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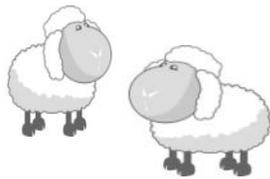
## Mark Your Calendar!

- Midwinter brunch  
Jan. 30.
- Snorri plus deadline  
Jan. 31
- Snorri Grant available  
Feb. 1
- Icelandic Classes  
resume Feb 7
- INLoFNA convention  
in Edmonton Early  
Bird deadline Feb. 15
- Scholarship to Iceland  
deadline Feb. 15
- Nordic Nights Movie  
Feb. 23
- Iceland Travel Show  
Feb. 27
- ICCT Scholarship  
deadline Feb. 28
- Icelandic Camp  
deadline Apr. 30

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## Þorrablót 2011



**Saturday April 9, 2011**  
**6.00 pm Cash Bar**  
**7.00 pm Dinner**



The event will be held at the **Estonian House**,  
located at **958 Broadview Ave. Toronto M4K 2R6**  
which is easily accessed via the DVP, free parking at rear.

This will be a catered event,  
but traditional Icelandic food donations would be greatly appreciated,  
so if you can provide a dish please email Arden [arden@ardendesign.com](mailto:arden@ardendesign.com)



**Don't miss all the fun!!**  
Ambassador Sigríður Anna Þórðardóttir and her husband Jón  
Þórsteinsson will be in attendance.  
Musical entertainment.  
Scholarship and Snorri Grant presentations.  
Silent Auction.  
Crafts for the kids.  
Catch up with friends and family.



**BOOK NOW** with our Treasurer,  
Lynne Thorkelsson,  
1680 Scugog St. Port Perry, ON L9L 2E2  
(order form enclosed) or by PayPal <http://icct.info>

### EARLY BIRD SPECIAL - BOOK BY March 1, 2011

\$35 FOR ADULTS, \$20 FOR YOUTH (7-19), KIDS 6 AND UNDER FREE.  
after that, the price goes up to \$40 for Adults, \$25 for Youth Final Deadline April 1, 2011

## SILENT AUCTION

Please consider making a donation toward the Silent Auction to be held at our Þorrablót celebrations on April 9th. All proceeds go toward a scholarship for secondary education, a grant to participants in the Snorri Youth program traveling to Iceland, and to children attending Icelandic Camp in Manitoba.

Some ideas for auction items that you may not have considered are; teaching a computer skill, art or a craft, tickets to the Ballet, theatre or a sports event, original art or craft items, a hay ride, weekend at a cottage, trip to a maple bush, home-made cookies, cakes to order for a special occasion or a service, like home repair and tree pruning. We also welcome smaller items that can be included in a theme

basket. Some theme baskets we are hoping to put together are, Gardening, Coffee Time, Family Movie Night, Spa, Car Care, Knitting or Crafts. Be as creative as you please in support of this charitable event.

All donations are appreciated.

Contact Phyllis Pollard  
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## Letter from the Vice President

Now that 2011 is underway, I'd like to introduce myself to the club. My name is **Karen Helena Wallington** and last year the executives of the club asked me to be the new vice president for the ICCT. I've been steadily involved with the Icelandic community here in Toronto for the past few years which stems from my ongoing visits to Iceland (12 times and counting) and my genuine love for the country and the culture.

This year the club promises to be full of fun cultural events and connecting more with each other. Therefore updating our website is priority. I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank **Darla McKay** for her tremendous hard work and dedication to the website in years past. She has passed the torch and our new web designer **Hilary Gilespe** will be taking over.

The new website with the same url ([www.icct.info](http://www.icct.info)) will be up and running in just a few short weeks.

I look forward to getting to know more of the club members in the upcoming year. I'll be at the the next Nordic movie night (Feb 23), the travel show (Feb 27) and of course our much anticipated Þorrablót (April 9th).

Please don't hesitate to introduce yourself.. I'm the one with the black dreadlocks, so you can't miss me.

### Oddur S. Karlsson, new editor for Fálkinn.

I was born on a farm on the east coast of Iceland, youngest of three.

I have seen all sides of a fish, from dragging it from the North Atlantic Ocean, to getting it out of the country.

Before I came to Canada I had a little company in new construction with my friend, and then suddenly 2007 came to an end.....

My wife was aiming at a career in Fashion Design, so it seemed to be a good idea to follow Leif Eiriksson's footsteps (padding), and after research, we chose Toronto, and Academy of Design as the school, and we came here in October 2009.

