

# TIME IS RUNNING OUT! 2014 NAFOW REGISTRATION

## MAIL-IN REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY AUG. 1.

Online registration is open at www.nafow.org. Register online or download, print and mail registration forms to WNAA, Post Office Box 1054, Trumansburg, NY 14886. If you need paper registration forms mailed to you, Call Megan Williams at 607-279-7402 or email wnaahq@gmail.com.

# **PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION** TO AND FROM THE AIRPORT

Public transportation between the Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport (MSP) and the NAFOW Headquarters Hotel on the 1300 block of the Nicollet Mall, is convenient and economical, and it's all wheelchair friendly!

After you have arrived at the airport, follow signage at the baggage area



directing you to the Light Rail station. Once there, follow the instructions at the Fare Station for purchasing a fare card. You will need this card for both the Light Rail and the *transfer* to a Nicollet Mall bus downtown.

Go down one level to the trains. Make sure to go to the To Minneapolis side of the tracks. Trains going toward Minneapolis are clearly marked. They run every 10 minutes during the busiest time of the day and every 15 minutes, or so, after that. (Trains run from 5:00 in the morning until about 2:00 a.m.)

At Fifth and Nicollet, cross Nicollet Avenue to the bus stop on the far side of the intersection. Take just about any southbound bus eight blocks to the entrance to the Hyatt Hotel, located at 13th and Nicollet. Ask the bus driver to help you with where to exit. ALL Minneapolis buses are wheelchair accessible, so if you are wheelchair bound, the bus driver can help.

Trains and buses are considerably less expensive than Airport Shuttles and Taxis. Fares for Non-seniors are \$2.25 during rush hour and \$1.75 the rest of the time.

Fares for Seniors are also \$2.25 during rush hour but only \$ 0.75 at other times and on weekends.

To return to the Airport at the end of NAFOW, simply reverse the process.

The editors are grateful to Ruth V. Jones for information contained in this article.

### **DRIVING TO MINNEAPOLIS?**

The parking ramp is immediately to the left of the hotel entrance. Be aware that it is called "The Lowry Ramp," not "The Hyatt Regency Ramp."

# **FREE TOUR!**

Don't forget to sign up for the complimentary half-day tour of the Cambria manufacturing facilities in Le Sueur, MN, on Friday, August 29. To sign up, contact



WNAA Executive Secretary, Megan Williams, with your name, address and phone number by August 1. Email IHQ@thewnaa.org or call 607-279-7402. Lunch and transportation are included. You will be advised of times of departure and return by Megan before the Festival. (The tour may be cancelled if participation is insufficient.)

# **NAFOW 2014, AUGUST 28-31:** MINNEAPOLIS, MN, RESERVE NOW!

Headquarters Hotel: Hyatt Regency -Nicollet Mall Hotel bookings: 1-888-421-1442 Code "North American Festival of Wales 2014" or Book on-line at www.NAFOW.org and click on the accommodation link. Festival Rates: \$119 per night for singles, doubles, & triples Regency rooms from \$159 Rates will be available from August 22 thru September 6, 2014, depending on availability.

#### "GET ME TO THE CHURCH ON TIME!"

Westminster Presbyterian Church, where the 83<sup>rd</sup> National Gymanfa Ganu will be held, is directly across from the hotel. For those who are unable to walk, motorized transportation to the accessible entrance to the Church will be provided. Make your need known at the Registration Desk before Sunday.

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#### **MISSION**

The Welsh North American Association strives to preserve, develop and promote our Welsh cultural heritage and traditions, including the Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu, and to do all things necessary and appropriate to accomplish these goals.

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# **BE A VOLUNTEER!**

Volunteer at this year's festival. Registration needs your help! The WNAA is run by a volunteer board of directors and one part-time paid staff member, Megan Williams, as Executive Secretary. If you plan to attend this year's Festival, consider volunteering in the Registration area. Help is needed handing out packets, selling hymnals and assigning the banquet seating.

It is a wonderful opportunity to meet new people, help provide a friendly Welsh welcome and to learn about the association and how it operates.

