



ICELANDIC NATIONAL LEAGUE OF NORTH AMERICA'S 2017 SUMMER NEWSLETTER

It's summer time! And that means Icelandic festivals, parades, and celebrations. If you go every year, or you have never been to a celebration, here is a list of some of the Icelandic summer fun happening in North America.

JUNE EVENTS

Various events for June:

-June 16- Annual Viking Golf Tournament in Gimli, MB. June 16th, 2017

The Annual Viking Golf Tournament, in support of Islendingadagurinn. Go here to download the registration form:

https://www.icelandicfestival.com/uploads/ck/files/2017/viking_golf_registration_form_2017.docx
<https://www.icelandicfestival.com/festival-events/contests/viking-golf-tournament>

-June 18- GICS GIMLI Chapter- Samkor Reykjavik Choir Concert. 2pm at the Gimli Lutheran Church.

-June 23-24- 40th annual Scandinavian Heimkomst at Moorhead Minnesota.

-June 24- Kvennahlaup (Women's Walk) Gimli Park Walk starts at 10am.

- Fron Chapter - Kvennahlaup through Assinaboine Park - 10am. Contact Pat Odegard at: p-odegard@hotmail.com

- Esjan Chapter Arborg Presenting scholarship to graduate of Arborg Evergreen School Division Grade 12 students.

-June 28 - July 1- Vatnabygdd Chapter is Hosting 5 Snorri West Program participants from Iceland.

-June 29- ICCBC Vancouver Partner Contract Bridge Tournament hosted by Arden Lodge Sons of Norway at 9am. \$25 per person. Contact: 604 521 6714.

Icelandic National Day June 17th celebrations

(Icelandic: Þjóðhátíðardagurinn, the day of the nation's celebration) is an annual holiday in Iceland which commemorates the foundation of The Republic of Iceland on June 17, 1944 and its independence from Danish rule. June 17th became the official day of the holiday because it is also the birthday of Jon Sigurdsson, a prominent leader in the Icelandic Independence Movement.

Iceland's Independence Day celebration in Markerville, AB. at the Markerville Creamery



- 12:30 pm - Kids games
- 1:30 pm - Sons of Fenrir Viking re-enactment
- 2:30 pm - Ice cream cones are served
- 3:00 pm - Independence Day program begins at Fensala Hall
- 4:45 pm - Potluck dinner - please bring a salad or dessert

Join the 3 Alberta Icelandic clubs - LEIC of Calgary, the SGSIS of Markerville, and the ICCE of Edmonton to celebrate Iceland's Independence Day on Saturday, June 17, in Markerville, AB. Activities include family races, ice cream from the Markerville Creamery, a presentation from the Sons of Fenrir, program at Fensala Hall to crown the 2017 Alberta Fjallkona, Della Branson of Markerville, followed by a potluck supper. The fun starts at 1pm with the program beginning at 3 pm and potluck supper to follow. Bring a salad or dessert to share at the dinner and join the fun.

Anyone wishing Campground reservations call, or email the Creamery and specify message to Al Gamble. Club members are welcome to go to Markerville and camp at the facilities at Markerville Picnic Grounds. The cost is \$15.00 per night. <http://www.historicmarkerville.com>

Icelandic National Day picnic at Dufferin Grove in Toronto

Dufferin Grove Park, 875 Dufferin Ave. Toronto ON , 2 blocks south of Dufferin Subway station from 12 noon - 3 pm. Bring blankets, chairs, outdoor games, food, snacks, and flags.

Fron - Winnipeg Jon Sigurdson Day at Jon Sigurdson Statue at Manitoba Legislative Grounds

Starts at 3pm. Concert following ceremony at Winnipeg Art Gallery Auditorium with Samkor Reykjavik Choir Concert. Entertainment by Nuna Now.

Friends of Icelanders - Ottawa Picnic

At the Residence of Cecilia Ignatieff 2781 2nd Conession Rd. Lanark K0G 1K0.

GICS Gimli Iceland's Independence Day Ceremony at Manitoba Legislative Grounds Starts at 3pm. Members attend.

