



DC - Welcome

April rains we expect, but who could predict the crazy weather we have experienced in the last few weeks, but as ever, not the damp, ice, nor snow can spoil the sunlight and potential of the season. Indeed it's the very time to roll up sleeves and prepare to make the most of the opportunities to start new projects and to enjoy the world. It is the raw energy of the season, Nature unfurling her arsenal of beauty from seedlings sprouting to trees burdening with leaves, and the blooming of colour after the drab of Winter. Without doubt it's the 'get up and go' season and so many of the Crafts are taking up the opportunity to explore and revel in new beginnings.

Deacon Convener's Charity Appeal - Summer Art Sale



(In aid of MS Lanarkshire and Cerebral Palsy Scotland)

7 June – 27 June 2021

CALL FOR ENTRIES

Now is the opportunity for all aspiring artists and photographers to display their talents by donating artwork to our online art sale.

We are looking for donations of paintings, drawings or photographic art by Trades House Members, or by your friends, or family members with talent. Donations will be sold in our online sale with all proceeds being given to MS Lanarkshire and Cerebral Palsy Scotland.

Both charities have seen an increase in requirements for additional mental health support and respite care as a result of Covid 19.

There's still time to get your brushes out and your cameras clicking, as the closing date for entries is Friday 30 April.

As we will continue to raise funds for charitable causes, we would love to retain any unsold artwork for future use, with your permission.

An entry form should be requested from and returned to jackie.mullen@tradeshouse.org.uk before the closing date.

House Building

“Last month's Trading Post featured the various events and competitions which make up the Education Festival at Trades House. Once again this year the events have been cancelled due to the prevailing Covid 19 restrictions. Missing from the article last month was the Citizenship Awards which have been managed by ex Deacon Ian Young OBE since 2011. As we approach Ian's 10th anniversary leading this very popular competition we thought it only fitting to ask him to provide a brief history of the event.”

Ken Dalglish, Deacon Convener

Citizenship Awards

The Trades House of Glasgow Schools Citizenship Awards are the most recent of the various schools competitions sponsored by the House. These awards began as a concept by then Late Collector of the House, Ian MacConnacher, in 1999, to mark the new Millenium by creating an award to recognise the value of a school to its community.

The award is an annual competition open to pre-schools, primary schools, secondary schools and special needs schools within the scope of Glasgow City Council Education Department. The accolade goes to the school which best exhibits its contribution to the life of the local community by participating in local events, undertaking local ventures and linking with local employers.

In the inaugural year 2000, a total of 38 schools entered the competition and the first winner, Holy Cross Primary School, was presented with the magnificent Trades House Plaque at a grand Civic Reception in Glasgow City Chambers, presided over by the Lord Provost and the Deacon Convener.

In 2002, the name of the competition was changed from 'Millenium Award' to 'Citizenship Award' to clarify the nature of the ongoing competition. The annual presentation ceremony was now held in Trades Hall and Late Convener Ian MacConnacher stepped aside as Co-ordinator of the Awards after that event. The role was taken up by Hamish Brodie, ex-Deacon of the Weavers, who maintained the success and profile of the event over the next 9 years. After the 2011 competition, Hamish approached me when he became Collector of the House, to take over from him as Co-ordinator, a role which I have continued to date.

Over the 20 years of the competition, more than 200 different schools have entered these awards. The top accolade has been won by 2 Nursery Schools, 12 Primary Schools, 4 Secondary Schools and 1 Family Learning Centre, proving the inclusivity of this format. Many of the schools taking part are serial competitors, but only one school, Darnley Primary, has the distinction of winning this award twice, in 2013 and 2018.

The highlight for the schools on the short leet each year is attending the Awards Ceremony in Trades Hall in June when they can attend with teachers, family and fellow pupils to be recognised by the officials from Glasgow City Council and Trades House, with the resplendent Chain Gang in attendance and to be photographed receiving their Runners-up Certificates and for the winning school, the magnificent Trades House Plaque which they keep.

Sadly, in common with our other Trades House school and college competitions, the Citizenship Awards did not take place in 2020 or 2021 due to the impact of the pandemic on the education system. Hopefully, once schools get back to normality, we will be able to restart this worthwhile competition and recognise the best examples of schools contributing to their local community.

In conclusion, I am mindful of the advice given to me by former Co-ordinator Hamish Brodie when I asked him what he had learned over his 9 years in this role. His wise words were - *"Don't do 10 years!"*

Ex Deacon Ian R Young OBE, Co-ordinator 2012 -2021

Collector Nominate

At the House meeting on 24th March we announced that we would be calling for nominations for a Collector Nominate to be elected at the House meeting on 26th May 2021. The Collector Nominate will become Collector in October 2022.

Papers setting out the process which is to be followed for nomination of candidates for the role of Collector Nominate can be requested from John Gilchrist CA; MBA **Email:** john.gilchrist@tradeshouse.org.uk

Due to the Covid pandemic the House meeting will take place over Zoom. In the event that there is more than one candidate guidelines upon how a secret ballot may take place will be issued prior to the meeting on 26th May.

