

# LEIF EIRIKSSON ICELANDIC CLUB OF CALGARY NEWSLETTER



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THE LEIF EIRIKSSON ICELANDIC CLUB OF CALGARY WILL BE CELEBRATING THE FIRST DAY OF SUMMER OR “SUMARDAGURINN FYRSTI, CALGARY STYLE” AT THE SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE – VIKING HALL 739 – 20<sup>TH</sup> AVE. NW, CALGARY, AB APRIL 29, 2017.

This year we have a special guest, Dr. Marguerite Nering, a Calgary singer/pianist entertaining us with Icelandic music.



Doors open at 5:30 pm  
Dinner at 6:30  
Followed by entertainment.  
The price of this event is 12 & under \$12.  
\$25.00 for members- \$30.  
nonmembers,  
this includes a hot buffet.

Don't miss out on this very special evening.  
COME OUT AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS

To reserve your ticket by  
April 24/17

Send you cheque or E-Transfer to  
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For more information on special diet needs etc. please email [grisdal9@telus.net](mailto:grisdal9@telus.net) or call Margret at (403)251-7018.

## MEET AND GREET



Saturday, April 8th - 10 a.m. until noon  
Saga Room at the Scandinavian Centre  
739 - 20th Ave. N.W.

Come and join us for coffee and cookies, a chance to visit and to discover some of the wonderful items in our library. Our Icelandic collection (mostly all in English) includes works of fiction and non-fiction, and children's, DVDs and CDs that may be borrowed. You are invited, too, to bring any questions or suggestions you might have about the library.

We look forward to seeing you on the 8th!

If you'd like more information, please call  
Christine Stuart-Smith at 403-2441560.

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## A few new additions to our library collection Christine Stuart-Smith

### *White Settler Reserve: New Iceland and the Colonization of the Canadian West*

Author, Ryan Eyford, associate History professor at the University of Winnipeg, brings together details forgotten or never known about New Iceland.

“One of the most persistent myths about the Icelandic reserve” he writes, “is that, during its first twelve years, it was a semi-autonomous state called the “Republic of New Iceland”.

In his review in L-H, W.D. Valgardson, hopes that every library in Canada and Iceland has copies of this book, and describes it as “an assessment of how the settlement worked, why it failed in many respects and why it ultimately survived, although quite changed from the original concept.”

### *The Little Book of the Hidden People*

Alda Sigmundsdóttir, described by Stefan Jonasson as “an international authority on Iceland as it *really* is”, presents twenty elf stories from Icelandic folklore, along with fascinating notes on the context from which they sprung.. “A lively and insightful introduction into Icelandic folk beliefs.”

### *Iceland: The Ultimate Iceland Travel Guide by a Traveler for a Traveler*

A small book from “Lost Travelers” offers some useful background information on Iceland, easy to read suggestions for activities for a limited time there, plus a bit on history, culture, cuisine to read before you leave.

## Inter-Club Icelandic Recipe Exchange

Do you enjoy baking or cooking? Do you have an Icelandic recipe to share with the Icelandic-North American community? Don't worry, we are not asking you to give away your family's secret recipes, we just want to keep Icelandic culture alive by sharing tips and recipes for Icelandic dishes. They can be traditional or modern, we love Icelandic cuisine in all forms!

Please send your submissions to Natalie at:  
[falkinn@icet.info](mailto:falkinn@icet.info)

## “THE SNORRIS ARE COMING”

Next summer 2017, Calgary will be hosting probably 5 Snorri participants from Iceland. Perhaps they will have relatives in Calgary that they would like to stay with. If you wish to billet someone please let Stan Johnson know and he can put your name on a list of possible billets. **They will be here July 2 - 7.** We have a committee headed by Stan Johnson, helping him are Gwen Mann, Shannon Wright, Heather (McCree) Erlen, Natalie Wirth and Margaret Grisdale.

The LEIC will have about \$1,000 to budget for this visit. A budget will be prepared and a schedule planned. We are asking our members if they are able to help in any way with this visit.....tickets to different venues, cash donations, or just ideas. We hope we can acquire tickets for them to attend the Calgary Stampede parade. Our Snorri participants were treated so grandly in Iceland that we would like to make sure they have a memorable visit to Calgary and area.

For more questions or comments about this program you can contact

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**Plans are underway for Markerville  
Independence Day - June 17, 2017**

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## **LEIF EIRIKSSON ICELANDIC CLUB- EVENTS CALENDAR FOR 2017**

- April 29<sup>th</sup> - Spring Dinner
- May 25<sup>th</sup> - Senior Luncheon
- May 4 – 7<sup>th</sup> INL of NA Convention  
– see information in the Lögberg
- June 17<sup>th</sup> - Markerville celebration
- Sept 30<sup>th</sup> - Fall Feast
- Nov 12<sup>th</sup> -Scandinavian Christmas Bazaar
- Nov 25<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Party

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**The Icelandic National League of North America 2017 Convention “Connecting the Pieces” will be held in Grand Forks and Northern North Dakota May 4 – 7, 2017. President Lorie Dobson, Gwen Mann and Margret Grisdale will be attending. For more information go to the website:**

[www.inlofna.org](http://www.inlofna.org)

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## **LEIF EIRIKSSON ICELANDIC CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting of the LEIC was held at the Scandinavian Cultural Centre, Viking Hall on January 29, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. Mistress of Ceremonies, Vice President Lorie Dobson welcomed all the guests and introduced our Alberta Fjallkona, Marg Finnson who gave a short address followed by the blessing of the food. A pot luck dinner included a delicious assortment of salads, veggies, meats and desserts with a baked ham provided by the Executive and cooked by Stan and Tannis Johnson.

Following dinner, the Annual General Meeting was called to order. Reports were presented by the Executive officers and committee chairs. Since a quorum was present Gwen Mann conducted the election of new officers for the position of president, vice president and treasurer. The Secretary and Membership Recorder have one more year of their term of office. The following were elected by acclamation:

President	Lorie Dobson
Vice President	Stan Johnson
Treasurer	Margret Grisdale

Honourary memberships were bestowed upon very worthy club members, Glen and Shirley Narfason and Lois and Ed Yasinko. Congratulations you are all very deserving of this honour. Following these presentations the meeting was adjourned. A photo op followed with Karl Torfason taking the pictures.



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## AGM CLUB PHOTOS BY KARL TOREASON



**Back row: Wayne Pickering, Tannis Johnson, Peter Peterson, Shannon Wright, Marg Finnson, Gwen Mann  
Front row: Margret Grisdale, Victor Laxdal, Lorie Dobson, Stan Johnson**



**Mavis Marteinson, Judy Ubaldi, Kelly Flemming,  
Shirley Morton**



**Pete Peterson, Brent and Brigette Grisdale,  
Victoria and Kirsten Peterson**



**Glen & Shirley Narfason**



**Lois & Ed Yasinko**

**Vera Goodman & Christine  
Stuart-Smith**

