



Newsletter - Winter *Fréttabréf - Vetur*



**Icelandic Horses in snowy field near boat house at Lagarfljót, Egilsstaðir, Iceland.
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President's Address

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Club Updates

Selkirk Brúin Chapter, MB

Selkirk Bruin Chapter's Fall Newsletter

The Selkirk Bruin Chapter has been very busy this fall. In October we hosted the residents of The Betel Home Foundation in Selkirk that were celebrating an October Birthday. The other residents were also present. We sang about six or eight songs in Icelandic and songs in English too. We also sang songs in both English and Icelandic. We buy the gifts and cards for Birthday residents and then help distribute birthday cake and coffee to everyone.

November we entered our Icelandic Christmas Tree in The Selkirk Festival of Trees and Crafts. We like to call this tree our Icelandic Christmas Tree because all our decorations are homemade by our members and are items that the general public would recognize as being Icelandic in origin. It was a real success.

On Dec. 1st I was invited to The Icelandic Consulate in Winnipeg for the Celebration of Iceland's Independence from Denmark. They had invited one hundred guests representing The 100 years since Iceland got their independence from Denmark. It was a lovely occasion.

On December 2 our Kaffi Tima Choir sang Icelandic Christmas Carols at The Advent Service held at The Selkirk Evangelical Lutheran Church of Selkirk. This church was the pioneer Icelandic Lutheran Church in Selkirk. We were graced with the presence of The Icelandic Consul to Manitoba Þórður Bjarni Guðjónsson, and his wife Jórunn Kristinsdóttir. Þórður was kind enough to speak to the congregation about The Icelandic Sovereignty and the milestone event being celebrated the day before. He also spoke to the importance of the occasion.

Our Bruin Chapter or Jola Skemmtun was a Christmas party for our club members. It was a very enjoyable evening.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
Merry Jol and Farsæt Nýtt Ár

Icelandic Canadian Club of Toronto, ON

ICCT Christmas Event, 2018

On November 25th , ICCT club members , their children and grandchildren gathered together to celebrate the holiday season, Icelandic style. And what a great Christmas party it was!

Who doesn't like to see children excited by Christmas? There was a great turnout of children and there were some special activities lined up for them. There was a craft table, where club members Elizabeth and Katrine Handley-Derry showed the children, who gathered round, how to make all kinds of Christmas crafts.

Club member Brenda Bjarnason was our Grýla and she was terrific. When she arrived, she had the children gathered round her by our beautiful Christmas tree, listening intently to Grýla tell the stories of Icelandic Christmas and the stories of the Yule Lads.

And then the big fellow himself, Santa, arrived, with treats in his sack for all the good children. Club member Peter Eastman was our Santa and I'm not sure who had the most fun, the children or Peter.

Thanks to all the people who brought cookies and bars and other sweet things to eat, and to those who helped us clean up after the party. Thanks to Gail and Reynir for picking up ginger cookies, flatbread, Laufabrauð(Leaf Bread) and other baked goods to sell from the Icelandic Bakery in Simcoe, Ontario. They sold out very quickly.

And thanks to all of the ICCT members who volunteered their time and talents to make this Christmas event happen. It was a wonderful afternoon full of fun and good cheer.



Gleðileg Jól
Kathleen
Murray
ICCT President

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Entertainment

MUSIC/TÓNLIST:

[Anna Thorvaldsottir](#), [Ólafur Arnalds](#), [Ásgeir](#), have several North American performances dates this Fall and Winter. Check out [Gigs Abroad](#) for the latest information on Icelandic bands and their international performance dates.

The Story of Iceland's 13 Yule Lads

Most of them have already arrived, but if you have not heard about the 13 Jólasveinar, or even if you do know them well, this video is worth watching. Click [here](#) to enjoy!

And then take the quiz to find out which Icelandic Yule Lad you are. (click the picture to take the quiz)



