



INLNA Newsletter – Frettabréf Celebrating 100 years!

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INLNA Convention 100th Annual Convention Honour, Celebrate, Build

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The Icelandic Canadian Frón is proud to be hosting the 100th anniversary convention May 16-19, 2019 at the [Fairmont Hotel](#) in the heart of downtown Winnipeg. A special room rate of \$119.00 per night has been secured. For hotel booking please book directly with the Fairmont Hotel. Toll free room reservations for Canada and U.S.A. 1-800-257-7544. EVENT BOOKING NUMBER ICELAND0519.

Come and celebrate this Icelandic National League of North America milestone in the city where it all began.

Click here to go to registration: <https://lh-inc.ca/events/inl-of-na-convention>

We have an exciting program shaping up for the convention. Below is a list of the interesting people and organizations you will hear from when you attend the 100th INLNA convention.

- Cathy Josephson – East Iceland Emigration Centre
- Sunna Furstenau – Icelandic Roots
- Katie Parsons – Fragile Heritage Manuscript Project
- Lilja Árnadóttir – Head of Artifact Collection, National Museum of Iceland
- Erika Thorsteinson – Growing Up Icelandic
- Dr. Ryan Eyford – New Iceland Heritage Museum
- Guðrún Nordal – The Arni Magnusson Institute
- Ásdís Jóelsdóttir – Origins, History and Design of the Icelandic Lopi Sweater
- Icelandic Connection
- The Icelandic Festival
- Icelandic Language Camp
- Icelandic Canadian Frón Youth Group
- Snorri/Snorri Plus/Snorri West



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Entertainment for the weekend includes Lisa Maxx Thursday night at the meet and greet, Solskrikjan Choir with Director and Accompanist Kerrine Wilson Friday at the awards ceremony and Sol James Saturday night at the gala dinner.

There will be time set aside to share your story with an artifact from your family history and the Yule Lads will be making an appearance at lunch on Saturday. It is shaping up to be a great weekend. Hope to see you there!

We are both sorry and excited to say that the bus tour of Icelandic Winnipeg is sold out!

Icelandic National League of North America
100th Annual Convention

HONOUR, CELEBRATE, BUILD
May 16 – 19, 2019 at the Fairmont Hotel, Winnipeg, Canada
to register: visit LH-INC.CA and click on **EVENTS**

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President's Message

Greetings! I hope everyone has survived the crazy weather that has been happening all across our two counties this winter! It's a good thing that we come from strong Icelandic stock!

I am looking forward to our 100th INLNA Convention this May in Winnipeg, MB, hosted by the Icelandic Canadian Frón club of Winnipeg. It is sure to be a grand celebration and I hope to see many old and new friends there. To register and see programs highlight visit our website at www.inlofna.org.

See you in Winnipeg!

Bev Arason-Gaudet

President, INLNA

Seeking Treasurer – INLNA Board of Directors

If you are aware of anyone within your Icelandic clubs or communities who has the following attributes, please pass their name onto Sunna who will contact them to discuss this position prior to a board vote:

- Strong knowledge and understanding of accounting
- Ability to produce timely financial statements
- Independent work ability, strong work ethic
- Team player
- Strong computer knowledge
- Charitable status/non-profit accounting knowledge would be an asset

The INLNA welcomes Hulda Karen Daníelsdóttir as the newly elected chairperson of the Icelandic National League in Iceland, or Þjóðræknisfélagsins.

Hulda Karen previously lived in Winnipeg for some years where she taught Icelandic at the University of Manitoba and was involved in many other things in the Icelandic community.

Welcome Hulda Karen! We look forward to working with you.



Morgunblaðið/Árni Sæberg

Þjóðræknisfélag Íslendinga Hulda Karen Daníelsdóttir tók við formennsku í félaginu af Hjálmar W. Hannessyni.

Fjársjóður bíður fræðimanna í Vesturheimi

● Hulda Karen nýkjörin formaður Þjóðræknisfélagsins



Leif Eiriksson Icelandic Club – Calgary, AB

The **Annual General Meeting** of the Leif Eiriksson Icelandic Club was held on a very cold, Sunday February 3rd at the Scandinavian Centre in Calgary with 25 brave members and three guests attending. The evening started out with a pot luck dinner.

A large ham was supplied by the club and prepared by Marg Finnson with a great assortment of potato dishes, lasagna, salads, brown bread and desserts provided by members.