We have an 8 year old daughter, who is in 3rd grade, and enjoys her life in Canada.

I am working as a game console

technician up in Markham.

I needed a hobby, so I decided to volunteer as a newsletter editor.

I am glad that I did, I am getting to know a lot of amazing people and it is nice to be a part of this club, and see all the hard work they are giving to keep this all going.....

I wish you all a wonderful year.....

## What is Þorrablót?

**Þorrablót** is an Icelandic midwinter festival that takes place in the month of Þorri, according to the Old Icelandic Calendar, which starts in late January and ends in late February. These festivals were started by Icelandic student associations in the latter half of the 19th century. The first one was reportedly organised by the Association of Icelandic Students in Copenhagen in 1873, originally to honour the Norse

god Thor, after whom the month is presumed to be named. Calling the feast a *blót* (a feast held in honor of a god in Norse paganism) makes clear the reference to pagan times, which many nationalists of the 19th century considered a golden age of Icelandic history.

The midwinter month of Þorri always begins on the Friday after January 19th. The midwinter feast Þorrablót was held to celebrate that winter is half over and we survived without starvation or serious illness.

The first day of Þorri is called *Bóndadagur* or "Husband's Day/Farmer's Day", *Góa* is the next month and always starts on a Sunday between 8 and 14 February.

The first day of *Góa* is called *Konudagur* "Womans day"

Still today, these days are celebrated in Iceland, and give a person a chance to be nice to someone of the opposite sex, your aunt, grandpa, or whoever you care for.



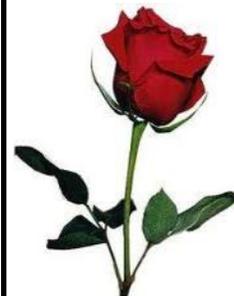
**Margrét Björgvinsdóttir**

### News from the Icelandic classes

We welcome a new teacher for the Intermediate Class, Andri Elvar, and are pleased that Edda Kristinsson is continuing teaching Beginners. We are very grateful to Margret Björgvinsdóttir, who has been teaching the Intermediate class for many years but is taking a break at this time. We also want to thank the organizing committee, consisting of Margret, Meredith MacFarquhar and Margaret Van Hamme for their outstanding work in keeping the classes running smoothly

### Erla Macaulay

CONGRATULATIONS TO FOUNDING MEMBER ERLA MACAULAY ON HER 90TH BIRTHDAY ON MARCH 11TH.



Our best wishes go out to her, as well as our thanks for being one of the founders of our Club, and for all her very significant contributions throughout the years.

## THE CHRISTMAS LADS PARTY

by Meredith MacFarquhar



Where are the naughty ones?.....

There she was, caterwalling like a stabbed pig, swaggering towards bug-eyed, startled children - Grýla, in all her disheveled glory - hair matted, spiked in all directions; face distorted and smudged with dirt; eyes wild with fire; clothing tattered, torn; pots tied to her leg with bits of knotted rope - There she was, screeching at the top of her lungs, "Where are all the naughty children? - I'm hungry - I EAT naughty children."

Who was this apparition, this deranged phantom and what was she doing here at the ICCT annual Christmas party? This was Grýla, the cantankerous mother of

the 13 Christmas Lads, who had come down from the mountains - as she does every year - to tell the children that her 13 sons, the pranksters - would soon be visiting them again.

"If you believe in them, and you've been good, the Lads, my sons, won't do you no harm. Especially if you leave them treats. You know about putting out your shoe, don't you, starting on the night of December 11th and for the next 12 nights? If you put your shoe by the window, one of my lads will put a small surprise in it for you. If you've been bad, he'll leave a potato!



Freyja is not impressed that Grýla eats children!!!  
Neither are Valdimar, Sami, Marina, or Sam

"Enough of this for now - who wants to come with me to the sheep stable where I'll recite you a rhyme about my 1st lad who likes to chase sheep?"

So began actor, singer and teacher Edda Kristinsson's magical tour of Riverdale Farm. Following a lunch at a nearby restaurant, families are met there by Grýla who introduces her lads, one by one, as she leads her party, in Pied Piper fashion, from the sheep stable to the duck pond, past the cows and donkey, down deep into the valley. Along the way, Grýla voraciously licks a pot, a spoon and a bowl, as will her sons, each time offering the astounded children a chance to do the same. "How gross," says Valdi. "Ooh, yuck," echoes Freyja. "Grýla's awesome," pronounces Sami.