A full registration volunteer schedule is available on our website: http://www.thewnaa.org . Click on volunteer in the left hand column and this will take you to the link. If you prefer, you may sign up by calling Megan at 607-279-7402 or emailing IHQ@thewnaa.org.

# **FYI from IHQ**

By Megan Williams, Executive Secretary

Many thanks to all of you who have registered for the festival and who have made your hotel registrations. I am very encouraged by the response to date and look forward to a successful festival. Please keep in mind that the sooner you send in your registrations, the easier the process is for me and helps to make the festival as organized as possible os thank you in advance!

A reminder that mail-in registration closes on August 1. Online registration will remain open until the Friday before the festival starts, August 22. After that, registration will open on site on Wednesday August 27 at 5 pm. Meal tickets may be sold on site but are subject to availability. To guarantee your meals, please order by August 22.

At the festival: Registration will be located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Hyatt Regency in the St. Croix room. Banquet seating will remain open for the same hours as registration. The only meal with reserved pre-chosen seats is the Friday evening banquet. If you have a group that wants to sit together, it is possible to reserve all seats at the same time.

Please help! I am the only paid member of staff and I rely heavily on help from volunteers. Please consider volunteering in the registration area. Volunteers are needed to hand out packets, to arrange banquet seating and to sell hymnals. See the article at bottom of the preceding column for links to the registration volunteer schedule and contact numbers. I look forward to seeing you all soon!

# **ATTENTION AWOS!**

The annual gathering of Affiliated Welsh Organizations will be held at the Festival hotel on Friday, August 29, from 9:00 - 10:30 am. This is the once a year opportunity for representatives of Welsh organizations from across the US and Canada to meet, to share ideas and experiences and to do a little "networking."

Please plan to be represented at the AWO meeting and at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Saturday morning as well, and let us know who your representative will be. Send his or her name to Megan Williams, WNAA Executive Secretary, no later than August 15 by email: wnaahq@gmail.com or by telephone: 607-279-7402 or by post: P O Box 1054, Trumansburg, NY 14886.

**NOTICE:** The Board of Trustees proposes minor changes to the Constitution of WNAA to clarify titles and matters of governance. Any change to the Constitution requires an affirmative vote of the membership at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). The text of the Constitution on the following page serves as the required 30-day notice to the membership. Changed wording is shown on the next page highlighted in red italics.

# WELSH NORTH AMERICAN ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

#### Article 1. Name

The name of the Association is the Welsh North American Association (hereafter referred to as "the Association" or as abbreviated to "the WNAA") also doing business as the North American Festival of Wales (hereafter referred to as "the Festival" or as abbreviated to "the NAFOW"), the latter designation referring to the principal event on the Association's calendar. The Association previously did business as the Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association.

#### Article 2. Purpose

The WNAA is *registered as a [501 (c) (3)] Non-Profit* corporation, whose purpose is to preserve, develop and promote Welsh cultural heritage and traditions, including the Gymanfa Ganu in North America, for people of Welsh descent and other interested parties.

#### Article 3. Membership

- (a) Any person of Welsh descent or any person or organization in sympathy with the stated purpose of the Association may become a member.
- (b) Members pay dues as proposed by the Board of Trustees and ratified by the general membership at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Association.
- (c) Organizations that become members are recognized as Affiliated Welsh Organizations (AWOs) but are entirely separate entities from the Association.

#### Article 4. Governance

This Constitution and the related Bylaws are the governing documents of the Association.

- (a) The main governing body of the Association is an uncompensated Board of Trustees comprised of a maximum of twenty-one persons, in addition to the Officers of the Association, which officers are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Immediate Past President. All Board of Trustees members (hereafter referred to as the "Board") have equal voting rights, except the President, who votes only in the event of a tie. The President is the chairperson of the Board. The Board is subject to direction by the Association's members at an AGM.
- (b) The Executive Committee, comprising the Officers, the Immediate Past President and one *Trustee elected as* Member-at-Large by and from the Board. *The Executive Committee* is responsible for managing the ongoing affairs of the Association. Any actions or changes proposed by the Executive Committee must be presented to the Board for ratification.
- (c) The Board may establish as many committees as it deems necessary and may appoint as many assistants and volunteers as it deems necessary to carry out the work of the Association.

