

LEIF EIRIKSSON ICELANDIC CLUB OF CALGARY NEWSLETTER



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THE LEIF EIRIKSSON ICELANDIC CLUB OF CALGARY AND THE JÓLASVEIN
INVITE ALL OUR MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS TO OUR
ANNUAL YULETIDE CELEBRATIONS
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2018
SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE, 739 – 20TH AVENUE NW



TICKET PRICES:

TIME: 5:00 pm Door opens
5:00-6:00 pm Cash Bar and
Icelandic Hors d'oeuvres
6:15 pm Dinner -Roast Turkey and Lamb
and all the trimmings
followed by Icelandic Desserts



Adult Members: \$35
Students with card: \$25
Youth 13-17 yrs. \$15
Children 6-12 \$10
Children under 5 years free

NOTE: When ordering tickets, please indicate ages of children.

To donate Icelandic hors d'oeuvres, brown bread or desserts, please call **Lorie Dobson (403) 912-6869**

ATTENTION: Calling all children who wish to be jólasveinar! Call Kristie-Anne (403) 270-7533

DO WE HAVE A PIANIST IN THE CLUB WHO WOULD PLAY FOR THE CHRISTMAS SONGS? PHONE MARGARET AT (403) 251-7018

Registration for this event will be **closed Monday, November 19** in order to provide dinner numbers to our caterer. Pre-payment of dinner tickets can be made by cash, cheque or **you can also send an e-transfer:**

Margaret Grisdale, LEIC Treasurer
430C – 15 Everstone Dr. SW, Calgary, AB, T2Y 5B5



*If you have to cancel your reservation, please do so before the deadline. We must pay for your dinner if you are a no show. You may call **Margaret Grisdale at (403)251-7018** or email grisdal9@telus.net regarding any questions about registering for the event.*

If you have a donation for the Tombola, please call Nancy Tarr at (403) 254-7433.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR CLEANUP.

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INL of NA's Icelandic Film Series 2018-2019

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 groundbreaking artworks of the era. For over thirty years, Jóhann Eyfells has been a legend in the Orlando art community who has made his incredible presence felt on the international art stage and in so doing made an indelible mark in the annals of Modern art history. Having been exhibited at the **Venice Biennale**, the **United Nations** and the **Olympics**, as well as being featured in the collections of illustrious museums like the **Tate** in London, Jóhann Eyfells artworks are recognized worldwide as some of the most significant aesthetic achievements of the last half century.

Written and directed by Hayden de Maisoneuve Yates, this intimate portrait profiles the indomitable spirit of an artistic genius as he continues to create ambitious masterworks into the twilight years of his life. Over a decade in the making, this compassionate examination of a creative spirit provides a glimpse into the passion and pathos that motivates one of the most innovative talents of the era.

At ninety four years of age, Jóhann Eyfells's work ethic and drive to indefatigably explore the mysteries of the universe through his sculptural practice is guaranteed to inspire anyone who would engage the artistic struggle to find meaning in the pursuit of aesthetic discovery.

"The LEIC plans to show the film at the River Park Church in April of 2019, date and time to be announced. Watch future newsletters for details This is a film not to be missed!"

In the meantime, here is a "trailer" for the film: <https://vimeo.com/213382491>

KARL EINAR TORFASON



Karl Einar Torfason was born on May 13, 1952 in Gimli, Manitoba to parents Iris Sigridur and Victor Carl Torfason. Karl passed away the second week of August, 2018, following a tragic fall in his Calgary home. He was predeceased by his loving Mother, Iris Torfason, in 2016. He is survived by 5

half- siblings, his Uncle Valdi Frederickson of California and many cousins across all Western Canadian provinces.

Karl attended San Diego Military Academy during the time his Mother, Iris, was teaching in Nevada. When he and Iris moved back to Calgary in 1998, he worked for Direct Energy in Sales. In later years he worked part-time jobs for Elections Canada and Fun Casinos.

He attended many Icelandic National League Conventions over the years with his Mother, Iris. He was a devoted Son and enjoyed meeting his Mother's many cousins and friends from across North America and Iceland.