The last stop on the tour is by the horses where the children meet a character that is a combination of Candle Beggar and Santa Claus - a new mythical figure that has emerged from the blending of Icelandic and North American cultures.

By the end of the tour, the initially astonished and somewhat frightened children have become mesmerized and captured by the ancient stories. They have entered Grýla's world and compete to hold her pots and to have their turn at staggering with her staff.

(Longer version published in Lögberg-Heimskringla. Get a free trial on-line subscription ... [lh@lh-inc.ca](mailto:lh@lh-inc.ca))

## John Carlyle Gilmore



JOHN CARLYLE GILMORE passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Tuesday, November 30, 2010 in his 84th year at Wood Haven Long Term Care Centre. John lived a full life with Ellen, his wife of 59 years. Together they raised five children - Douglas, Robert, Diane, Alison and Lorraine. John warmly embraced his children's spouses Donna, Christine, Bruce, David and Richard into his growing family and rejoiced at the arrival of twelve grandchildren - Rebecca, Meghan, Jennica, Michael, Greydon, Vanessa, Cameron, Scott, Eric, Michelle, Clare and Alexa. His 40 year career as a Professional Engineer included senior positions at Thunder Bay Hydro and North York Hydro. John enjoyed singing in church choir, volunteerism within his profession and community and puttering in the garden. In retirement, he enjoyed curling, travelled to many parts of the world and golfed because Ellen did. He was consistent in his integrity, hard work, generosity and fellowship throughout his life and was guided by a strong religious foundation.

John was an Honorary Member of both the INL of NA and the ICCT. Ellen and John first got involved in the ICCT as Co-Treasurers. On a review of old Falkinn newsletters you would find Ellen and John's names in almost every issue since they joined - assisting in events, contributing financially to projects (both local and national), contributing regularly to the silent auction, and encouraging involvement of children and grandchildren in events. John was also a member of our famous "Vinarterta Choir" at Þorablót

Ellen continues to serve as Mailing Director.

## **Icelandic News**

### **Björk's Karaoke Marathon**

From Iceland Review—The karaoke marathon launched by Björk and her campaign group The Voice of the Nation on Thursday spurred thousands of people to sign a petition where the Icelandic government is urged to prevent the acquisition of Icelandic energy company HS Orka by Canadian Magma Energy and review the policy on the ownership of natural resources.

More than 46,000 signatures have now been collected, which is much higher than the goal of 35,000 signatures which, according to Prime Minister Jóhanna Sigurdardóttir, was the minimum in order for the government to take the petition seriously.

### **First Nation in Iceland**

From Telegraph—Research by Sigríður Sunna Ebenesardóttir on behalf of De-Code Genetics indicates that a woman from the North American continent probably arrived in Iceland some time around 1000AD leaving behind genes

that are reflected in about 80 Icelanders today.

Investigators discovered the genes could be traced to common ancestors in the south of Iceland, near the Vatnajökull glacier in around 1710 ruling out initial theories that they may have arrived via Asia.

Another proof of Leif Eiríksson's journey to America.

### **Where a country's hardships are a visitor's gain.**

From the NYTimes—41 best places to travel in 2011, Iceland ranks #4 .

Iceland's economic crash has had an upside, at least for tourists. After the devaluation of the krona that followed the country's 2008 financial crisis, the breathtakingly beautiful island is a lot more affordable.....

### **US investigating Icelandic PM.**

From the National Post—A former WikiLeaks spokeswoman and now an Icelandic parliamentarian, Birgitta Jónsdóttir had to rearrange her flight schedule for a Journalism Seminar(Samara) in Toronto in January after she became the

centre of a diplomatic spat when the U.S. justice department subpoenaed Twitter to hand over her personal details regarding her connection with Julian Assange.

“Just the simple notion for Canadian authorities that the fact that all the main investigative journalist sections want to move their operations to Iceland, maybe that will be an inspiration for the Canadian legislators to make sure that the working environment for Canadian journalists would be in such a way that they can do their work to report the stories that need to be told.” Said Ms. Jónsdóttir

For those who doesn't know, the Icelandic Modern Media Initiative legislation makes Iceland a global safe haven for whistleblowers and journalists.



