

ICELANDIC CANADIAN CLUB OF EDMONTON

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT, ICELANDIC CANADIAN CLUB OF EDMONTON Jón Bjarni Baldursson

Club members enjoyed an evening together celebrating Icelandic National Day on June 17th. Now we are all ready for summer! Our next club event will be the Leifur Eiríksson fall supper and then the AGM in November.

Some board members attended the Icelandic National League of North America convention in Winnipeg in May. We can be very proud that our Lorraine Innicki was awarded a lifetime membership in the INLNA for her contributions. More recently, Beverly Arason-Gaudet, former club president and organizer of our own INLNA convention last year, was presented with the very prestigious Knights Cross of the Order of the Falcon by the President of Iceland. Look further in the newsletter for more on these stories.

I am also delighted to report that we have a new Treasurer for the club. This position has now been filled by Martin Anderson, a long-time club member. Welcome to the Board, Marty, and thank you for taking on this critical role. I would also like to express the club's gratitude and thanks to Michelle Braakman for so capably filling this portfolio, and to wish her all the best in her new business pursuits.

While we do not have a club event until fall, this summer brings with it some unique opportunities to celebrate and learn more about our Icelandic culture. Along with the other clubs who are members of the Scandinavian Heritage Society, the Icelandic Club will be participating in the **Edmonton Heritage Festival** this summer. We have some opportunities for members to volunteer at this very enjoyable and popular event – read on in the newsletter for details.

Stephansson House Provincial Historic Site is hosting its **16th Annual Poetry Day**. Here is

your opportunity to learn more about, and participate in, the old Icelandic tradition of writing poetry at a social event! And don't miss the chance to view the **Vikings are Coming!** exhibit at the Royal Alberta Museum or even participate in **Viking Day**.

Many club members may even be travelling to Iceland this summer. We would love to see any travel photos you would like to share in the next edition of the newsletter! Please send a photo or two to Pat Dunn, Newsletter Editor, if you have something you would like to share with all of us.

Wherever you may be this summer, we hope you will all have a wonderful summer! Wherever you go, stay safe, and enjoy the opportunities to savour the company of friends and family! We hope to see you at the Leifur Eiriksson dinner on Friday, September 20th.



On behalf of the Icelandic National League of North America, Jón presented a lifetime membership certificate and award to Lorraine Ilnicki for her many contributions to the promotion of Icelandic culture in Edmonton, through the annual Heritage Festival and participation in the Scandinavian Heritage Society and many other contributions.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Leifur Eiríksson Fall Supper
Friday, September 20th
International Room, Dutch Canadian
Centre
5:30 p.m.

VIKING DAY
Royal Alberta Museum
July 13th
<https://royalalbertamuseum.ca/whats-on/vikings-day/>

Stephan G. Stephansson House
Poetry Day Event
July 21, 2019
Stephanssonhouse.ca

**Icelandic Canadian Club of
Edmonton AGM**
Saturday, November 2nd
Dutch Canadian Centre, Nordic Room
1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

ICCE Board meetings:
Second Tuesdays of most months
6:30 p.m.
Dutch Canadian Centre Boardroom
Next meeting: September 10
Meetings are open to members

Scandinavian Heritage Society
Last Tuesday of every month
www.shse.ca

For more information, contact any board member.

Volunteers needed for Heritage Festival

Heritage days are fast approaching on the August long weekend, August 3rd, 4th and 5th. **We need help in the pop tent, kitchen and possibly the culture tent.** If you are able to help, please contact Lorraine Ilnicki and let her know. The shifts go all three days: 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM or 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM. If anyone is able to help with the set up on the Thursday or Friday August 1st & 2nd or the take down on the Tuesday August 6th, please let me know and I will let those doing the setting up or take down know and they will contact you to let you know what time they will need the help.

Thank you!

Lorraine Ilnicki
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SCANDINAVIAN HERITAGE SOCIETY AND 2019 FESTIVAL

Lorraine Ilnicki is the ICCE representative among the six members of the Icelandic section of the Scandinavian Heritage Society board. This group works hard to showcase Scandinavian culture and food for Edmonton's annual and hugely popular Heritage Festival.

Look for Icelandic style hot dogs (pýlsur) at the Heritage Festival! These have become an icon of Icelandic travel and the club is happy to be able to offer them to visitors to the Scandinavian tent at this year's Heritage Festival. Please contact Lorraine Ilnicki if you would like to be part of this very exciting event.

2019 INLNA CONVENTION AND AWARDS



Delegates from the Icelandic Canadian Club of Edmonton to the INLNA convention from left to right, Jón Bjarni Baldursson, Donna Crozier, Lorraine Ilnicki, Susan Hallett, and Barb Beirnes.