The important dates for House Members to note are:-

1. Nomination forms to be lodged by Monday 26th April 2021.
2. Election will take place at House meeting on 26th May 2021

Glasgow In London Dinner

The 'Glasgow in London Dinner' is being planned for TUESDAY 7th SEPTEMBER. This will of course be dependent on the removal of most if not all of the current restrictions.

The venue is the Plaisterers Hall in the City of London which is a larger venue than our last three dinners which would allow more space to circulate if numbers are restricted.

At this stage please reserve the date in your diary and once it is clear that we can proceed full details and booking form will be sent to you.

Ex-Deacon Convener Keith Brown

Kinship Care Initiative



APRIL 23 - 25



Scotland's Virtual Kiltwalk 23rd – 25th April

Ex Deacon Rose Mary Harley is once again taking part in the Kiltwalk and will be walking 10 miles

She is inviting you to join her to raise as much money as we can for the Kinship Care Initiative

As the event is being held virtually this year, you can walk, run, dance or just jump around and raise vital funds – so long as it is done between 23rd and 25th April

The Hunter Foundation will then donate 50% on top of every penny raised!

The link to register is:

<https://thekiltwalk.co.uk/scotlandsvirtual>

Once signed up, please join the team fundraising page: **'Kinship Care Initiative 2021'**

Or, if you would like to sponsor Rose Mary, the link to do so is:

<https://virtual.thekiltwalk.co.uk/fundraising/ScotlandsVirtualKiltwalk2021-RoseMaryHarley>

If you have any questions please contact Katrina Tilston: katrina.tilston@tradeshouse.org.uk



Grand Hall and its Hidden Mural

The Grand Hall has a hidden Mural dating from around the 1830s when it is believed that David Ramsay Hay, a pioneer of 19th century interior decorating in Europe painted the mural. This treasure first came to light in 2003 and due to the requirement for the hall to be let to enable the trustees to keep the fantastic Adams building in good order, they were unable to have the mural examined by experts.

At last we are now able to allow those interested, to examine the photographs taken in 2003 and imagine the wonders still hidden beneath the conservation material and woodchip paper which at present hides this great work of art.



Craig Bryce, Honorary House Master and Ex Deacon, commented *“Hopefully one day soon the House may decide to have part of this great hidden treasure exposed so that we can marvel at what our ancestors would have seen in the Trades Hall.”*



Use of Trades Hall

With the easing of lockdown restrictions the possibility of the use of Trades Hall as a venue for events begins to be a reality once more. No doubt there will continue to be relevant rules and precautions to endure, but it is to be anticipated that once more the doors will be open. So, with this in mind the Crafts and the Members of every part of the Trades House family should be giving careful thought to publicising the availability and the excellent facilities offered by the building.

The news of an increase to 50 guests for a wedding has had an interesting effect on the wedding business. Guests are happier to go ahead with increased numbers, despite any other restrictions in place and already new enquiries for this year are on the increase.

Elaine Gilchrist will welcome booking applications for weddings, meetings and other occasions. **Please email Elaine at** : elaine@tradeshallglasgow.co.uk

The Pride of Cavendish



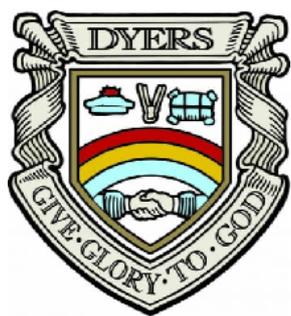
In 2019 Elaine Gilchrist at the House was approached by Maddy Bryce who wanted to use Trades Hall as the setting for her new show, Cavendish, which is about a posh Scottish Boarding School. Trades Hall's magnificent interiors were just perfect for this. Roll on to 2021 and Cavendish has had over 100,000 views on Amazon Prime, since January.

The House is delighted to be continuing to work with Maddy and her team and look forward to welcoming them back to Trades Hall next week filming on part 2. Anyone wishing to get a taste of what's to come can click here for a teaser :

<https://youtu.be/n5dNRzgXvyY>



Getting Crafty



The **Bonnetmakers & Dyers** - Master Court have awarded a grant of £5,000 to Trades House to support the work of The Education Fund among the young people of Glasgow over the next six months. The Craft support a number of educational initiatives and were concerned that demand on The Education Fund had resulted in it having spent nearly all its budget, at the half way point in the financial year.

The Incorporation of Fleshers - After a number of years with limited links with the meat trade; their Late Collector has recently had discussions with the Scottish Federation of Meat Traders based in Perth and the Training manager for Craft Skills Scotland.

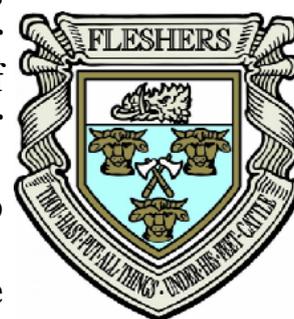
In light of these discussions their Master Court has agreed to provide the following on an annual basis:

a) 2 x prizes to Modern Craft Apprentices "Candidates of the Year" at Levels 2 and 3.

b) Funding support for a Federation Diploma for an L3 Apprentice.