After all the business was completed, we moved to nominations and the election of new executive board members. We are pleased to announce that our **new President is Bob Baker, Vice-President Doug Finnson and Secretary Moorea Gray. Sadly, we were unable to find a treasurer for our retiring Margaret Grisdale.** That position is now vacant so if you know of anyone who would like to be our treasurer please let the new president Bob Baker know.

We ended our evening with the presentation of **Honourary Memberships** to four very deserving members. Bob Baker read the bio's and presented Honourary Memberships to **Bill Barclay** and **Helga Baldwinson**. Then Lorie Dobson read the bio's for **Gunter and Christine Mueller** and presented them with Honourary Membership certificates.

INL of NA's Icelandic Film Series - River Park Church, April 5/19

This is a free event, hosted by the Leif Eiriksson Club of Calgary. The church is located at
3818-14 A Street S.W.

The Icelandic National League of North America's Icelandic Film Series is now offering the latest film to local Icelandic clubs through the generous contribution of **Donald K. Johnson**, whose funding secures the legal right to publicly exhibit the film.

This year's selection is the award-winning feature length documentary, **A Force in Nature**, which is an intimate portrait of the life and work of Icelandic sculptor, **Jóhann Eyfells**. One of the most innovative and important sculptors of the last half of the 20th century, Eyfells came to the **University of Central Florida** (formally known as Florida Technological University) in 1969 where he spent the next three decades teaching generations of students and creating some of the most ground-breaking artworks of the era.



**ANNUAL SPRING DINNER
SUMARDAGURINN FYRSTI
SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE
APRIL 27, 2018, 5:30 P.M.
GUEST SPEAKER:
○ BILL VALGARDSON
WATCH FOR FURTHER DETAILS**

Icelandic Canadian Frón – Winnipeg, MB

The **Heritage Brunch** on Sunday, January 20, 2019, was well attended. It was a chance to visit and chat with representatives of Icelandic Summer Camp, the IODE Jon Sigurdsson Chapter, the Lögberg-Heimskringla, the Icelandic Connection magazine, the Icelandic Canadian Frón and the New Iceland Heritage Museum and the Icelandic Department at the University of Manitoba. Thanks for joining us!



The **Annual Icelandic Social** took place on Saturday, February 16, 2019 at the Scandinavian Centre. The sell-out crowd also generously supported the silent auction, the 50/50 draw and the keg raffle. At the bar, the steel-cut blonde ale, a freshly-brewed draft beer from Brazen Hall, was the clear favourite. Among the lucky raffle winners were Signy Thorsteinson and Maureen Olafson. Professional photographer, Leif Norman, suitably dressed for the occasion, set-up a Viking Photobooth with all kinds of Viking props. We very much enjoyed opening acts, Randi Johnson and Shea Johnson and then the featured singer Sol James. She had us singing and soon the dance floor was full.

Judy Bradley, President of the Icelandic Canadian Frón had this to pass on: “Thank you to Guy and his committee for all their hard work to make the Icelandic Social one to remember. It was a sold-out event, and everyone was enjoying the evening to it’s fullest.” Your support helps the ICF support youth programs.





Coming Events:

We are very pleased to present “**A Force in Nature**”, a film about Icelandic born artist, Johann Eyfells on Monday, March 18 at 7 pm at Cinematheque, 304-100 Arthur Street at Bannatyne Avenue. Admission: \$10.

“**Literature and Culture of Medieval Iceland**”—the 55+ Program at the University of Winnipeg is offering a 6-week course entitled “Literature and Culture of Medieval Iceland” with Andrew McGillivray at the U of W on Tuesdays from April 9 to May 14 from 1:30 to 3:20 for \$72. Go to "pace.uwinnipeg.ca" and look under “55+ programs” to view the full course description. You can register online or phone 204-982-6633. Lucille Evans, a committee member of the 55+ Program says, “And one nice thing about these courses is that there are no exams! Just sit, listen and enjoy.” (Andrew McGillivray will also speak at the March 22 TGIF.)

INLNA 2019 Convention, May 16-19, Honour, Celebrate, Build! Come and celebrate the 100th Convention of Icelandic National League of North America at the Fairmont Hotel in Winnipeg.

The program will include an “Antique Road Show”. Attendees may bring any artifact that they are curious about or that others may be interested in. There is also a great line up of speakers and entertainers. You don’t want to miss this Celebration that has been 100 years in the making!