ICAW Washington DC - Party at the residence of Iceland Ambassador to The U.S.

ICCWM-Brandon- Jon Sigurdson Day in Manitoba

Some members will gather to have a small celebration of this great man. Some members will travel to Winnipeg for their celebrations at the Legislative Grounds.

ICCBC Vancouver - Midsummer Festival June 17th – 18th, 2017 Scandinavian Centre

40th annual Scandinavian Hjemkomst & Midwest Viking Festivals June 23rd – 24th 2017 at the Hjemkomst Center in Moorhead, Minnesota. This year, they will be celebrating their 40th festival!
www.nordiccultureclubs.org/2017-festival.html
<https://www.facebook.com/events/255830474882546>



Iceland Days Fire and Ice Festival June 23rd-25th 2017 in Spanish Fork, Utah

Honoring Icelandic heritage, Spanish Fork, Utah is the oldest continuous Icelandic settlement in North America.

<http://www.utahicelanders.org/>

Event details: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1688531288066660>

JULY EVENTS

New Iceland Heritage Museum celebrating Canada's birthday. July 1st, 2017

Celebrating Canada's Birthday with free admission to the museum 10:00am -4:00pm. Phone 642-4001. www.nihm.ca

July 1st – 8th, 2017 Leif Eiricksson Club – Calgary

- Hosting 5 Snorri West Program participants.

July 29th - Aug 4th, 2017. -Icelandic Language and Cultural Camp in Veslka, Gimli, MB

The Mission of the Icelandic Camp is to provide a place for all children and youth of Icelandic descent (non-Icelanders welcome) to gather and ignite the passion for all things Icelandic in North American youth. Call 204-485-5455. <http://www.icelandiccamp.com>

Blaine Icelandic Heritage Society Summer Picnic July 30, 2017 from 1pm -4pm at the Peace Arch State Park in Blaine, Washington

Join other Icelanders in an informal setting to celebrate our heritage. Bring your sack lunch and visit with friends. Icelandic goodies are available to purchase. Bring a "thumb drive" with up to 100 photos of your recent trip to Iceland for "show and tell Iceland" in the Iceland Salon room, where a pc computer can display your photos.

AUGUST EVENTS

2017 Icelandic Open August 4th, 2017 in Gimli, MB



In Support of Lögberg-Heimskringla
REGISTER TODAY!
Early Bird Registration is \$150 (until June 15th)

August 4, 2017
Links at the Lake Golf Course
Gimli, MB



to register visit: www.lh-inc.ca
LH@LH-INC.CA | 204 927 5645

Cocktails & Dinner at the Johnson Hall (limited seating/tickets available)

Friday 4 August Gimli, MB:

The Annual Icelandic Open golf tournament, in support of Lögberg-Heimskringla links at the Lake Golf Course. Cocktails and dinner at Johnson Hall (limited seating.) Additional dinner tickets are available. Early bird registration is \$150 until June 15th. For sponsorship and registration, contact: 204-284-5686, email: lh@lh-inc.ca, or at www.lh-inc.ca.

REGISTRATION: www.lh-inc.ca/golf/sponsor

SPONSORSHIP: www.lh-inc.ca/golf/participant



128th Annual Icelandic Festival of Manitoba “Islendingadagurinn” August 4th-7th 2017 in Gimli, Manitoba

2017 Islendingadagurinn Theme: Discover Your Land

This year's theme celebrates the coming together of Canadian and Icelandic culture forged together over 100 years. Visit the heart of New Iceland; Gimli, Manitoba! Just one hour north of Winnipeg, Manitoba. Celebrate family, friends, and Icelandic culture and heritage. The festival is the second oldest continuous ethnic festival in North America. <http://www.icelandicfestival.com>



118th Annual “Deuce of August” August 4th – 6th, 2017 in Mountain, North Dakota

Northeast North Dakota is the home of a large Icelandic settlement, many historic sites, and an annual Icelandic Celebration called the “Deuce of August.” This is the oldest ethnic festival in North Dakota, and the largest Icelandic event in the United States. Each year.