#### Article 5. International Headquarters

An International Headquarters (IHQ) will be organized and maintained in the United States to handle the day-to-day affairs of the Association. The Association is incorporated in the State of Ohio. If the IHQ is located in a different State, then it must be registered to do business in that State.

#### Article 6. Executive Secretary

An Executive *Secretary* (EXS) will be employed by the Board to operate IHQ. The EXS is the Agent of the Association and is responsible for *reregistering* the Association if the location of IHQ moves from one state to another.

- (a) The EXS is hired for a three-year term that may be renewed at the discretion of the Board.
- (b) The Board determines the compensation of the EXS.
- (c) The EXS cannot be an elected member of the Board, but he or she is an ex-officio member of the Board and all other committees of the Association except the Nominating Committee. The EXS is not entitled to vote on matters under consideration by the Board or any committee.

#### Article 7. North American Festival of Wales

The *WNAA* will organize a Festival that celebrates the purpose of the Association. The Festival will be held on dates and at a place to be determined by the Board. The Festival will always include as one of its events the Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu. The Board may, on behalf of the membership, hold or sponsor events other than the Festival that are consistent with the purpose of the Association.

#### Article 8. Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Association is held in conjunction with the North American Festival of Wales at a time and location to be specified by notice from the Executive *Secretary*.

#### Article 9. Amendments/Voting/Quorum

- (a) The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at the AGM of the Association. Approved amendments will take effect immediately.
- (b) The membership will be notified of proposed changes to the Constitution postmarked, or otherwise posted not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date of the AGM.
- (c) Thirty (30) members of the Association in good standing, will constitute a quorum.

#### Article 10. Fiscal Year/Auditors

- (a) The Fiscal year of the Association will end on December 31. Thus the fiscal year is coincident with the calendar year and this will also be the statistical and membership year of the Association.
- (b) Two auditors for the current fiscal year will be elected at the AGM. If an auditor is unable to perform this task at the time the audit is to take place, the President will appoint a substitute.

#### Article 11. Nominating Committee

Three members of the Association, appointed by the President, will constitute a Nominating Committee. The chair of the Committee will be the Immediate Past President of the Association unless he or she is unable to undertake the responsibility, in which case the President will ask another former President to be the chair. The Nominating Committee, with the help of the Board, will prepare a slate of nominees for election to vacancies on the Board for presentation and vote at the AGM. The Nominating Committee will also nominate persons to be officers of the Association, for election by the Board.

#### Article 12. Archives

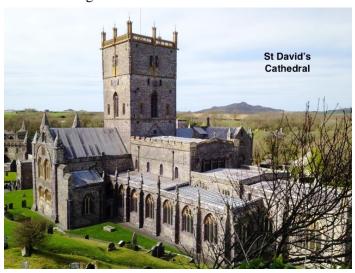
The Great Plains Welsh Heritage Center, Wymore, Nebraska, is custodian of the archives of the Association under terms and conditions to be negotiated between the two organizations.

#### Article 13. Dissolution

The Association shall exist in perpetuity unless it is dissolved by affirmative vote of the membership; at which time it will be the duty of the Board to distribute any remaining assets in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code of the United States and/or the Income Tax Act of Canada.

## PICTURES FROM THE PATH

Hwyl's Editor-in-Chief, David Matthews, and his wife Mona, are nearing the end of their circumambulation of the Welsh coast to raise money for cancer research. If you have not visited their website, www.madwalking.com, and followed David's daily blog, you have missed a treat. But there is still time! Amongst the plethora of pictures and copious commentary David has posted from their travels along the Wales Coast Path, are some of the most important sites of Welsh history and culture. We have included some of the significant ones here.

