



# Gimli Icelandic Canadian Society

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**NEWSLETTER**

**FALL 2008**

## **Message from the President:**

Several GICS members came out to visit with Jonas Thor's group from Iceland at a Kaffi Mot on May 19 at Museum. Dilla brought the fruit bread and the Museum looked after the rest. Thanks to all who came out.

Benna and Helga attended the Hjemkomst in Fargo in June and took part in their Style show. If you are willing to wear an Icelandic costume and be in the Style show, you get a hotel room for your trouble. Perhaps several of us can attend Hjemkomst when it is Fargo-Moorhead Iceland Club's turn to host in 2010.

Mary Peterson Woods's family concert Fund Raiser July 6<sup>th</sup> in the Johnson Hall was a great success. We were lucky enough to be offered this concert as a fund raiser for the convention. We were treated to a grand concert and were able to raise about \$1000 for expenses for the 90<sup>th</sup> INL convention GICS host next spring.

Our table at the Festival looked very good, thanks for Judith Komenda who managed the table, filled time slots with volunteers, looked after set up and take down. Claude Thorsteinson was there nearly full time selling calendars, pins, etc.

I was able to get two tickets from Icelandair to anywhere they fly from North American. We will have a raffle for this trip and hope to sell many, many tickets at \$5.00 each.

We were contacted about our club entertaining group of 35 Icelanders that Jonas Thor is bringing on Sept 20. Instead of just a Kaffi mot it will be a lunch at the Lutheran Church, for which we will be paid \$10.00 per person.

Volunteers are welcome to help make sandwiches, soup, etc, and to come out to visit with them.

Convention meetings will be starting up again and we have lots to do, so we are counting on our members to support in whatever way they can. Thanks in advance!

Bless, bless, Helga

## **INL Convention:**

The convention in Calgary was well attended by members from Gimli. Overall it was a great convention with a variety of events and time for visiting with old friends and meeting new people. One entertainment event was music by 12 fiddlers who were all young people 14 – 18 years of age. Absolutely superb and made you tap your toes and want to dance.

Don't forget the Convention will be in Gimli next year April 30<sup>th</sup>, May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009.

## **Fjallkona:**

Congratulations to our member Alma Sigurdson who was introduced as the 2008 Fjallkona. The event took place May 4<sup>th</sup> at Misty Lake Lodge with many happy family members, former Fjallkonur and others in attendance.

## **Membership Dues:**

Thanks to all who have paid their membership for the year. If you haven't paid, as yet, please contact Elva at 642-5053 or Benna at 642-5593 or Dilla at 642-5812. A big welcome to all new members.

### **Annual Raffle:**

As many of you already know, the annual raffle continued with four prizes. We gratefully accepted the donation of two framed pictures of scenes of Iceland from Dick Thorsteinson. Winners were announced at the September meeting. The winners were;

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize: Framed picture – Jackie Walker
- 2<sup>nd</sup> prize: Icelandic Flag Clock – Steen Sigurdson
- 3<sup>rd</sup> prize: Jólaveinnar – Shelley & Cliff Narfason
- 4<sup>th</sup> prize: \$100.00 – Amelia Thordarson

### **Kaffitími:**

Icelandic conversation at “Kaffitími” has continued on Wednesdays at 3:00pm at Amma’s. Attendance has varied from 5 to 16 and at times guests have joined the group. They have come from Riverton, Arborg and even Iceland. The talk can be lively. Everyone is welcome to participate.

### **2009 Calendars:**

The 2009 Calendars were ready by Festival time. Art by painters of Icelandic descent was featured and submissions from both the late Don Martin and Mabel Tinguely were chosen for the Calendar. Great for those two members and for our Society. If you haven’t got your Calendar, yet, call Dilla at 642-5812. The 2010 Calendars will feature artists of other media than painting.

### **Tombola:**

The Tombola will be held October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at Minerva Hall; starting at 7:30 pm. Lynnette Sisterson will receive your donations at 29 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Gimli, by October 1<sup>st</sup>. Bring your children and grandchildren because it’s really a fun night for them. If you have questions, call her at 642-4623.

### **Scholarship:**

The Scholarship of \$500.00 was awarded to Fiona Axelsson, this year. She is enrolled at the University of Manitoba and is taking a course in Icelandic Studies. We wish her all the best in her first year at University

### **Dates to remember:**

- Oct 4 Tombola at Minerva Hall at 7:30 pm.
- Oct 21 Walk to the Rock at 12:00 noon from the Waterfront Centre.
- Nov 3 Annual and Regular meeting of the Gimli Icelandic Canadian Society at 7:00 pm.
- Jan 20/09 Betel Gestamót at 2:00 PM

### **Walk to The Rock:**

As in previous years the walk begins at the Waterfront Centre at 12:00 noon. The group will return to the Waterfront for coffee.

### **Gestamót at Betel:**

Our annual visit to Betel will take place January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 2:00 PM. We begin with a singsong for ½ an hour, or so, and then serve Angel food cake, Strawberries and Ice Cream.

### **Tour Group from Iceland:**

About 35 seniors from Iceland will arrive at the Museum at 10 AM on September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The video will be shown and then a walkabout in the Museum and to Johnson Hall. Two suites at the Waterfront and Rotary Towers will be available for viewing, if they wish, and then lunch served at the Lutheran Church. Members are welcome to come to the Museum to meet these guests.