

ICELANDIC CANADIAN CLUB OF EDMONTON

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jón Bjarni Baldursson

Summer passed quickly! There were several events celebrating Icelandic culture that were attended by many club members. On June 15th I attended the annual celebrations in Markerville with my family on behalf of the ICCE, bringing turkey and a ham kindly prepared by Lorraine and Liz. I was pleased to deliver greetings from our club and on behalf of our Fjallkona. It was a great day and we enjoyed the great weather with our friends from the other clubs.

We also had a wonderful celebration on our Independence Day at the DCC on June 17th. I was happy to have my parents join us from Iceland, and it was nice to see what a good turnout we had.



*Lorraine Ilnicki, Beverly Arason, Birna Bjarnadóttir,
Erla Anderson, Jón Bjarni*

From time to time we have the opportunity to welcome visiting Icelanders. In late summer Marty, Lorraine, Erla, Ármann and I welcomed 50 Icelanders who had arrived in Edmonton as part of a tour. We were pleased to show them around downtown Edmonton and share a little bit about ourselves. It was a nice way to connect, and a good effort by Erla and Ármann to make this happen.

At the beginning of October we had a visit from Birna Bjarnadóttir, who is meeting with Icelandic organizations in Canada to promote awareness of the University of Iceland's

initiative to establish a Stephan G. Stephansson Endowment Fund. We will keep members informed of this initiative as further details become available on how we may be involved.

It was very gratifying to see that the Edmonton Scandinavian Centre Association was recognized for its hard work by the Edmonton Heritage Festival with prizes for our shared pavilion, receiving prizes in several categories – see article below. Congratulations to the hard working volunteers! The Scandinavian Heritage Society has been involved in all 43 years of the Edmonton Heritage Festival, a record we can be proud of. Erla, Lorraine, Donna and I attended the ESCA (Edmonton Scandinavian Centre Association) meeting to begin organizing for the annual Christmas market which will be held at the DCC on November 10th.

Our next club event is the annual AGM, to be held on Saturday, November 2nd. Please come out and let your Board know what you would like to see for your club. Please follow the club's Facebook page for ongoing updates and details of upcoming events. I look forward to seeing you at the AGM!

Scandinavian Pavilion wins awards at Heritage Festival



Special thanks to everyone who volunteered and came out to support us at the Edmonton Heritage Festival this summer. It was a big success. The Scandinavian Pavilion won three separate awards! They were as follows: **1st Place** for our Vignette: **2nd Place** for Food tent, and **3rd Place** for our Culture and Craft. The vignette was a Viking Village hosted by Odin's Ravens, an Edmonton-based re-enactment troupe.

Thank you so much to our volunteers: Barb Beirnes, Coleen Taylor, Mona Freeman, Dona Dolan, Hanna Sigurdson, Louise Lepore, and Lori Sigurdson who worked in the Food Tent, and to Erla Anderson who represented Iceland in the Culture Tent.

All five of the Scandinavian groups had many volunteers, easing the workload for all. The weather was great and we sold out of all our food by late Monday afternoon. The Icelandic style hot dogs were a great success and we ran out of them around noon on Sunday.

Just a reminder to everyone that volunteered: on October 29, 2019 we have our SHSE AGM from 7 – 9 p.m. and a light meal to show our appreciation to all the volunteers that worked at the Heritage Festival this year. – *Lorraine Ilnicki*



Erla at Icelandic table, Scandinavian Pavilion

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Icelandic Canadian Club of Edmonton AGM

Saturday, November 2nd
Dutch Canadian Centre, Nordic Room
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

ICCE Board meetings:

Second Tuesdays of most months
6:30 p.m.
Dutch Canadian Centre Boardroom
Next meeting: November 5th
Meetings are open to all members

Scandinavian Christmas Market

November 10th
Dutch Canadian Centre

Christmas Gathering

Sunday, December 15th
International Hall

Porrablót

February 29, 2020
International Hall

Scandinavian Heritage Society

AGM and Volunteer Appreciation
October 29
www.shse.ca

VIKINGS: BEYOND THE LEGEND

Royal Alberta Museum
Until October 20

For more information, contact any board member.

Help wanted! Volunteer opportunities

Contact Donna Crozier if you would like to help out at either of these fun events.

1. Scandinavian Christmas Market, November 10

Background: ESCA is an association formed between the various Scandinavian Clubs in Edmonton to work together to coordinate our interest in the Dutch Canadian Centre.

This is a really fun and well-attended event. I am looking for volunteers interested in helping out our club at this event. I am in charge of the kitchen where we sell open-faced sandwiches and Danish pastries, coffee, tea and water. Any profit from these goes to ESCA. Funds from ESCA have been used to purchase equipment in the Nordic Room.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact me at donnagc@datacardalberta.com or at 780-459-9108. If I'm not home please leave a message.