Information on these two pages is from Lögberg-Heimskringla. We are proud to say that two ICCE current and former board members were 2019 award recipients from the Icelandic National League of North America (INLNA)! These articles feature those awards. The club extends heartfelt congratulations to Beverly and Lorraine and is profoundly grateful for their service to our club and its goals over many years.

2019 marks the 100th anniversary of INLNA. The annual convention was held in Winnipeg and featured many speakers on topics including language, history, and programs such as Icelandic Camp and the well-loved Snorri program. It was attended by the President of Iceland, who was a keynote speaker, and by the Icelandic ambassador to Canada and by representatives of post-secondary education. Watch Lögberg-Heimskringla for further details on presentations and on the general meeting held by the INLNA, starting in the June 15th issue.

Order of the Falcon presented to former ICCE board member Beverly Arason-Gaudet

Four Icelandic Canadians were awarded the Knight's Cross of the Order of the Falcon by President of Iceland Guðní Th. Jóhannesson. Bev Arason-Gaudet, Judy Bradley, Donald K. Johnson, and Stefan Jonasson were all invested into the order at the Consulate General of Iceland in Winnipeg on Sunday, May 19, 2019. The president was in the city along with his wife, Canadian-born Eliza Reid, to attend the 100th anniversary convention of the Icelandic National League of North America. These four recipients bring the total number of living Canadians who hold this honour to fifteen. Fewer than 75 Canadians have been awarded the Order of the Falcon since it was created in 1921, two years after the country achieved its independence from Denmark.

It is the highest honour that the Icelandic state can bestow on individuals.

Beverly Arason-Gaudet is the president of the INLNA. She also served for several years on the board of the ICCE, as treasurer and as president. She currently serves as auditor for the club. By profession a pharmacist, in addition to her Icelandic interests she is an avid and active quilter. Further details on this prestigious award and the other Canadians who received it can be read in the Lögberg-Heimskringla June 1st edition.



Order of the Falcon
2019 Canadian
Receipients

*President Guðni Th.
 Jóhannesson, Beverly
 Arason-Gaudet, Stefan
 Jonasson, Donald K.
 Johnson, Judy Bradley,
 and First Lady Eliza Reid*

(Lögberg-Heimskringla)

INLNA Lifetime Membership awarded to Lorraine Ilnicki

A tribute to Lorraine published in Lögberg-Heimskringla



Lorraine Ilnicki has been an active member of the Icelandic Canadian Club of Edmonton for over thirty years. She has been the ICCE representative on the Heritage Days Community, a group hosting 100,000 people annually to celebrate the various cultures in Edmonton, for the past 20 years. She has been on the ICCE board for 20 years, served as the Alberta Fjallkona, organized vinarterta workshops, participated in Snorri Plus, and volunteered avidly. Lorraine has done all of this while being married, raising four sons, and working full time. Her quick wit, warm smile, hugs,

and her willingness to help out with anything at any time, especially when it is something Icelandic related, have made her a much-loved member of the Icelandic Canadian Club of Edmonton. *Photo by Lorraine: the 2019 Vinarterta Team!*

Icelandic National Day Celebrations: Pýlsur and Potluck

The ICCE celebration of National Day included axe-throwing, beer-tasting, a flag cake, a parade, song, and good food and fellowship! Thank you to Liz Tanti and the many volunteers and to everyone who came with potluck food and wearing red and blue! Thank you to Elliott and Tanya for the photos.





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ICELANDIC LIBRARY

The Icelandic library is a part of the Scandinavian Library in Edmonton and is located at 15212 – 117 Avenue.



The library is usually open on Saturday mornings, hosted by either the Danes or ICCE. You are welcome to come and explore and borrow some of our many books. Please contact Donna Crozier at donnagc@datacardalberta.com if you would like to access the library at a time other than Saturdays. A collection of books by Icelandic authors both in English and Icelandic is available for reference and check-out by club members.

Snorri and Bursaries 2019

Our three Snorri participants travelled to Iceland on June 15! We look forward to hearing about their adventures at the Leifur Eiríksson supper on September 20th.

The club will award bursaries to post-secondary students whose families are members of the club. To apply for a bursary, students need to fill out an application form, available from board members of the club. It will be posted on the website shortly as well. Applicants must provide two letters of reference, their latest transcript, and proof of enrolment to the post secondary institution. Documents must be emailed to Tanya Hofforth to meet the August 15, 2019 deadline. We would also appreciate a photo as we would like to feature successful applicants in the newsletter. Bursaries are \$2,000 each.

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