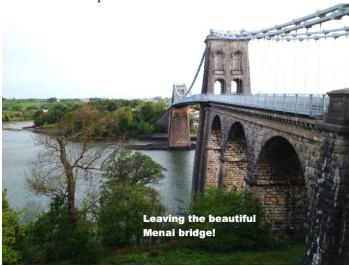


St. David's Cathedral, *Eglwys Gadeiriol Tyddewi*, was founded on the site of David's monestary in Pembrokeshire in 589. The present cathedral was consecrated in 1131, and Pope Callixtus II made it a center of pilgrimage for the western world. "Two pilgrimages to St. David's were the equivalent on one pilgrimage to Rome; three pilgrimages were the equivalent to one to Jerusalem."



As one of the castles in his "Ring of Iron" to control the Welsh people, Edward I built Caernarfon Castle on the site of an earlier motte-and-bailey Norman castle. Here Edward's fourth son, who would rule as Edward II, was born in 1284, six months after his father, the king, brutally extinguished the Welsh royal line. When he was sixteen,

young Edward was given the title "Prince of Wales," beginning the tradition of so naming the eldest son of the Monarch. The current heir is 21<sup>st</sup> Prince of Wales and his investiture took place at Caernarfon Castle in 1969.



The Menai Strait bridge, connecting the Welsh mainland to *Ynys Môn*, was the final link in the highway from London to Holyhead, the nearest point, by ferry, to Dublin. Designed by Scottish engineer, Thomas Telford, and opened to traffic in 1826, it was one of the earliest ironcable suspension bridges and had the longest span of its time, 577 feet.

Those who attended NAFOW 2011 in Cleveland will remember the male voice choir that regaled us at the Grand Concert and into the wee hours at the afterglow, Hogia'r Ddwylan, the "lads from both shores" of the Strait, who live in towns on either end of Menai bridge.

Aberffraw is a small, sleepy village on the west coast of Anglesey, and it is, perhaps, hard to imagine that here was situated the ancient royal court of the kings of Gwynedd and lat-



er of the medieval princes of Wales. There is evidence of human settlement as early as 7000 BC, and there is a burial vault that dates back 4500 years. Cunedda ab Edern, the first king of Gwynedd, is believed to have built his principal court here in the 5<sup>th</sup> Century atop a Roman hill fort. Here lived Cadwallon ap Cadfan, victor at the Battle of Heathfield in 633. St. Cwyfan's Church, "the little church in the sea," *eglwys bach y môr*, is accessible only at low tide. Though altered in the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Centuries, it dates from the reign of Llyewelyn ap Gruffydd, Prince of Aberffraw and Lord of Snowden, the last sovereign ruler of an independent Wales.

# THE MARKETPLACE

Whether you come to shop, to browse, or simply to socialize, you will not want to miss the 2014 NAFOW Marketplace. There you will find vendors showing their wares, Welsh-themed and Celtic-themed jewelry, books, music, clothing and accessories as well as travel information, and educational and cultural organizations displaying their unique features and services. Many of them are high-lighted here:

# **LOVESPOONS**

The Welsh Lovespoon tradition is one full of romance,



heartfelt sentiment, creativity and skill. Focused on the heart of the tradition, Laura Jenkins Gorun has developed her own unique, delicate style, and pours her heart into each lovespoon she creates. *Jenkins Lovespoons* are individually designed, hand-carved and finished using centuries-old techniques, in her studio, near Columbus, Ohio. Contributing to this tradition's growth and survival has become a labor of love for Laura, since she started carving them in 2006 as a way to celebrate

her Welsh heritage. When she's not working on custom commissions or doodling new designs, Laura spends lots of time involved with various Welsh heritage groups, and works all year to prepare inventory for the next NAFOW Marketplace, including not only *Jenkins Lovespoons*, but also some of her relief carvings, wood-turnings, homemade candies, and more!

# **NWAF**

The National Welsh-American Foundation is a nonprofit organization established in 1980 in North America and Wales to support and coordinate Welsh-American Cultural and educational activities. The Foundation is dedicated to:

- promoting continuous contact between Wales and people of Welsh descent in North America.
- encouraging the exchange of artists, choirs and performers.
- awarding scholarships and fellowships to students of American and Welsh educational institutions.



