many delegates can attend the ceremony with seats on the grandstand; the association normally has two tickets for the St. John's Church on the Tynwald field and it would be possible to raffle/auction those tickets, as many NAMA Officers have attended the ceremony before. I would hope that it is possible to obtain tickets for the Tynwald garden party, which now takes place at Government House, for as many as wish to attend.

The year 2024 is also the bicentenary of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution [RNLI] and there will be some activities in celebration of that anniversary that may well be linked to the convention. As delegates may know I also do the work for the RNLI. Since the last visit of NAMA representatives Douglas had become a city [one of 8 or so granted that honour to celebrate Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II; and that honour it is largely believed is on the back of the connection with the RNLI. Sir William Hillary the Founder lived in Douglas, and some may know he commissioned the building the Tower of Refuge in Douglas Bay.

The convention also gives an opportunity for joint ventures with Manx National Heritage and their musical and language and other departments.

The association will use the good offices of Laurence Skelly, a former president of the association, who is now the President of Tynwald.

We have a connection with Island Heritage Tours who provide walks/trips around the countryside providing factual and historical information these tours can be a whole or half day duration and can be tailored to the interest of delegates.

Depending on the number of attendees there can be a menu of outings for selection. I can't promise to achieve all the visits that delegates may request however ideas/suggestions are welcome.

THE NORTH AMERICAN MANX YOUTH AWARDS 2022

The North American Manx Youth Awards were presented on 8th July in the Barule Room in the Tynwald building. The proceedings began with a Welcome and introduction of awards by Hon Julie Edge, MHK, the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture. As a special favor, the Presentation of the Medallions was carried out by former Chief Minister Donald Gelling CBE, Life Member of the North American Manx Association.

The North American Manx Awards are sponsored by the North American Manx Association and presented annually to young Manx people. Recipients receive a specially minted silver medallion. The Department of Education and Children receives nominations that recognize the achievements of young people under the age of eighteen, as well as two awards that are open to older recipients. The categories are: Manx music, Arts and Crafts that portray Manx life or culture, Manx language, an outstanding contribution to Manx culture by an individual or group, an outstanding contribution to the Manx Community in general, and overcoming a disability.

This year there were fewer nominations, possibly because the covid prevented people participating as much and also because of the pressure of schoolwork as the pupils tried to make up time lost during the pandemic.

NAMA Member Enrollment
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Annual	$15.00	_____
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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	_____

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Annual	$20.0	_____

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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.)

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To further NAMA's goals. (United States tax deductible as allowed by law)
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Bannaghtyn! Greetings from the North American Manx Association on the occasion of the presentation of the 2022 North American Manx Youth Awards

We are very excited that we are once again able to make these awards in person. We are grateful to the teachers and associations who nominated these outstanding young people and to everyone at the Department of Education, Sport and Culture and in Tynwald who helped to make this award ceremony possible.

We have asked Donald Gelling to make these awards on our behalf as he has been a faithful friend of the North American Manx Association stretching back over many years. We remember him warmly welcoming a group of homecomers in Millennium Year 2000 and later, assisting us with our very happy Convention on the island in 2014.

We are delighted to make these awards to this shining example of the best of the Island. We recognise them with these silver medallions for all their hard work in the areas of Manx music, arts, language and culture.

Our awardees this year are a very impressive group of young people. From volunteering in the Bunscoill, to translating a Beatrix Potter book into Manx, to being an ambassador for the Manx language, to painting the sea views of Port Erin, and the skies above our island, to representing the Island's rich musical heritage by dancing and playing our music internationally, these young people have made us all proud to be of Manx descent.

You should in turn be proud that your hard work and great gifts have been recognized, not just by your teachers but also by your cousins 'across the Pond'. Your skills and dedication lift our hearts as we all reflect on the words of the great Manx poet, T.E. Brown which serve as the North American Manx Association's motto: To preserve, "Whatever is left to us of our ancient heritage."

We are so grateful that with your dedication and persistence, our 'ancient heritage' is in such safe hands.

This year's awardees were as follows:

Outstanding achievement in Manx Music
Frank Joughin

Outstanding achievement in Arts and Crafts
Ameilia Leece
Carick Sansom

Manx Language
Fiona Pierce
Ted Thompson

Most Progress in Manx
The presentation of this Award was made by The Hon Laurence Skelly MLC, President of Tynwald and Past President of NAMA
Cara Leadley
Kirstin Karran

FROM THE TREASURER / MAILING COORDINATOR JOHN PRENDERGAST

Greetings to All! As the Treasurer of NAMA, I'm please to announce that the Northern California Manx Society President Jack Cormode was able to negotiate a $308.05 settlement with the United States District Court in a class action lawsuit against Wells Fargo Bank for violations of various California laws pertaining to improper business solicitations and improper recordings of those calls. At one time NAMA had our business accounts with Wells Fargo while Jack Cormode was the NAMA President. The money will be added to the general fund and help offset our bi-annual convention costs. Thanks Jack !!