**Ms. Birgitta Jónsdóttir**

## **Charity for**

### **Mæðrastyrksnefnd**

This is the third time in a row that INL of NA, it's member clubs and individuals have sent money to Mæðrastyrksnefnd at Xmas. We sent 9,980.40, dollars to Iceland, since then we have received \$1,145 which will be sent shortly.

Presentations were made by our sister organization, INL of Iceland in the persons of Almar Grímsson and Ásta Sól Kristjánsdóttir.

Money was shared between 5

Mæðrastyrksnefndir, in Reykjavík, Hafnarfjörður, Kópavogur, Akureyri and Akranes.

They were all deeply moved by the generosity of INL of North America and its member clubs and the individuals behind this outstanding gift.

They all report a considerable increase of allocations to families in need. Estimate is around 50 % increase so the "kreppa" is still there. These 5 Mæðrastyrksnefndir are estimated to be supporting about 1.300

families over the holidays. Mæðrastyrksnefndirnar are supporting poor families throughout the year with food and

clothing, and give special help over the Christmas holidays, to help needy families enjoy the Christmas spirit.



**Sigurfljóð Skúladóttir chair of Mæðrastyrksnefnd in Kópavogur receives the certificate from Almar Grímsson President of INL of Iceland. On the left, Ásta Sól, INL Iceland Project Director, with her son Leon Bjartur and Erla Líndal**

## ICELANDIC NATIONAL

### LEAGUE OF N.A.

#### Report to Clubs

By Garry Oddleifson

(former ICCT President)

At the Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> INL/NA board meeting, it was suggested that a regular report of Icelandic National League of N.A. proceedings be sent to the clubs, so that it could be shared with all members.

When I first became involved with an Icelandic club in Toronto, in the late 1980's, it was a large, active group. We were only then being approached by the INL, which had decided (rightly so!) to reach out to clubs all over, so that the INL could become more inclusive. Like many fellow club members in Toronto at the time, I wondered how we would benefit from this involvement, and whether the financial cost was justified. I'm sure that this question has been asked repeatedly by many individual club members.

Speaking personally, I found out when I attended my first INL/NA conference, in Gimli in 1993, that the association was enough in itself, and I am happy to have expanded my involvement with others of Icelandic descent far beyond my involvement with the local club. I now am blessed with friends all over the continent, and realize that we share a deep interest in our heritage, which can often benefit from combined effort.

The recent suggestion that I report to you on behalf of the INL board will hopefully help you see that there is a benefit to your INL involvement. I only hope that I can get it right!

### INL/NA Report to Clubs - Installment #2 – Dec 2010

The question of convention costs and financial responsibilities that host clubs need to assume was discussed. The current board understands this situation and is sympathetic with it. We are particularly concerned that smaller clubs will regretfully not offer to host. Brandon has expressed interest in hosting the 2012 convention, but will probably hesitate if left to face financial problems. So the INL/NA board voted in principal, to offer financial assurance to host clubs, if we participate in the budget planning, and monitor any budget changes. The INL/NA conferences ought always to plan to break even. The motion will be brought forward at the AGM in Edmonton for a vote.

Rob Olason of Bellingham, WA, our Director of Membership, who is facilitating the Donald K. Johnson Icelandic movie program,

#### Recent doings:

-The 2011 INL calendar, featuring Icelandic foods (photos and recipes) has been doing so well, that our third printing is sold out. Sorry, it will not be printed again. Congratulations to Gwen and her calendar group. The calendar is the main fundraiser for the INL, and also raises funds for local clubs. The response to the request for photographs of Icelandic Flora and Fauna was so great that it will provide themes for the next two calendars –2012: Icelandic Fauna; 2013: Flora. Thanks to all for the submissions.

-Our **International Visits Program** meant that most clubs were able to hear and see the wonderful presentation of Kristinn Guðjónsson, about the eruption of Eyjafjallajökull earlier this year. Our next visitor will be the well known Icelandic photographer, Mats Wibe Lund, who photographs and catalogs farms from the air. This will be happening in Sept. 2011. Our first VP, Ron Goodman of Calgary, is working to find grant monies for our International Visits Programs. Good luck Ron.

--**Icelandair** will be helping us again next year, and has committed to provide airfare for the IVP program – a visitor from Iceland to North America, - a visitor from North America to Iceland, - airfare for our president to attend the INL Iceland annual conference. This last item is new and very much appreciated. Until now, your INL president paid his/her own way.