Karl loved golfing, playing bridge, photography and was very proud of his Icelandic Heritage. Karl was a dedicated member of the Leif Eiriksson Icelandic Club of Calgary (LEIC) where he was the photographer and Casino Chairperson.

He was also a member of The Royal Canadian Legion #265 (Horton Road) in Calgary where he enjoyed activities and visiting with long time friends. He was also a member of the Unitarian Church of Calgary.

At Karl's request, there was no service or memorial. A tree will be planted in his memory at Fish Creek Park (Calgary) in September of 2019.

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Anna Dagnall & Linda Bjarnason have asked LEIC if they would please share information of an upcoming event in memory of Karl Torfason.

PUB NITE - A TOAST TO KARL TORFASON

WHEN: Thursday, October 25, 2018

WHERE: TOAD 'N' TURTLE PUBHOUSE
(2475 - 27 Avenue NE)

TIME: 6 TO 9 PM (come & go or stay)

Food and Drinks will be available from menu at your own cost
Dinner specials \$10.00 and up
- ½ price bottles of wine

RSVP by October 18th:

Anna (403-288-1443) or Linda (403-241-0778)
(We have a room reserved and need to give numbers to pub for setup)



Karl Einar Torfason - passed away on August 17, 2018

“Let’s raise our glasses and share stories in his memory”

SCANDINAVIAN CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
Sunday, November 11th
10:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.



Volunteers are needed. If you have an hour or so to take a shift at our club table, this is a great opportunity to visit with old friends and then enjoy the coffee and open-face sandwiches in the Valhalla Room.

As always, we will be featuring our wonderful vínarterta, but we would like to have other baking to offer at our table - bread, buns, cookies, cakes, jams, jellies...anything you like to bring would be greatly appreciated. This is not just a bake table, crafts, knitted items, etc. would also be very welcome.

If you can help -please contact:

Helene Goodman at 403-375-9777
or **Christine Stuart-Smith at 403-2441560**

LIBRARY NEWS

Christine Stuart-Smith

New additions to our library include:

W.D. Valgardson’s latest novel, a crime fiction, *In Valhalla’s Shadows*, described as “an unfolding mystery and a delightful surprise when it comes to a thrilling cast of characters and the soul renewal that can come from finding a new home in the world.”

And on a lighter note, a delightful novel by Auður Ava Einarsdóttir, *Butterflies in November*.

Save the date: We are planning a **Library Open House**, especially for young people and their parents, on December 15th. More details later!

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MEMBERSHIP

LEIC of Calgary memberships are due Jan 1, 2019 - to continue receiving the L-H subscription, your membership must be paid up. Payment may be included in your Yule Event payment and sent directly to the treasurer.

Family memberships are **\$30.00**, and single memberships are **15.00**. Please send payment to:

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grisdal9@telus.net or for NEW Memberships, please contact Afton Barabash at (587) 229-5971 or email: myownslideshow@gmail.com

We accept cash, cheques and E-transfers.

If you know of any members of our club in sickness or distress, please let our



Care and Concern person know by calling -

**Nancy Tarr at
(403)254-7433.**

VINARTERTA BEE AT THE SCAN CENTER

October 18 from 10 AM to 4 PM

All members are welcome to come whether you have made vinarterta for years or want to learn how to make the Icelandic cake.

Please bring:

Apron and rolling pin and a noon bag lunch.

Coffee/Tea and dessert will be provided.

To sign up please contact Lorie Dobson at **403-912-6869** or email thedobsons@telus.net.



Bev Arason-Gaudet, president of the INLofNA was a guest at Our Fall Feast.



