

LEIF EIRIKSSON ICELANDIC CLUB OF CALGARY NEWSLETTER



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ANNUAL SENIOR'S LUNCHEON



Thursday, May 23, 2019
VIKING HALL, (upstairs) Scandinavian
Centre,
739 - 20th Ave NW-
Doors open 11:30 am, Luncheon,
12:30 noon

To register please call Marg Finnson at (403)
289-9827 or

Alda Sigvaldason at (403) 230-5599
IF NO ANSWER - PLEASE LEAVE A
MESSAGE IF YOU PLAN TO COME

This luncheon is complimentary of the Leif
Eiriksson Icelandic Club of Calgary

*You're
Invited!*



..... LIBRARY DAY AT THE SCAN CENTRE

Saturday, May 25th
2:00 pm.

A **Library Appreciation** afternoon is being planned so members can come and have a visit with **Christine Stuart-Smith** who is retiring as our Club Librarian. We will have cake and coffee and time to chat with her to show our appreciation for her many years as our librarian.

NOTE: As of May, the new treasurer is Keith Baker, thank you, Keith for taking on the position for the coming year.



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ICELANDIC NATIONAL CELEBRATION – – ÍSLENDINGAMÓT

**MARKERVILLE -Saturday, JUNE 15,
2019**

The Alberta Clubs will celebrate together on **June 15**, the day that the Republic of Iceland gained Independence from Denmark.

This is a National Holiday in Iceland. This year we also celebrate the crowning of **Calgary Fjallkona, Barbara Sigurdson**. Drive or take the bus to **Markerville Park and the Fensala Hall**. This is a rain or shine event. If it rains, go to Fensala Hall.

We need someone to bake a ham ready to serve cold.

Please email if you wish to take the bus.
To register for the bus, email Gwen at
<LDGOMANN@ [gmail.com](mailto:ldgomann@gmail.com)>
Or call 403 – 242 9714



BUS TO MARKERVILLE SCHEDULE: **Saturday, June 15, 2019**

10:30 a.m. Load bus at the NAPA Auto Supply, **730 – 16th Ave NW**, with parking against the back wall.

10:45 a.m. Bus departs for Markerville.

12:30 – 12:45 Estimated arrival time in Markerville. After the program and dinner, we depart for Calgary.

8:00 p.m. Estimated time to arrive in Calgary.

DONALD K. JOHNSON FILM SERIES

Christine Mueller

As part of the Donald K. Johnson Film Series, the film "**A Force in Nature**" was shown at the River Park Church on April 5th, 2019 to an appreciative audience of about 50 people.

The Film documents the life of **Johann Eyfells**, who was originally from Iceland and settled in the United States. At the age of 94 Johann was still working as a sculptor. This film is inspirational and thought provoking.

Thanks go out to **Christine Stuart-Smith** and to Melanie **Kolbein** for providing coffee and cookies at the reception following the film; also, to **Nancy Tarr** for her work in organizing donations and to all who donated to the Veterans Food Bank. And the Executive thanks **Christine Mueller** for organizing this event.

IN MEMORIUM **DAVID OLAFUR VIDALIN** 1925 – 2019

The Leif Eiriksson Icelandic Club was sad to learn of the passing of Honorary Member, **David Olafur Vidalin**. David was born in Riverton, MB on March 24, 1925 and passed away on April 23, 2019. He is survived by his wife Susanne and daughter Gerri and her husband Paul. Condolences may be forwarded through www.McInnisandHolloway.com

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR **SNASHALL, Deanna Aurora**

April 6, 1942 – Edmonton, Alberta

January 25, 2019 – Calgary, Alberta

Deanna Snashall, beloved wife of Don Snashall of Calgary passed away on Friday, January 25, 2019 at the age of 76 years.

A Memorial Service will be held at Willow Park Golf and Country Club on Friday, May 10, at 1:30 p.m.

Our condolences to AGNES COOKE on the passing of her beloved oldest daughter, Catherine Mills. Funeral Service will be held on Sunday, May 12, 2:30 p.m. at Elbow Drive McInnis and Holloway.

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President's Message

Bob Baker

Our Annual Spring Dinner was held on Saturday, April 27th and despite being hit with a May blizzard we had 80 in attendance, a very strong turnout. The entertainment was great and Visionary Catering put on an excellent spread for us.

"The Vikings Are Coming" exhibit opens in April at the Royal Alberta Museum in Edmonton. The Exhibit will run from April 20th through October 20th. Mark your calendars as the club is organizing a bus tour to Edmonton to visit the exhibit on Saturday, September 7th. More details will be provided closer to the date.

INLNA Convention 2019 and beyond – LEIC will be well represented by a large delegation in Winnipeg for the 2019 Convention taking place over the May long weekend. Calgary has been selected by the INLNA to host the 2021 Convention. Our last convention in 2008 was a great success and we are looking forward to the challenge of making 2021 even better for our visitors from across North America and Iceland. The date has been set for May 13 – 16, 2021. We are in the process of selecting the host site now. Our theme will be "Celebrating the Arts" with a focus on Alberta's Icelandic heritage and all Canadians of Icelandic descent who are involved in the various art forms; writing (authors, poets), music (singers, musicians, song writers, composers), and visual arts (painters, sculptures, photography, graphic arts). May hands lighten the load and we encourage all members with an interest in becoming involved with organizing the convention step up and volunteer for a committee. Everyone is welcome.



Brenda and Bob Baker and grandchild

WRIGHT, Irene

August 27, 1929 – April 9, 2019



Irene Wright (nee Thorvaldson) is predeceased by her husband John (Jack) Wright and survived by her children Shelley (Gary) McReynolds, Leslie (Dave) Maginley, and Kent (Marlene) Wright, 7 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

A private family ceremony was held May 4, 2019 at the Fairmont Evergreen Cemetery.

Thank you to McKenzie Towne Revera Staff for making Mom's final journey with Alzheimer's safe, comfortable and happy.

To view Irene's Tribute Page and leave messages of remembrance please visit

www.southcalgaryfuneralcentre.ca

CARE AND CONCERN



Nancy Tarr is doing a wonderful job as Care and Concern person for the LEIC. If you know of anyone who is having health issues or is celebrating a special

birthday or anniversary -please let Nancy know by calling her at 403-253-7433.



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LEIF EIRIKSSON ICELANDIC CLUB SUMARDAGURINN FYRST SPRING DINNER.

This year the dinner was held on April 27, and unfortunately Mother Nature came in howling with a blizzard. 80 hardy Icelanders were not kept home and enjoyed a wonderful evening with great food and superb entertainment. Barb Thorson and friends (Val Hudson and Owen McLaughlin) entertained us with Broadway tunes and other favourite songs. The evening was a success despite the weather.

Gwen Mann managed to get some great pictures, but she left before the program as the weather was worsening. Below are some of the pictures from the evening.



Chef from Visionary Caterer: Lindsay Chatterton



**THANKS TO THE COMMITTEE FOR PUTTING
ON THIS WONDERFUL EVENT: AFTON
BARABASH, BOB BAKER, DOUG FINNISON,
CHRISTINE MUELLER . MARG GRISDALE**