-Many clubs hold **Icelandic classes**. Here in Winnipeg, we hold 3 levels of classes: Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced. In Calgary, they alternate between classes in

has reported his pleasure in the way that "From Turf Cottage to the Cover of Time" was received, and is now organizing the upcoming showings of the next film, "Seagull's Laughter".

He has brought forward another idea ... it will be a reading program, called INL Reads, and the first book we will read will be announced at the Convention.

Thanks to Joan Eyolfson Cadham, Claire Eckley, and President Gail for organizing the lecture tour of our friend from Iceland, volcanologist and geographer Kristinn Guðjónsson. From all reports, it was a great success. For more details, see the Dec. 1 issue of Lögberg-Heimskringla, where Joan has written a 2 ½ page report. We look forward to the next International Visits Program installment.

Facebook! INL/NA has had a Facebook page since May 2010, and now has a total of 521

language one week, and cultural activities (baking, history) on alternate weeks. Perhaps we can share ideas and information on how other clubs do language classes – share texts, etc.

-over the last couple of years, the INL has financially supported the **Snorri program**. We have sent ½ of our annual income from investment interest to Snorri Iceland, expressly to be used in support of the Snorri youths from NA.

Of course, we strongly encourage clubs to encourage their youth to apply as a Snorri candidate. And, most clubs help the Snorri financially. This is encouraged as well.

-A new idea has been germinating, that North Americans join the **Heritage Tours** that come every summer from Iceland, under the guidance of Jonas Thor. For example, Minnesotans join the group, travel with them to clubs in North Dak. And New Iceland, etc. What do you think? Or, INL/NA clubs start to organize club-to-club visits. Manitoba clubs charter a bus to visit Markerville, for example. Comments and ideas are welcome.

The **ICCT Icelandic film** showings have been expanded across N.A. with "Turf Cottage" and "Seagull's Laughter" being shown this winter. We are happy and grateful that this film program has been given financial backing by one of our well known and devoted members, Donald K. Johnson of Toronto (originally from Lundar, MB)

Besta Kveðja, frá Garry Oddleifson  
Your INL Correspondent  
**INL website** [www.inlofna.org](http://www.inlofna.org)

fans. Join in, it will give you a chance to get updates, as Pam Furstenau makes 3 or 4 posts a week, and you can upload photos, videos, and comments. INL Iceland is also on Facebook.

There are plenty of INL/NA History books still available. At a cost to clubs of only \$3, these can be resold so that your club can raise a few \$. Also they are so inexpensive, they can be offered by your club as gifts.

For any questions or information on the INL/NA, check out our website at [inlofna.org](http://inlofna.org), or you can e-mail me at [goddleifson@mts.net](mailto:goddleifson@mts.net)

Nú ég er bara ségja Gleðileg Jól óg Farsælt Kommandi Ár. (Merry Xmas, Happy New Year), Bless, Bless óg besta kveðja

Your correspondent,  
Garry Oddleifson

# INL OF NA CONVENTION IN EDMONTON, UNITY FOREVER

**“THE PRESIDENT IS COMING“  
APRIL 28, TO MAY 1, 2011  
Early Bird Deadline Extended to  
February 15**

We are still preparing and finalizing the Program for the 92nd Annual Convention of the Icelandic National League of North America as **His Excellency, the President of Iceland is attending.**

The Icelandic National League of North America stores the roots of our heritage and re-kindles the Icelandic spirit wherever it can and it will do so once again in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

The Nordurljos Club members are starting to buzz in anticipation of His Excellency, President Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson, and hundreds of Icelandic friends and relatives coming to Edmonton.

We have contacted many different presenters and are pleased to announce that Bjarni Tryggvason, the Icelandic Canadian astronaut has enthusiastically agreed to come to Edmonton for our convention to meet everyone. You will hear Gísli Pálsson's intimate stories about Vilhjálmur Stefánsson's life as the incredible Arctic explorer and meet his two grand daughters in person. Nelson Gerrard, historian and genealogist, will present a challenging look at our organization entitled 'The INL of NA: Mission Impossible?' Our venue will once again unfold at the world-renowned West Edmonton Mall, Fantasyland Hotel. If our program doesn't take your breath away the Shopping Mall will!!!!

Our intent is to showcase Iceland's beauty, the people, the economy and the harsh volcanic environment in which they live harmoniously with nature. Our members are anxious to renew old friendships and welcome new faces over Kaffitimi and Song, so come.....make new friends, visit your old friends, relive old memories and feel what it's like to be Icelandic again.