**Erik Sherwin and Suzie Forsyth, 2018 Snorri participants.
Photos by Michael Tarr – thank you Michael**

FALL FEAST AT THE DANISH CANADIAN CLUB

Afton Barabash

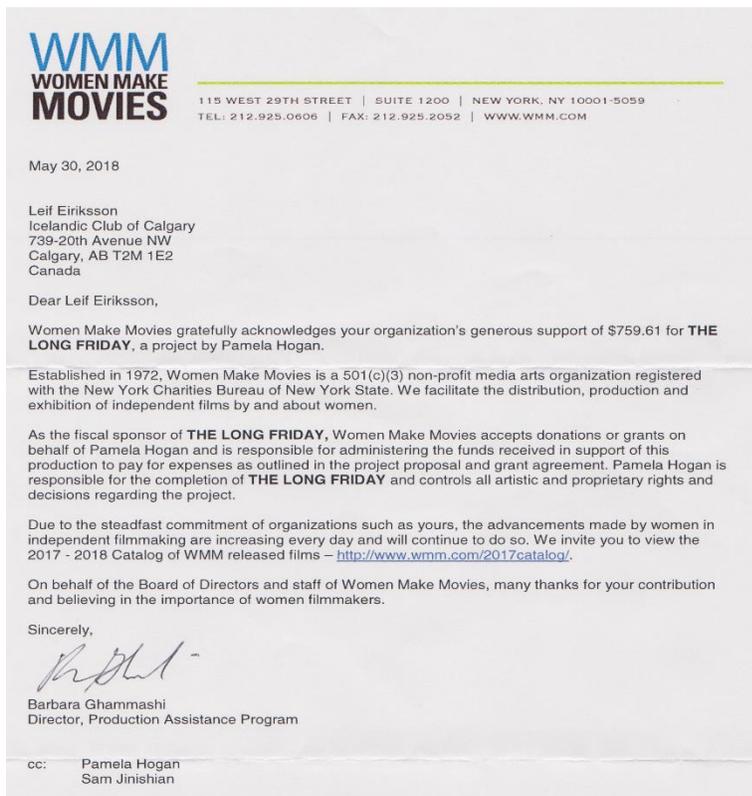
The 2018 Fall Feast and celebration of our Snorris was a great success. We joined together at the Danish Canadian Club where a delicious feast was enjoyed by all, followed by a speech by our INLNA President, Bev Arason-Gaudet and a special blessing by Edith Lewis.

Our Snorris, Susie Forsyth and Eric Sherwin, presented their trip highlights, complete with gorgeous photos and videos. They held the audience captive with their adventures had in Iceland. Thank you - Susie and Eric!

Stay tuned for the 2019 Snorri Application!

Pakka þér fyrir to our Fall Feast Committee: Afton Barabash, Melanie Kolbeins, Bob Baker, Cynthia Pickering, Margaret Grisdale, Lorie Dobson and Nancy Tarr.

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The Leif Eiriksson Icelandic Club of Calgary made a donation for the documentary “The Long Friday” at the Icelandic National League Convention in Edmonton this past April. This was to document the Official Iceland “Women’s Day off” where all the women of Iceland stood together in protest on October 24, 1975. I hope you will be able to read the letter received in thanks for this project for the women who wanted this date to be remembered. If you get a chance to view this movie, I encourage you all to do so. We also received a hand written thank you note from the producer, Pamela Hogan.

Margaret Grisdale,
Treasurer of LEIC.



We are hosting a Variety Show and fundraiser to send a *Story Circle* team to a refugee camp in Ethiopia:
Wednesday, Nov. 7 in the Bella Theatre!

We are calling the show, *Vera & Friends*. My friends will be on stage, in the audience and hopefully will be assisting as Sponsors of the event. I am looking forward to having a reunion with the many people I have met through the years: it will be very exciting to have everyone together in the same venue!

Over the years I have tried to attend the galas, concerts, signings and other events that my friends have promoted. I know how much work is entailed in all these things. We need 650 people to fill the theatre, so I will need all of you, my friends, to help me make this an AMAZING success.

It will be a fabulous evening of fun and entertainment. Ten totally different acts will keep you surprised and entertained. **Darryl Janz** and **Michelle Cameron** will host the party. I’m not mentioning names of performers because, like a good book, I want you to be asking “**What’s next?**” You will soon receive an invitation to the event and if you could forward it to your friends with a personal note asking them to meet you there I would greatly appreciate it. With your support and assistance, we can make a HUGE difference for the children and families in the refugee camp. It is a big undertaking for an ‘old girl’. **Vera Goodman 403-240-0402.**



Happy Thanksgiving

THE LEIF EIRIKSSON ICELANDIC CLUB OF CALGARY WISH YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY THANKSGIVING. WE HAVE MUCH TO BE GRATEFUL FOR IN OUR SOCIETY. BEST WISHES TO YOU ALL!