

## Registrations Arriving for NAFOW

With the planning of the 2003 North American Festival of Wales almost completed, registrations are arriving daily at the WNGGA International Headquarters. All members of the WNGGA have been sent copies of the registration materials as well as each of the WNGGA Associated Welsh Organizations. Copies have also been sent to any other persons or organizations which had sent inquiries.

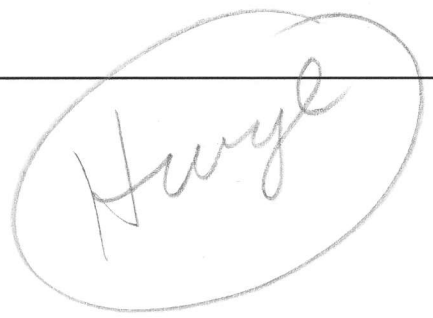
The outstanding program includes **The Dunvant Male Choir from Wales** in the Grand Concert; **Jason Howard**, Welsh International operatic soloist; an opening night concert by **Mabon**, a top Welsh Folk Group; After-banquet entertainment by **Bronn and Katherine Journey** of Washing State; **Haydn James**, Conductor of the London, England, Welsh Choir directing the Sunday afternoon and evening Gymanfa singing sessions; **26 special seminars**; **Eisteddfod** with music and storytelling competition; **Tours** of Vancouver's natural beauty spots; **marketplace** with numerous vendors, and much opportunity for **visiting and reunions with friends**.

As of press time, nearly 200 rooms have been booked at the Richmond Inn, Headquarters Hotel. More details can be found in the WEB site at [www.nafow.org](http://www.nafow.org)

Persons or organizations wishing to secure specific information regarding the marketplace should directly contact Gerri Baker Parry at 206-524-0854 or [gerribp@hotmail.com](mailto:gerribp@hotmail.com); regarding advertising in the official program booklet should directly contact Evans Paschal at [epaschal@worldnet.att.net](mailto:epaschal@worldnet.att.net) or 253-884-2110; regarding Eisteddfod details should directly contact Philip Humphries at [p.humphries@attbi.com](mailto:p.humphries@attbi.com) or 360-303-0155.

The 2003 North American Festival of Wales will be an outstanding occasion to renew your commitment to your Welsh heritage and your contacts throughout the North American Welsh community.

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Good morning Ellis.

Good to meet up with you and Janet over the weekend, that was a very enjoyable dinner at the banquet. Sometimes we need an occasion just to relax and let the hair down and David and Joan are good nuclei for doing so.

As was discussed in the BOT meeting, I was to arrange to have sent to the AWO's a short 'Festival update' for their newsletters. We could do this two ways, either as an individual mailing or as an article in Hwyl, which they can then transcribe into their newsletter. The purpose is to get members of the AWOs who are not WNGGA members to obtain the information and source of registration documents.

The note below is quite short and is written directly for the newsletter. It is essentially the one that has appeared in the Puget Sound newsletter and will be in the next Vancouver newsletter. If you think it should go as an article in Hwyl, which actually may be the best approach, then perhaps a full stop should be placed after 'forms' in the first paragraph and the rest of the sentence omitted. However these words can be added in parentheses at the end of the article indicating that we would like the AWO to inform all members of the content.

I leave it up to you to decide how you should do this, whichever you regard the most productive or simplest. Let me know if you want something else done for this.

Regards  
Alan

North American Festival of Wales news.

The planning is now essentially complete, only a few minor program issues remain to be determined. All of the members of the Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association have received their registration forms and since this society is an Associate member then our members, who are not directly members of the WNGGA are able to obtain their copy through us.

The program is outstanding:

The Duvant Male choir in the grand Concert  
Jason Howard, Welsh international operatic soloist  
The opening night concert by Mabon, a top Welsh Folk group  
After banquet entertainment by Bronn and Katherine Journey of Washington  
Haydn James conductor of the London Welsh Choir directing the Gymanfa  
Many quality seminars on various Welsh topics  
An eisteddfod with music and storytelling competition.  
Tours of Vancouver's outstanding natural beauty spots

Couple all of this with the opportunity to meet fellow Welsh from Wales and all over North America and you will have a fabulous time. Already nearly 200 rooms have been booked at the Richmond Inn, the Headquarters Hotel and nearly 100 registrations have already been received. Clearly this will be a great Festival of Wales. The Festival promises to be an outstanding 4 days.

All of the details can be taken from the internet web site [www.nafow.org](http://www.nafow.org) but if you do not have internet access then please request a packet from [Ellis@gustavus.edu](mailto:Ellis@gustavus.edu) or 1-877-831-0563 (toll free). For any commercial readers please contact Gerri Baker Parry at 206-524-0854 or [gerribp@hotmail.com](mailto:gerribp@hotmail.com) for information about our market place. For information about program advertising please contact Evans Paschal at [epaschal@worldnet.att.net](mailto:epaschal@worldnet.att.net) or (253) 884-2110. Eisteddfod details can be obtained from Philip Humphries at [p.humphries@attbi.com](mailto:p.humphries@attbi.com) or 360-303-0155

This first 'North American Festival of Wales', in the beautiful Vancouver region of British Columbia will be not only a wonderful occasion to relish Welsh heritage but also a wonderful opportunity for your end of summer vacation. Come and bring your family and friends.