Thurs - Genealogy Center open 1-4. Friday Activities from 2- 10, or 11pm. Genealogy Center open 1-4 on Sat. Parade 10:30, Genealogy Center 11-5. Heritage Program, Keynote Speaker. Historic Sites Tour plus other activities. Sunday Worship Service.

Icelandic Roots Genealogy Centre in Mountain ND: At Mountain Community Center Thurs. Aug. 3, 1-4pm. Fri. Aug 4, 1-4. Sat. Aug. 5, 11-5pm.

<http://thedeuce.org/deuce-of-august-2nd-of-august>

Viking Days Festival at the Nordic Heritage Museum in Seattle, Washington. August 19th – 20th, 2017

This educational festival features Nordic foods, lively entertainment, a Viking Encampment, and much more! The Festival hours are: 10AM - 5PM, Saturday & Sunday - August 19th & 20th.

Festival Highlights Include:

Swedish Pancake Breakfast, Saturday and Sunday from 10am – 1pm. Afternoon Salmon Bake with Alder-smoked salmon and all the fixins'. Food Hearths: Eat your way through Scandinavia, tasting goodies from all five countries. Valhalla Beer Garden: Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 10am-5pm. Enjoy Aquavit and local craft beers. Viking Grill: Sausages and Alaskan Salmon burgers, Ivar's clam chowder, and more! Entertainment on 3 different stages and Viking Encampment with weaving, weapon forging, and war. <http://nordicmuseum.org/vikingdays>

THE 2017 INL READS! PROGRAM SELECTION 'IVORY VIKINGS' BY NANCY MARIE BROWN

Attendees of the 2017 Icelandic National League of North America convention were the first to learn that a recently published novel is this year's choice for the 2017 INL Reads! Program. Author, historian, and *Icelandic Online Club* member, Nancy Marie Brown's latest book, ***'Ivory Vikings: The Mystery of the Most Famous Chessmen in the World and the Woman Who Made Them.'*** Historian Nancy Marie Brown, who is the author of four non-fiction books on Icelandic history, myths, science and sagas, drew from this same source of knowledge for her first work of fiction, 'The Saga of Gudrid-The Far-Traveler.' The *Icelandic Online Club* plans to enhance the other INLNA club's book reading experience by providing a reader's discussion guide and an exclusive post-read interview with the author. For more information about the book, author, and to participate in the book read go to: <https://inreads.wordpress.com>

SNORRI WEST

The Snorri West 2017 participants depart for North America on June 16, arriving later that same day in Edmonton, and then head immediately for Markerville, where they will participate in the June 17th celebrations the next day. Experiencing four weeks traveling around Icelandic settlements in Utah, USA, as well as Alberta and Saskatchewan, Canada. Attending Iceland Days in Spanish Fork, Utah, commemorate Iceland's Independence Day in Markerville, Alberta, and celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary of Confederation in Regina, Saskatchewan. <http://www.snorri.is>

Travel dates: June 16 - July 13, 2017

Alberta, Canada

Edmonton
Markerville
Drumheller
Calgary

Utah, United States of America

Salt Lake City
Spanish Fork

INLNA CONVENTION SCHOLARSHIP AWARD



(Pictured above from left to right Jolene Halldorson-Ullyott, Brittney Gratton, Angel Johnson-Nelson & Ashlin Nelson.)

This award was created to encourage our youth to be a part of the convention, and further interest in the INLNA in the future of our organization by paying the winner's cost of the convention registration fee to attend. Two people were chosen; Brittney Gratton, from North Dakota, and Ashlin Nelson, from Austin, Texas. Here is what Ashlin Nelson had to say about winning the award: "My first convention experience was definitely one to remember, and it will definitely not be my last. It was great to meet so many Icelanders, and learn even more about my heritage. Meeting and talking to all those people, sharing our experiences, and pieces of our life, truly connecting the pieces to our past history. I hope to attend more conventions in the future."

-The INLNA would like to thank the North Dakota club, their wonderful volunteers, and all the 2017 convention attendees for a wonderful convention! We look forward to the 2018 convention happening April 26 to 28, 2018 in Edmonton, AB.