I'd also like to request all of our members contact me with a current email address and/or phone number, so I can update our records. When our members move or travel away from home for an extended period, the US Post Office returns our Quarterly Bulletin to me. I begin a search of internet records for potential new addresses, which is both very inaccurate and very time consuming. It would be a great help to me if I had alternate contact information. That alternate info could include a new email address or phone number or even a close family member's email, phone or mailing address. Please send your info to

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OHIO OUTREACH

Chuck Cashin attended the Ohio Scottish Games and Celtic Festival on June 24 and 25 using the box of booth items loaned by the North American Manx Association. The North American Manx Association also funded the cost of exhibiting. He says: The posters of the TT and many of the cards and pictures were interesting and seen by many that stopped by. As you can see from the booth picture, I had a large and attractive banner made in anticipation of future festivals. My Laxey tartan kilt & fly plaid and the wife's Loaghtan wool cape were objects of interest, too. There is another festival in Columbus, Ohio in October which I may attend.

LOCAL SOCIETY NEWS

GREATER WASHINGTON D.C. AREA MANX SOCIETY

Covid messed with our 12th Night plans so we held a Beltane bash instead on Saturday April 30th at member Mercedes Kelley Tunstall's home. Beltane falls halfway between the Spring Equinox and Summer Solstice and marks the end of spring and beginning of summer.

We sampled Mercedes' delicious cocktails and then held a particularly raucous round of Laxey swap as we traded weird or unwanted gifts with each other! Kearsley came up with another round of Manx-themed "Would you rather?" ice breakers and a great time was had by all.

THE MANX SOCIETY OF MINNESOTA

Next Meeting : Saturday, September 24 at 11:00 AM

Location: Pat's Great Room Bloomington MN (near Southtown shopping center)

Join us for a hands-on tea sandwich-making demonstration by Heather Johnson followed by a three course Manx Tea. All attendees will make the tea sandwiches starting at 11AM with breads, butter, and sandwich ingredients provided. Everyone will be provided food handling gloves and masks should be worn while making sandwiches.

We need to have number of people attending by 1 week before the event.

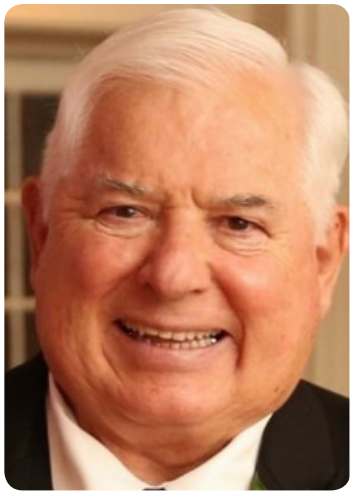
RSVP amyrudnitski@gmail.com

ARE YOU RELATED TO YOUR NAMA FRIENDS? FIND OUT INSTANTLY

We can now see if we are related to other NAMA members. Your data needs to be in the Family Search tree (www.familytree.com) as the program uses the information on Family Tree to make the connections. So, if you have not already done so, start putting your pedigree on there. Generally, after a few generations, you will connect with names that are already on the tree and your pedigree will start filling in. You need to set up an account with a username and password, but it is free.

So, once you have an account and family on Family Tree, you then go to RelativeFinder.org. Family Tree does not need to be open when you do this. On the home page, click on "sign in with family search." The next page will ask you for your username and password from Family Search/Family Tree. Fill that in and the program will begin to draw from your family tree information. You won't see your pedigree, but the information will be used to see how you are related to others. Once your information is on Relative Finder, there are several categories you can click to see if you have relatives – such as Presidents of the U.S., Famous Americans, Mayflower Passengers, Movie Stars, etc. Have fun looking at all those. There are some that are specific to members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints such as presidents of that church or their early pioneers and such. That is because Family Search is hosted by the Church and Relative Finder is developed by Brigham Young University. Those all start with "LDS." Just skip over the categories that don't interest you.

When you are on this page, look at the top right and you will see a few categories: Relatives, Groups, Connect, More. Click on the drop down for groups and then "join." The group you want to join is called, "North American Manx." You will need a password and it is Tynwald1979. Once you have joined, your data will be saved in the group to possibly connect with others of our organization who also join the group. Go back often to see if others have joined and may be related. Relative Finder goes back a number of generations (16 maybe) and chooses your closest connection to a person. If you are related several ways, you will only see one. The more information you have on Family Tree, the more you will find connections. I hope we get a good number of you in there so we can see how we are related! ~ *Lucy Peterson*



It's not an exaggeration to say that NAMA lost a giant with the recent passing of our Honorary President, Larry Fargher. Larry died at his home on June 14 at the age of 89 after a long illness. He was survived by sons Leighton Fargher, Lauson Fargher, and Lindel Fargher, and daughter Laure Vierra, as well as 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Even his obituary mentioned that he was proud of his Manx heritage.