- promoting and sponsoring exchange visits.
- assisting education and charitable institutions and organizations in North America in the advancement of Welsh culture and the Welsh language.

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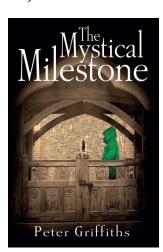
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# PETER GRIFFITHS, NOVELIST

The Mystical Milestone is a novel set at the western end of the Gower Peninsula, near Swansea in South Wales. It is driven by a unique plot and developed around such ingredients as: Obsession, Mysticism, Loyalty, Faith. There are four main characters, but some would say six! The Mystical Milestone revolves, in part, around the insidious nature of family feuds and also the unnerving ease with which



small, seemingly manageable events can mushroom out of control.

Peter Griffiths was born in Carmarthenshire and educated at Lincoln College, Oxford. He and his wife emigrated to Colorado in 1972, where he worked as an investment counselor. Over the last twenty years, he and his wife have gravitated back to Wales.



Over the years, Berwyn Jones, Martha Davies and their volunteers have found that all of Welsh-America finds its way to the Marketplace at NAFOW. So if they stay at their GPWHP Marketplace table, you all are sure to find them during the festival. What will you find at their Marketplace table (besides them)?

- GPWHC'S quarterly newsletter *Diwygiad* with news of their Archive for Welsh America, stories of the Welsh Pioneers, outreach projects, and membership forms.
- Information about ordering their Welsh-American history books (Hanes Cymry America 1872 History of the Welsh in America and books about Jackson, Ohio; Proscairon, Wisconsin and Utica, N.Y.) translated from Welsh and indexed.
- A reminder that you will find obituaries translated from Y Drych, photos, plus order form for their publications, and a "donate" button at the GPWHC website: www.welshheritage.org.
- They are proud to provide subscription forms for Cambria Magazine on behalf of the publisher in Wales.

# **GOODS FROM** THE WELSH SHOP

John Luskin from The Welsh Shop and Shamrock

Cottage will be back at the NAFOW Marketplace. John will once again be bringing goods from his Mentor, Ohio-based shop. Merchandise connected with Wales will include rugs, jackets, various types of hats, teeshirts, glassware, afghans, family name keychain fobs, ornaments, Christmas cards, and greeting cards in Welsh. John is pleased to provide Welsh Brew tea for the NAFOW tearoom and looks forward to seeing you in Minneapolis!



## TRADITIONAL TREATS!



The Infamous Welsh Cookie Co is happy to be back in the NAFOW Marketplace. The Browne family are longtime vendors and sponsors of NAFOW and have been coming since the festival was held in Cincinnati. Come and try many varieties of their flavored Welsh Cakes in the Tearoom and buy some to take home too!

## SAY SOMETHING IN WELSH

Do you speak Welsh or want to learn yr hen iaith? Speakers and learners of all levels of Welsh are welcome to stop by our table and say "sut mae!" We will also be hosting two informal Welsh chat sessions for learners and speakers of any level on Friday and Saturday. Say Something in Welsh is a free online course based

entirely on speaking. Created from the belief that language acquisition is a natural process at which anyone can succeed, it has no reading or writing components. Rather, through built-in revision, each lesson builds and expands on the spoken language skills taught in the previous



lessons. Northern and southern dialect versions available! Use it online or download it to your favorite device, and make sure to spend time on the friendly forum where learners can get help and encouragement from each other: www.saysomethinginwelsh.com.

# LEAVE A LEGACY

...for the continuing celebrations of your Welsh heritage and for your children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-grandchildren's children and onward! So while enjoying NAFOW 2014 in Minneapolis, remember to stop by the table with the sign, "Leave a Legacy". Find out how easy and worthwhile it is to include WNAA in your estate plans with whatever amount that is comfortable for you.

... You'll be glad you did!