Personal notes:

We were saddened to learn of the passing of **Iola Nicklas (Olafson)** on January 21, 2019 at the age of 96. Iola was recognized for her many volunteer pursuits with the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012. She ran a card group at the Scandinavian Centre and volunteered at Scandinavian Pavilion at Folklorama for many years. She loved to share her knowledge of Icelandic Culture in Canada with her “Achievers” display at the Islendingadagurinn and schools in Winnipeg. She made dozens of vinartertas for the “Festival of Trees” event. Iola was also an honorary life time member of the INLNA. Our condolences go out to her family.
Iola is picture at right with her Queen Elizabeth II medal.





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Stephen G Stephenson Icelandic Society – Markerville, AB



The SGSIS held their 45th annual general meeting on February 21, 2019 in conjunction with a complimentary volunteer appreciation dinner. It was held in Fensala hall in Markerville with approximately 70 people in attendance. Karen Gummo storyteller from Calgary, entertained with a story about her Icelandic Amma.

Pictured at left: Karen Gummo, Storyteller, receives gift from d'Darcy Gamble, SGSIS Past President, at Icelandic Society AGM February 21 in Markerville.

Icelanders of Victoria, BC

The Icelanders of Victoria have a new website!

Visit: <https://icelanders-victoria.ca/>

Vatnabyggð – Wynyard, SK

Our Þorrablót will be in Wynyard, Sask on Sat April 6, 2019. Happy hour at 5:30, followed by a meal that includes some Icelandic delicacies and a short program. More details to come.





Icelandic Association of Washington, DC

Two years ago, members of the Icelandic Association of Washington DC delighted us with their mini-movie comedy about 2 super-fans of Iceland's Men's football (soccer) team, "Special Forces: Sérsvéitin". If you missed it, click [here](#) to watch.

This year, don't miss PART 2: "[Special Forces II Mission to Moscow](#)"! Click the link to watch.

Enjoy!

Icelandic Canadian Club of Toronto, ON

Toronto's 2019 Iceland Travel Show

"There is a place in the world where everyone exchanges books on Christmas Eve then sits back for a good read, and it has a prestigious Writers Retreat in the spring run by the First Lady and when I heard all this, I just knew I had to find a way to be invited!" That's (more or less) how two-time Stephen Leacock Award winning author and humourist Terry Fallis began his remarks to the ICCT Annual Iceland Travel Show on Feb. 10th of this year.

The Annual Travel Show has become a popular event among club members and the general public alike to escape the ravage of the harsh Canadian winter and spend a splendid afternoon in a church hall in High Park browsing Icelandic travel brochures, chatting with knowledgeable travelers, soaking in glorious vacation photos and hearing riveting accounts of interesting travel adventures in Iceland from guest speakers.

This year the near capacity crowd of over 50 visitors were treated to a delightful account from author Terry Fallis of his first-time venture to Iceland last year to join the faculty of the prestigious Iceland Writers Retreat in Reykjavik. We were treated to Terry's unique observations on Icelandic culture and traditions. Terry has written 6 best-selling novels and promised the club a full set for use in our Þorrablót auction this year!

We were also treated to a delightful account from ICCT Outreach Director Brad Rodo of a first-time, roots-finding journey to Iceland with his brothers last year, a trip that included finding the old family farm, some tense late-night countryside drives and a goodly amount of beer in Icelandic pubs across Reykjavik!

The afternoon was rounded out by coffee, tea and treats including Kari Norman's delicious Vinarterta that seemed to just evaporate.

Many thanks to Gail Einarson-McCleery, Peter Norman and Kathleen Murray for planning and organizing this year's event, to Lucie Jabour, Audrey Norman and Richard Eriksson in the kitchen, to Matthew Norman on the camera, to Carol and Jack Dodds who assisted at the door and of course to Terry and Brad for their delightful remarks and fantastic travel photos of Iceland!



Photo at left: Guest Speaker, Terry Fallis.

Icelandic Summer Camp, July 27-August 2, 2019. This year there are 55 spots open for campers to have the experience of a lifetime! Call 1-204-485-5455 to book or get the registration form at their website at: icelandiccamp.com



Brad Hirst, Gummi, and unnamed participant at the Icelandic Summer Camp table at Islandingadagurinn 2018