



## Recent Icelandic Art: Exhibition in Pittsburgh.

**15 July - 11 September.**

"LONG ARE THE DAYS, SHORT ARE THE NIGHTS" is the name of an exhibition of modern Icelandic art by Bryndís Hrönn Ragnarsdóttir, Darri Lorenzen, Egill Sæbjörnsson, Elin Hansdóttir, Finnbogi Pétursson, Hekla Dögg Jónsdóttir, Hrafnkell Sigurðsson, Kolbeinn Hugi Höskuldsson and Snorri Ásmundsson at WOOD STREET GALLERIES, 943 Penn Avenue, downtown Pittsburgh, PA., until 11 September. The opening hours are: Friday, Saturday 11a.m. - 8 p.m., Sunday 12-5 p.m.

See here: <http://www.woodstreetgalleries.org/>



### Björk Guðmundsdóttir's BIOPHILIA

The many admirers of BJÖRK are waiting with anticipation for her new CD, BIOPHILIA. One song, Crystalline, from this new CD is accessible on the internet, click [here](#).

## Icelandic design in Vogue

In the August issue of Vogue Magazine accessories by Icelandic artists Sigríður Jóhannesdóttir and Margrét Ágústsdóttir with Dedua Icelandic design in Washington, D.C. are featured. For Dedua's accessories see:

[www.dedua.com](http://www.dedua.com)



### Book review by A.S. Vyatt, "From the Mouth of the Whale" by Sjón.

"There's an oddity and elegance to an Icelandic epic that melds science, magic and art", see the Guardian Book review [here](#)

## NORTH BY NEW YORK, NEW NORDIC ART

April 14 – August 19, 2011 at the Scandinavia House in New York City.

See article in the New York Times: "[Chilly Scenes \(and Sounds\) of Scandinavia](#)", see [here](#)



This picture is from the Mountain, ND, Community Center's Website: [www.mountainnd.com](http://www.mountainnd.com)

## The 112th Deuce of August Celebration at Mountain, North Dakota (Fjallabyggð)

About 300 guests from Iceland will join the locals of Icelandic descent in the 112th Fjallabyggð celebration at the end of July. A brand new 14.000 sq foot Community Center in Mountain will be formally dedicated. This Center will incorporate all of the community needs under one roof in a very efficient building utilizing geothermal heating and cooling. It houses the community Café, fire department, quick response, a banquet room with seating space for 300, several offices, including a new and much needed office for the local Icelandic Communities Association and leasable space for business. All in all over 500 individual donors have supported the project which has been built under the energetic leadership of President and State Senator Curtis Olafson. The list of guests of honor is headed by the Minister of Finance in Iceland, Mr. Steingrímur J. Sigfússon and his wife Bergný Marvinsdóttir. For more information on the 112th Deuce of August Celebration see the website at [www.august2nd.com](http://www.august2nd.com)

## Iceland in the News:

### ICELANDIC TIMES (Issue 8)

For a look at the expanded and much larger magazine on Tourism, Culture and Business in Iceland see:

[www.icelandictimes.com](http://www.icelandictimes.com)

Wikipedia: ICELANDIC SVID (Sheep's Head) see [here](#)



In Reykjavik the temperature has been above average in the month of July. The above photo shows the popular Nauthólsvík Geothermal Beach in Reykjavik, the Spa City.

### FocusOnNature

International Photography Workshops in Iceland

See: [www.focusonnature.is](http://www.focusonnature.is)

### New Honorary Consul of Iceland in San Juan, Puerto Rico

The Embassy welcomes Mr. Luis Eduardo Garcia-Feliú to its Honorary Consular Corps. Mr. Garcia has ties to Iceland as his late father in law, Mr. Antonio Ruiz Ochoa, served over 20 years as the Honorary Consul of Iceland in Puerto Rico.

### ICELAND - EU

An interesting article/interview by Andrew Willis with Minister of Foreign Affairs, Össur Skarphéðinsson in EUobserver: **Iceland: EU membership depends on fishery 'superpowers'**, see [here](#)

### The Economy:

#### ECONOMIC FACT SHEET FROM THE MFA

Following a sharp contraction in the Icelandic economy as a consequence of the financial crisis in 2008, a modest economic growth has already returned, sustained by Iceland's strong economic fundamentals, see [here](#)

Iceland, OECD Economic Survey, June see [here](#)

Wall Street Journal: Central Banker says Iceland "Is Back", see [here](#)

 [Líkar þetta](#) For information on the Ministry For Foreign Affairs and the Foreign Service, like: [www.facebook.com/utanrikisraduneytid](http://www.facebook.com/utanrikisraduneytid)

### Population in the 2nd quarter 2011

The population of Iceland at the end of the 2nd quarter 2011 was 319,180 - 160,240 males and 158,940 females. Foreign citizens were 21,150 by the end of the 2nd Quarter 2011. Inhabitants of the capital region were 203,050. This information is from STATISTICS ICELAND (Hagstofa Íslands). For detailed analysis see [More](#)



Have fun with the booklet **50 CRAZY things to do in Iceland**, by Snæfriður Ingadóttir (texts) and Þorvaldur Örn Kristmundsson (photos). SALKÁ publisher, Reykjavík. [www.salka.is](http://www.salka.is) Read about meeting up with aliens, bathing in mud, finding the viking in you, how to burn your money, beat your shyness, catch a puffin, dive for treasure, get an Icelandic pet, sling skyr and many more funny and crazy things to do in Iceland !