On top of this they would biannually provide a cash prize for the Butcher Wars; a biannual butchery competition. The next to be held in May 2022.

John Kerr will provide a more detailed report in the near future for another edition.



The Incorporation of Hammermen - Grateful thanks were extended to all who joined the Hammermen to listen to their latest Talk, regular faces and new. It is hoped everyone enjoyed Martin's excellent insight into the life of Sir



William Arrol and, if nothing else, those not in his extended family now can put a name to the face of the man on the Clydesdale Bank £5 note and hopefully remember a little bit about his achievements. Unfortunately Martin had to curtail his talk to fit the timescale and could have gone into even greater depths of some achievements, it has left plenty of scope for a future talk.

Thanks to the members of the Arrol and Hunter families who joined and added a that little bit of personal experience to the proceedings during the chat afterwards. Thanks also go to Miles Oglethorpe for his knowledgeable input on Arrol bridges and cranes still in regular use, <https://canmore.org.uk/collection/349254> and <https://canmore.org.uk/collection/349269> , for those who missed the links in the chat section. These links come with a warning that they could lead viewers down a rabbit hole of old photographs, sparking memories and before you know it an hour of your day might be lost.

Next up, on the 21st of April, they have CDR Owen of HMS Defender who is going to regale the viewers with a story or two about his adventures on the high seas. Definitely one not to be missed. Following that, on the 19th of May, they have Dr David Mitchell who is going to present a Talk on another Hammermen predecessor, Walter Macfarlane, of Saracen Iron Works fame, much like Arrol, his engineering works have stood the test of time and can still be seen in daily use around the world.



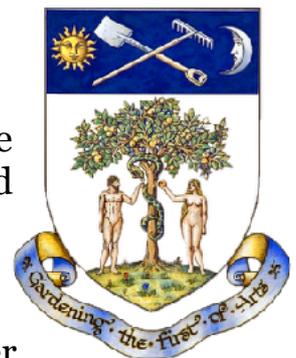
Incorporation of Coopers of Glasgow

“Climate Change and how the UK can achieve Net Zero by 2050” was the title of their Business Lecture on Thursday 25th March which was a Zoom webinar.

This was a highly relevant topic, not least because of the build up to COP26 in Glasgow later this year. The speaker was Robert MacLeod, Chief Executive of Johnson Matthey.

Johnson Matthey is a global leader in sustainable technologies and a constituent of the FTSE100. They apply cutting-edge science to create solutions that make a real difference to the world around. They have been leaders in their field for more than 200 years, applying unrivalled scientific expertise to enable cleaner air, improved health and the more efficient use of the planet's natural resources. Robert was therefore in a unique position to inform on what science is being conducted and how it will lead to products that will transform the world for the better in the coming years. As one of the largest suppliers of catalysts for the worldwide motor transport industry the audience were able to gain an insight into how rapidly that particular sector is changing.

The Incorporation of Gardeners - Making the most of the glorious days in early Spring is a must, especially as the bad weather for gardening earlier this year. However due to the extended lockdown, the Gardeners did a media push on the Craft's Let Glasgow Flourish award scheme recently, in which they used the services of a PR professional and her two photogenic daughters. The photo below depicts Sandy Martin in the background with two delightful helpers choosing flowers.





Ken Dalglish, Deacon Convener commented *"It's a very popular event and one of my favourite ceremonies."*

If you want to take a look the Gardeners have already established a dedicated website <http://letglasgowflourishawards.com/> so hopefully prospective entrants will easily pick this up.

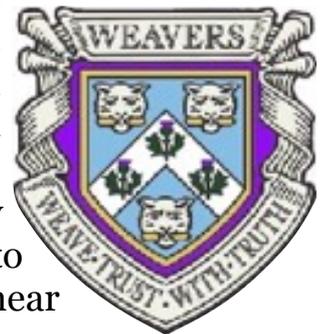
All Crafts are asked to please bring this award scheme to the attention

of anyone they think might be interested.

The Incorporation of Weavers The Weavers are inviting the Charities which recently were given grants, to say a few words at their virtual Box Opening in May. This annual event will also include winners of their acclaimed scheme of Industry Awards, which are given in various categories such as Lifelong Achievement in the Weaving Industry, Best New Woven Fabric, Most Innovative Fabric and even Totally Tartan.

Supporting the textile and weaving Industry is a high priority of the Weavers Craft and the Master Court look forward to being able to make site visits to textile producers in the near future, when lockdown restrictions are eased.

Another matter of interest to Weavers is the research started on the many artefacts owned by the Weavers, which have been researched and a booklet prepared for publication once new photographs of the items have been taken. Called 'Beautiful Things' it will be another tool in their recruitment of new members.



Coming Soon

The Association of Deacons - AGM

will be held on Wednesday 1st September. Please put the date in your diary.