2. Rullupylsa workshop – end of October (date to be determined)

I have been asked to host a rullupylsa workshop before Christmas this year, in addition to the one we usually hold before Thorrablot.

If you are interested, please contact me at donnagc@datacardalberta.com or 780-459-9108. Please let me know the number of rullupylsa you want to make so I can order the flanks. The flanks have ranged around \$12 to \$15 each plus a couple of dollars for spices and mesh.

- Donna Crozier, Past President

Remembrances



Remembering Brad Willis

On July 12th, 2019, Bradley J. Willis died peacefully in his sleep at the University of Alberta Hospital. He was 71 years old. Brad Willis was well known to ICCE members and was a Kaffi Rabb regular.

A gifted scholar, Bradley was particularly interested in Icelandic language and culture. Both his maternal grandparents immigrated to Winnipeg from Iceland, and he immersed himself in its language and literature throughout his life. In 2011, he was finally able to travel to Iceland to see it himself for the first time.

Bradley's full obituary and achievements can be viewed online at the Edmonton Journal website. He will be sadly missed.

Remembering Chris Hale

On 15 July, 2019, Professor Chris Hale, formerly of the Scandinavian Studies program at the University of Alberta, passed away. Courses that he developed at the U of A led to what is still the only BA degree in Scandinavian Studies available in Canada. In 2008 he was appointed an Officer of the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit for his role in **furthering** Scandinavian studies in North America. He focussed on teaching Norwegian, Nordic languages and Scandinavian immigration history and society. He will be sadly missed in the Scandinavian community.

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.

The library liaison board position is currently vacant. If this interests you please contact any board member for more information. In the board's recent meeting with Professor Birna Bjarnadóttir, she donated several books to the Icelandic library, including a biography of Stephan G. Stephansson. These books will be available for loan once they have been accessioned.

MEMBERSHIPS

If your membership expires at the end of 2019, you will receive a reminder, either by mail or email.

- Individual membership is \$15 per year.
- Couple / Family is \$30 per year. Children under age 18 are included with your family membership.

Pay via Paypal at:

<http://iccedm.org/category/membership/>

Or mail a cheque payable to "Icelandic Canadian Club of Edmonton" to:

Gloria Krenbrenk
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Any questions contact Gloria at 780-668-9166 or gkrenbrenk@gmail.com.

Snorri Program 2019



Several Edmonton club members participated in the Snorri program in 2019. The program, intended to celebrate and strengthen the bonds between the people of Iceland and people of Icelandic descent in North America, celebrated its 20th year this year. The club normally supports two Snorri participants but this year supported three youth to travel to Iceland for the experience. Tanya Hofforth, the club's Snorri and bursaries liaison board member, attended the Snorri 20th anniversary reunion as part of a family holiday. And a club member, Cathy, participated in the Snorri Plus program this year as well. Here are a few photos of their experiences in Iceland.

SNORRI AND SNORRI REUNION

Jillian, Lauren, and Angus participated in the 2020 program and Tanya was at the Snorri 20th Reunion.



Tanya at reunion with 2019 Snorri participants from Alberta



Jillian taking it all in!



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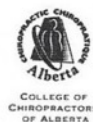


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A SNORRI PLUS ADVENTURE

Cathy Scott participated in Snorri Plus this summer and shared her story with us:

"My sister Christine Bray and I joined the Snorri Plus 2019 group of 6 led by Sandra Bjorg Ernudóttir. We spent the first week in and around Reykjavík and then toured west and north for the second week. We were introduced to new cousins who were happy to meet us, at a beautiful reception for our group. We were also treated to tea with President Guðni Th. Jóhanesson at Bessastaðir, toured the parliament and Prime Minister's Offices, participated in the Culture Day Fun Run, toured the Hofsós Emigration Centre, took part in the new 1238: Battle of Iceland exhibition in Saudarkrokur, went whale watching and horseback riding, swam in the Blue Lagoon and much more, all the while enjoying the fabulous food everywhere.

It was truly a fantastic experience and we are very thankful for the opportunity to take part and learn more about Iceland and our heritage. Also, many thanks go to the Snorri Iceland team who planned and organized this trip." – Cathy Scott



Clockwise from top left: in front of Stephan G. Stephansson memorial; Viking exhibit at Saudarkrókur; horses near Akureyri; near Góðafoss; with President Guðni; at Eiríksstaðir; Culture Days Fun Run.



