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From the celebrating of our 15th Annual Burns Night Celebration in January at the University Club, through to a great day of golf in June when we held the ASF's 13th Annual John Muir Golf Tournament to benefit Van Cortlandt Park's John Muir Nature Trail, the first half of 2010 has been busy for The American-Scottish Foundation® as we have worked to further our mission to strengthen the ties between Scotland and the United States.



April saw the ASF once again take on a leading role in Tartan Week, a celebration of Scotland's historic ties to the USA. The ASF hosted a group of students from Hawick School, Scotland as part of the ASF Bursary and Educational program. The students joined popular Scottish violinist Laura McGhee and other members of the ASF in marching in the 12th Annual Tartan Day Parade



up New York's 6th Avenue on April 10th, after a busy week experiencing the sights and sounds of New York and the world of fashion in the Big Apple.



A business forum, entitled "Adam Smith, The Invisible Hand", was held in association with the Financial Times and with the Nobel-prize winning economist, Prof. Robert Mundell, as one of the participants.



**ADAM SMITH  
BUSINESS FORUM**

APRIL 6, 2010



*Margaret Kennedy, Interim Chairman*

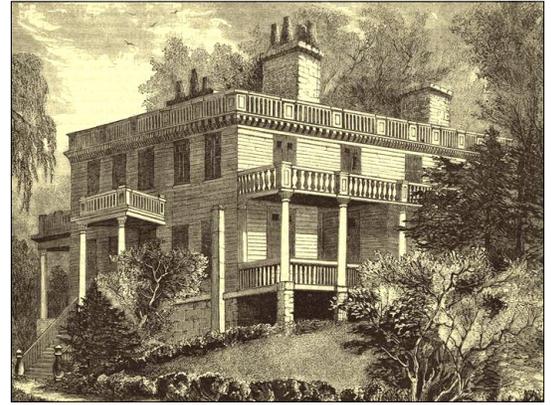
Parks working with them on several projects including the John Muir Nature Trail, at Van Cortlandt Park, which the ASF was instrumental in creating in 1997.



## Alexander Hamilton's home, the Grange

### St. Nicholas Park: Scottish-inspired plantings to adjoin the Grange in its new location

Last year a dramatic move was undertaken when Alexander Hamilton's home, the Grange, was picked up and moved, from a side street in upper Bronx, New York, to St. Nicholas Park, just below City College. It is now in the final stages of an extensive renovation and restoration by the National Parks service with the hope that it will open to the public early next year. The ASF, together with the American Friends of the Georgian Group, are now spearheading the funding for Scottish plantings to adjoin the National Parks' Grange property.



John Kinnear, President of the American Friends of the Georgian Group, has discovered writings of Hamilton describing the garden and instructions by Hamilton to his wife and staff as well as letters to his friends over the pleasure the garden was giving him. On October 20th, we hope you will join us when we shall read excerpts from these letters and also enjoy a presentation from Mark Morrison, who has an extensive collection of antique gardening tools of the day. He will speak of how so much was accomplished without any kind of electrical power. Full details of the event will be announced shortly, but please mark your calendars.

The Grange was named by Alexander Hamilton after his grandfather's home in Ayrshire. Alexander was born in 1757 in Nevis, the son of James A. Hamilton. A brilliant economist who became the first United States Secretary of the Treasury, a Founding Father and political philosopher, he was passionate about his garden and the Grange.



**Wednesday October 20th 2010**  
Penn Club, New York  
A reading of Alexander Hamilton writings & talk on historic gardening tools of the time



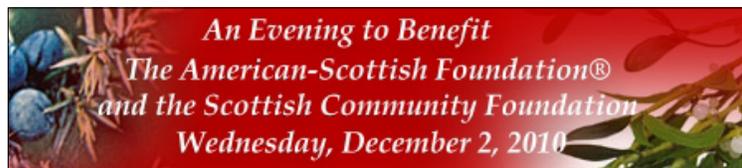
**Annual Scottish North American LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**  
October 21-24, 2010 in Chicago  
Hosted by The American-Scottish Foundation® and the Illinois St. Andrew Society



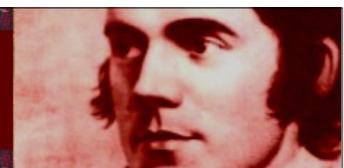
Saturday, November 6, 2010  
**JOHN MUIR NATURE TRAIL PICNIC & HIKE**  
Van Cortlandt Park, Bronx, NY



*Scottish Ball*  
Saturday, November 6, 2010  
Saint Jean Baptiste Hall



*An Evening to Benefit*  
The American-Scottish Foundation®  
and the Scottish Community Foundation  
Wednesday, December 2, 2010



**BURNS NIGHT DINNER**  
January 21, 2011

## Global Partners Junior

Connecting students around the world!



Global Partners Junior is an award-winning student exchange program that connects New York City youth, ages 9-12, with students around the world through the internet.

## Lord Malcolm Douglas-Hamilton Bursaries: Six Scottish schools to participate in the Global Partners Junior Program 2010-2011



The American-Scottish Foundation® is proud to confirm that six of the twenty six schools taking part in the 2010-2011 program will be through the ASF Scottish link-up. No schools from Scotland have been part of the program before. This unique program fosters global awareness and develops practical technology skills for middle school youth. From October to June, students communicate online about topics relevant to all cultures using an original curriculum. Students post and read messages to one another, share media projects and video greetings, and research facts about their communities.

Lori Ramsay, an educator and consultant based in Glasgow, will oversee the ASF portion of the project, working with the Global Youth office in New York to help coordinate and maximize the Scottish portion of the program. Already trips are being planned by two of the classes to meet their counterparts in New York this coming Spring. Other initiatives between the schools are planned by ASF to maximize the opportunity to all involved. Scottish Schools participating in the program are : Balgreen Primary School, Edinburgh; Shawlands Academy, Glasgow; Cathedral Primary School, Motherwell; Gavinburn Primary School, Old Kilpatrick; Alford Academy, Alford, Aberdeenshire; Whitelees Primary, Abrohill, Cumbernauld.