The month of May in Alberta is the rebirth of summer and is refreshing and inviting. Tour Edmonton; see Jasper, Lake Louise and Banff in the Rocky Mountains and then Calgary. So much to do, so much to see.....give yourself time and check out the Registration Bargain at [www.inlofna.org](http://www.inlofna.org) or [www.iccedmonton.org](http://www.iccedmonton.org).

2011 INL CONVENTION OF NORTH AMERICA  
G.O. (Jerry) Kristjanson  
Convention Chair

**Convention Registration  
Co-Chairpersons:**

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Joedy Englesby  
780-905-3000**



**Current Executive of the INL of NA at Toronto Convention in 2010**

**Garry Oddleifson (Wpg.), Gwen Grattan (Gimli),  
Pam Furstenaus (Fargo), Gail Einarson-McCleery (Toronto),  
Brad Hirst (Selkirk), Gwen Mann (Calgary),  
Dianne O'Konski (Minneapolis), Joan Eyolfson-Cadham (Foam Lake),  
Chris Byron (Coon Rapids), Claire Eckley (Minneapolis),  
Ron Goodman (Calgary), Jane McReynolds (Calgary),  
Holly Ralph (Hamilton), and Gerri McDonald (Vancouver)**

**Missing from the photo,**

**Joel Fridfinsson (Arborg), Irene Finnson (Vancouver),  
Rob Olason (Blaine), and Kara Schuster (Toronto),  
Regional Directors: Margret Amirault (Vancouver), Harold Jonasson  
(Brandon), Bernice Anderson (Markerville), and Gerry Einarsson (Ottawa)**

## WHEN TO PAY MY DUES?

Membership fees cover the calendar year, so you should pay them by January 1st. If you look at your mailing label, you will see the code .."10" for example means you have paid for 2010, "09" means you forgot to pay for 2010. If you receive a reminder with your newsletter, it means you haven't paid yet.

### SAVE PAPER ...

#### GET YOUR NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

In the near future, we plan to send your newsletter by Email to those who use Email.

Please confirm your email address to

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## Midwinter Brunch

The **London chapter** of the Icelandic Canadian Club of Toronto extends a warm invitation to all South Western Ontario-based Icelanders and friends to attend a potluck Midwinter Brunch/Feast at the home of Heidi and Garry Williams, 271 Cathcart Street (near Base Line and Wharncliffe) on Sunday January 30, 2011 from 1-3 pm. All are welcome. Please come to share time, laughter and stories with your potential 'cousins' !!! Please contact Heidi by phone at 519-434-3580 or email one of us below:

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## News from the Museum in Gimli

The Community Memories exhibit, "The Icelandic Festival of Manitoba"

is now available on-line on [virtualmuseum.ca](http://virtualmuseum.ca) via the following link.

[http://www.virtualmuseum.ca/pm\\_v2.php?id=exhibit\\_home&fl=0&lg=English&ex=706](http://www.virtualmuseum.ca/pm_v2.php?id=exhibit_home&fl=0&lg=English&ex=706)

## SNORRI PLUS DEADLINE JAN. 31

Reminder from Ásta Sól Kristjánsdóttir, INL of Iceland Project Manager for Snorri Plus

If you are over 30 years old of age the best way to discover your roots is by traveling with Snorri Plus.

Anyone in North America can apply for this exciting adventure. It includes:

Family tree and contact with relatives

Culture & Nature

Connection with Icelandic colleagues

Rate from 2,990 CAD/USD

Flights from 410 USD (plus taxes)

Deadline: January 31, 2011

Travel Dates: August 18 – 31, 2011

[www.snorri.is](http://www.snorri.is) [astasol@snorri.is](mailto:astasol@snorri.is)



## SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

### Scholarships:

An ICCT Scholarship award of \$1000 is available to be awarded to a student of Icelandic descent who is in or about to enter post secondary education. We are interested in attracting candidates who, in addition to high academic standing, leadership skills and community involvement, have a sincere interest in their Icelandic heritage. Consideration will be given to students in financial need. The applicant or his/her family must be a member in good standing of the ICCT.

For application forms, please contact Heather Prinsloo, President ICCT, 75 Clansman Blvd, Toronto, ON M2H 1X7.