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2019 Bursaries Awarded

The club annually awards bursaries of \$2000 each to up to 10 students upon application each year. Bursaries were awarded in September and this year seven students received bursaries. This year's bursary recipients are:

Tyme Thompson – University of Western Ontario, Visual Arts
Tyr Thompson – University of Alabama, Mechanical Engineering
Ethan Lecavalier-Kidney – University of Alberta, Economics and Political Science
Marie Beaupre-Olsen – University of Calgary, Social Work
Nuka Olsen-Hakongak – Nunavut Arctic College/University of Saskatchewan, Law
Arden Burtnik – University of Toronto, Library and Information Science
Catherine Beaupre-Olsen – University of Alberta, Elementary Education

Congratulations to all! The club is proud to be able to support the students in their learning journey and wishes them all the very best in their studies.



Snorri Program 2020

A unique opportunity for **young people (18-28)** of Icelandic origin living in Canada and the United States of America, to discover their roots in a **six-week summer program in Iceland**.

Please go to the Snorri Program website for more information and the **application** form.

<http://www.snorri.is/>

Deadline: January 8th, 2020

Please contact Tanya if you are interested in applying, as there are **grants from the ICCE** available.
tanm77@hotmail.com

Snorri Plus 2020

A two-week cultural program in August for those who are over 30. It is suitable for people of Icelandic descent and people who have true passion for Iceland.

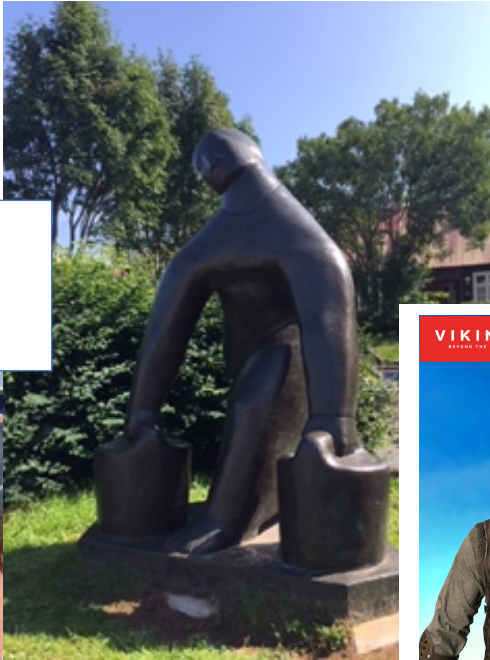


Deadline: January 31st, 2020

A look back at summer

Some summer highlights of Icelandic cultural events and travels from our members

Donna Crozier and Brian visited Iceland this summer – Ásmundur Sveinsson's sculpture called the Water Carrier is in honour of the hard work of women



Pat Dunn with a Virtual Viking at the Royal Alberta Museum Viking Exhibit



Kitchen helpers at Leifur Eiriksson dinner in September



Street sculptures in Reykjavik from Donna; on left The Unknown Bureaucrat and on the right, Looking out to Sea, honouring fishermen.

A Family Trip to Iceland

Gloria Krenbrenk shared her family's travels in Iceland this summer.



*Clinton at
Dimmuborgir*

"The Krenbrenk family spent 2 weeks in June enjoying Iceland's magnificent landscape. Five of us travelled the ring road in a 9 passenger van: myself and sons Clinton from St. Albert, Curtis from Laval, Quebec, and Calvin and Susan from Glasgow, Scotland. We were joined for 3 days by Susan's parents, Lavina and Nick Hewitson of Melbourne, Australia. We stayed in Airbnb houses and apartments, all of which worked out well.

The younger Krenbrenks met and connected with our family in Iceland, who hosted us with wonderful meals. Cal reconnected with Johanna Austfjörð, his hostess on the Snorri trip in 2002 – she is 93 and still going strong. Although Iceland is an expensive country to visit, we managed it within budget by self-driving, going to Bónus (supermarket) instead of restaurants, and we bought very little, although we inspected all merchandise on offer.

Since I last toured Iceland in 1998, I see two major changes – trees and people. Iceland has been tree planting for a number of decades and can no longer be described as a barren treeless land. The cities and towns are well treed and most farms have planted windbreaks. I was amazed to see trees growing on hillsides, obviously planted and beginning to flourish. The second big change is, of course, the multitude of tourists everywhere. Twenty years ago we could park at a waterfall and have the place to ourselves. Now you have to kill someone for a parking spot.

One little town on the south coast had big WC signs; the community of necessity came together to set up washroom facilities for tourists. Their sign indicated "Thank you for using these facilities. You would not believe how much human feces we have cleaned up in our yards". Although tourism is of great economic benefit to Iceland, there are downsides.



Farm near Égilsstaður where we stayed

The ancestral farm. So much lava, no wonder my people left.



For something different, visit the Punk Museum in downtown Reykjavik, located downstairs in what used to be the only public washroom. My cousin Valli was part of the punk band Fræbblarnir, who put out the first Icelandic punk record in 1979. I'd be happy to share our experiences if you are planning a trip."

--Gloria Krenbrenk

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