Larry was a life member of NAMA, as well as the Northern California Manx. He will be missed by one and all for the warmth, humor, and guidance he brought to every meeting and convention. He was a leader both for the Manx and his Santa Clara community. An engineer by training and education, he became a long-time real estate broker and developer, he was also the former mayor of Santa Clara.

Larry, or "Duke" as he was also known, was the NAMA Convention Chair for the 1990 Convention in Santa Clara, California. Larry always promoted his Manx heritage, and was instrumental in directing the NAMA over his many years on the Board. He was a hard man to say no to. As a result of his persistence, Larry was responsible for recruiting many of the present board members, and for guiding our association for many years.

He was both a great recruiter for the NAMA and an indefatigable fundraiser. His donation of his Hawaii home was the highest value item at an auction conducted to raise funds for the NAMA at the 2008 convention. Of course, Larry was present to show the winning bidders around the island for the entire 10 days of their stay.

May his memory be a blessing. *Brad Prendergast*

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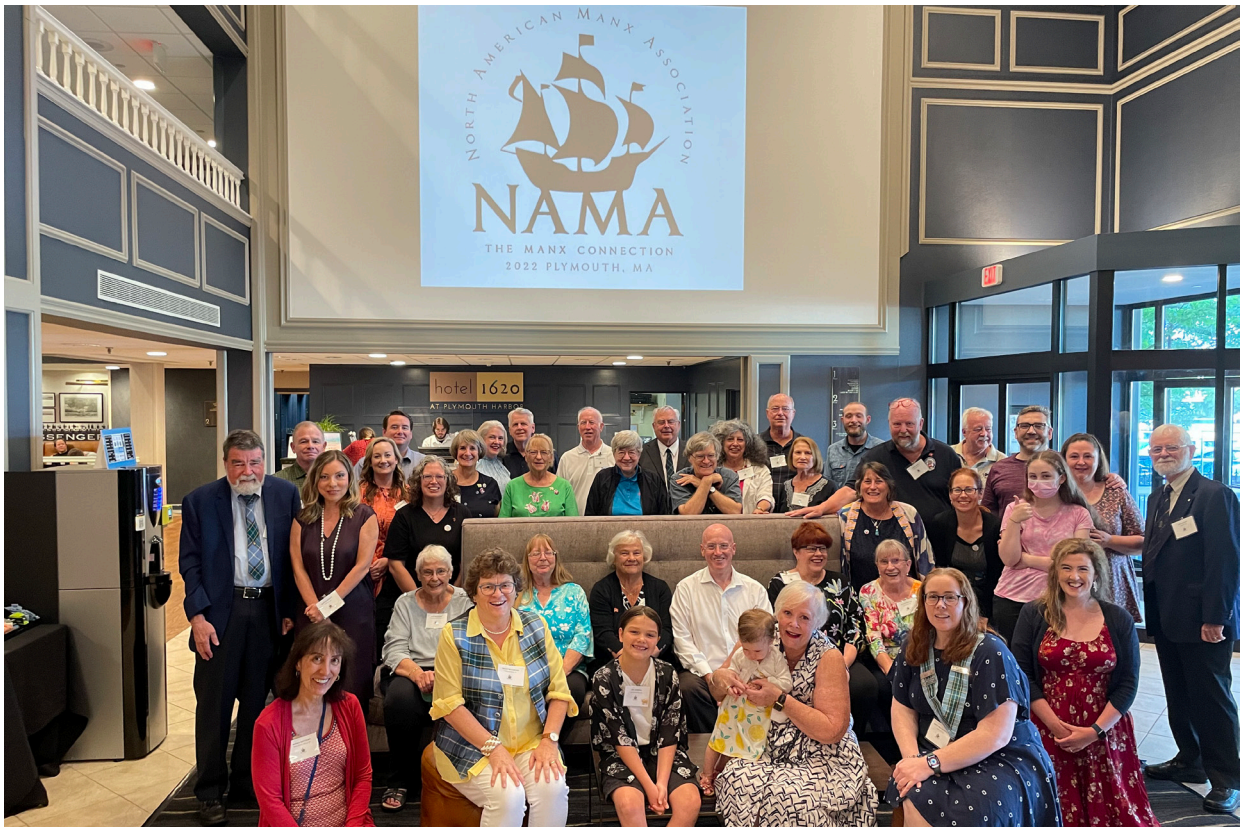

The postponed 2020 convention was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who attended, and to Culture Vannin for the generous grant allowing us to bring over Ruth Keggin Gell to share so much Manx culture with us.