### Icelandic Camp:

The ICCT awards a grant of \$500 to be awarded to a child of Icelandic descent between the ages of 8 and 15 for the purpose of attending the Icelandic Camp at Camp Veselka near Gimli, Manitoba July 24 to 29. The parent/guardian must be a member of the ICCT. Deadline for receipt of application is April 30. Info. on the camp is at <http://www.icelandiccamp.com/>

### Snorri Grant:

Grants are available to people of Icelandic descent participating in the Snorri Program in 2011. The amount awarded will vary from year to year. For details contact President Heather Prinsloo

[dhprinsloo@gmail.com](mailto:dhprinsloo@gmail.com)

Application forms and details will be available on our website

February 1 for all these scholarships and grants. <http://icct.info/>

### Scholarship to Iceland

The University of Iceland in Reykjavik offers a scholarship in Icelandic for Foreign Students intended for students of language and literature. Apply through the INL of NA <http://inlofna.org...> under Scholarships, click on Iceland, Ministry of Education in the index.

Deadline is February 15, 2011.

## ICELANDIC CLASSES

RESUME MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH

The next 6 week session of our very successful Icelandic classes resume Monday, February 7th.

If you are interested in joining the classes, please contact the new Organizer,

Arden Jackson [arden@ardendesign.com](mailto:arden@ardendesign.com) for details on time and place.

## Distributor needed

Sif Cosmetics is looking for a distributor in Canada for BIOEFFECT EGF Serum, a revolutionary new skin care product.

If you are interested, contact [eirikur@sifcosmetics.com](mailto:eirikur@sifcosmetics.com), or go to [www.sifcosmetics.com](http://www.sifcosmetics.com) or [www.orfgenetics.com](http://www.orfgenetics.com)

## Volunteers for Þorrablót

Help in kitchen, Icelandic food

Contact [arden@ardendesign.com](mailto:arden@ardendesign.com)

## Interesting website

[Grapevine.is](http://Grapevine.is) is an entertainment and information website that caters to Iceland enthusiasts, English-speaking Icelanders and travellers planning a trip to the country.

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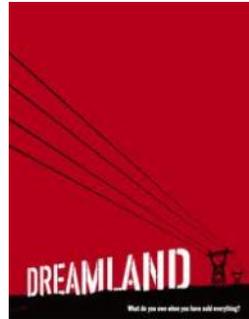
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## Nordic Nights Movie



### Dreamland

(Icelandic: *Draumalandið*) is a 2009 Icelandic documentary film by Andri Snær Magnússon about politics, environmental preservation and damming, focusing on The Kárahnjúkar Hydro-

power Project and its environmental impact.

Playing time: **90 min.**

**Feb 23, National Film Board, 150 John St.**

Reception at **6pm** with Tosca Teran showcase.

Movie begins at **7pm.**

Members, seniors and students \$8, others \$10.

Dreamland was screened in various universities in Canada 2010 by Cinema Politica. The film has been very well received by the people of Cinema Politica and they call Dreamland, "One of the best environmental films ever made."

### The Book

#### *Dreamland: A Self-Help Manual for a*

#### *Frightened Nation*

is written by the Icelandic author Andri Snær Magnússon. It became the number one best-selling book in Iceland in 2006, and received the Winner of the Icelandic Literary Award, and Winner of the Icelandic Bookseller Prize the same year. The English edition of the book has a foreword by the Icelandic artist Björk. The Icelandic version's title is *Draumalandið - sjálfhjálparbók handa hræddri þjóð*

## Iceland Travel Show

Sunday, February 27th at 2:30 pm

Come and get the latest news, prices, brochures and have all your travel

questions answered.

Hear first hand from people who have traveled to Iceland in the past year and

see all their beautiful pictures.

This event is not to be missed if you are looking to plan your next adventure to Iceland.



Krýsuvík—from Wikimedia.org-Andreas Tille

Location:

**Morningside-High Park Presbyterian Church,**

**4 Morningside Avenue**

**WEST END, NEAR RUNNYMEDE AND BLOOR**

**Members, seniors and students \$8, others \$10**

More info: Gail: 416 762 8627

## Did you know?

Until 1995, it was legal by law to kill any Turkish person "on the spot" by any Icelandic civilian.

This law came into effect after the

"Tyrkjarán", 1627.

In fact the pirates were not Turkish, but Algerians and Morrocans, one of their leaders was also believed to be Murat Reis, an outlaw from the Netherlands.

When Iceland was hosting the World Cup in Handball in 1995, the old law was removed on request from Turkish authorities.

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