THE WNAA Legacy Society

## **EMBROIDERY KITS**

The Welsh & American Sewing Company, found-ed exactly thirty years ago in Cali-fornia, was the first small business anywhere to have designed



and published patterns and kits for counted cross stitch embroidery of Welsh images and language. The word "sewing" is used because it is the way embroidery is spoken of in Great Britain. We have operated only sporadically ever since, but here we are again, with a new design that reflects the spirit that has been growing over time in Wales. The single word *Rhyddid*, meaning Freedom, which was painted in white on Black Mountain in Wales by an unknown patriot, comprises the design which we have made for color stitching. Other of our designs remain popular, and we will offer several in Minneapolis.



As the only Community Foundation in Wales we are privileged to be working alongside people who want to make a difference. There are more than 30,000 community groups and charities in Wales which are strengthening their communities and meeting local needs – often on a shoestring budget or voluntary basis. Established in 1999, the Foundation awards grants of over £2 million each year to charities and community groups on behalf of our donors. Our trustees and staff hail from all corners of Wales.

We've established the world's first national community endowment fund, the Fund for Wales. Our Fund for Wales enables everyone to be a philanthropist, and helps people across the world who love Wales to give back to the country they feel a 'hiraeth' for - sharing today to shape tomorrow! We are thrilled to have His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as our Patron and two national treasures as Ambassadors, Wales' Commissioner for Sustainable Futures, Peter Davies; and internationally renowned harpist Elinor Bennett.

Visit Siân Stacey, our Development Manager, at the NAFOW Marketplace to learn more about the Foundation, the needs in Welsh communities and how you can make a difference. Siân is bilingual and comes from Carmarthenshire, she has a keen interest in Welsh culture and heritage and spends a lot of her time on Bardsey Island off the Llyn Peninsula.

## LIMITED EDITION PRINTS

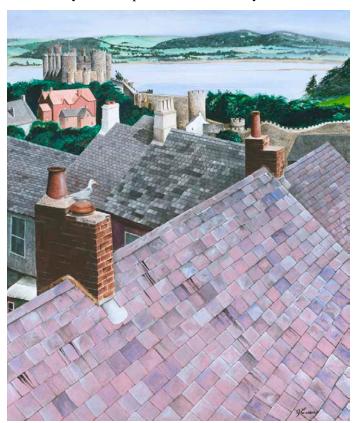
James Evans has traveled extensively throughout Wales for the past 28 years exploring cities, rural areas and ancient burial sites. His Nikon camera and sketch pad are a constant companion, along with his wife. His artwork is strongly influenced by three decades of genealogical research into his Welsh heritage. His great-great-great-grandfather came from Brecon, Wales; his grandmother was a Jones; his great aunt was an Evans who married an Evans; and he married his college sweetheart Mary Evans. His love of Wales is expressed in his compositions through the media of acrylic paint, pen & ink, Berol colored pencils, and ceramics. This year he is pleased to present limited edition prints of Welsh cities, megaliths, cromlechs, mystic Celtic themes and, for this festival only, white ceramic plates inspired by Mt. Snowdon, *Yr Wyddfa*.

James Evans Gallery Originals & Fine Art Giclée Prints

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# THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE

The Saint John's Bible is an amazing project commissioned by the monks of St. John's Abbey in Collegeville, Minnesota. It was the dream of Welshman Donald Jackson, calligraphy educator extraordinaire, to write the Bible by hand and to illuminate it in the manner of the scribes of the Middle Ages. Jackson convinced the monks to take on the \$4.5 million project that began in 2000, and took over a dozen years to finish. Donald Jackson and a team of calligraphers and illuminators, working in Wales, used traditional methods, hand carved quills, hand-ground antique inks, gold leaf, and vellum, combined with 21st century techniques, computer layout, fractals and satellite photography, to create a Bible for the 21st century.

Tim Smith of Carter Ave. Frames will offer for sale high-quality giclée prints, books, DVDs and cards following both of the seminars "From Inspiration to Illumination," presented by Tim Ternes of Saint John's Abbey on Friday, August 29.

The matted and framed image to the right appears on the opening page of the book of Genesis and depicts the Creation.

