Scandinavian Midsummer Festival
Saturday & Sunday, June 21/22
Scandinavian Centre, 6540 Thomas St., Burnaby

Friday, June 19, 8 pm, Kick-off Party, 19 & Youth
- Phonofile, DJ, electronic pop music
- Bonfire Duo—popular songs
- Nordic DJ Battle
Contact: davidlaulainen@gmail.com

Saturday, Sunday
- Paavo Nurmi Run, 10K, 5K, 3K, Saturday, 9am
  www.events.runningroom.com
- Viking village
- Raising the Midsummer Maypole and dancing round
- Cultural Displays
- Shopping Kiosks
- Music
- Kids' activities
- Wife Carrying Contest
- Volvo club
- Beer Garden
- Traditional Scandinavian Foods, and more food
- Bonfire

Iceland’s Independence Day
Wednesday, June 17, 6 pm
Scandinavian Centre, 6540 Thomas Street, Burnaby, BC

Come and celebrate Iceland’s National Day

BBQ, hamburgers and hot dogs, salads, desserts
Singsong with Edda Langworth on the guitar
Snorri West students (four) will be there with a Presentation

Bring all the children: lots of grass and room to run.
Bring the grandparents, moms & dads, relatives, everyone old and young and in-between.
Contact person: Arnar, 778-987-1899, email: arnar@tunsberg.is
PASSINGS

JACKSON, Donald Barney [middle name for his grandfather, Bjarni Davidson], born Saskatoon, August 17, 1920. He served in the Navy for 8 years in the North Atlantic, rose to the rank of Chief Petty Officer. His last duty involved bringing his last ship, the Charlottetown, through the Panama to serve as a training ship in Esquimalt. In Vancouver on leave in 1943, his cousin introduced him to Thelma Ivison, also born and raised in Saskatoon, where they never met even though he played hockey with her twin brother. She had come to Vancouver to work as a riveter at Boeing's Aircraft plant. They married in Halifax on July 1, 1944, and I was born 10 months later. On his discharge, he picked up Mom & me in Saskatoon and brought us to Vancouver, where he enrolled in Law School - and joined AA, which helped him recover from that addiction. He practiced law in Mission, BC, for 12 years, fathered 4 more children and raised us in a gentler, kinder place. In 1963, he decided to thank God for helping him with his addiction, and returned the clan to Vancouver while he got a degree in Theology. He served as United Church minister in Quesnel [3 years], Trinity United in Port Coquitlam [12 years], Rossland [3 years to nominal retirement], and finally in Oliver, where he filled in on a part-time basis for a few more years, with great satisfaction.

We lost Mom to Alzheimer's in 2009, and their oldest son Reg in 2011 from a mitochondrial disorder. The past few years have been marked by severe pulmonary problems due to the asbestos insulation on Naval ships and the weather in the north Atlantic. He missed mother and Reg, and the remaining family [including his sister Dr. Lola Jackson] was grateful for his release from the horrible suffering of inadequate breathing.

A memorial service was held on April 30 at the small historic St. Andrew's United Church in Fort Langley, where his mother's service took place 28 years ago.

Elaine Jackson

Icelandic Camp, Husavík, MB  Igniting the Icelandic passion one child at a time!
From language lessons to Viking crafts to writing their own saga, the campers start to develop a love of their Icelandic ancestry. Located just two miles north of Gimli, Manitoba, along the banks of beautiful Lake Winnipeg, Icelandic Camp provides a safe place for campers to make new friends, visit with old ones and create memories that will last a lifetime. Call us now to book an experience of a lifetime: 1-204-485-5455. www.icelandiccamp.com

Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Lottery 2015
Have a look below. Airfare for two, anywhere in Scandinavia, and Five prizes of $500 each cash. Tickets $2 each or 10 for $20.

Because of government regulations, we cannot mail a raffle ticket with our newsletter. We have to have you order it, send us a cheque and we will return the stub to you, preferably by email. So, if you would like to order and help the club, for however many tickets you would like to purchase, to:

Wayne Brandson, tel: 604-464-5387, waynebrandson@telus.net
SNORRI WEST Program—Four young (age 18-28) enthusiastic Icelandic students will be here June 14—June 21. Their tour includes Vancouver, Blaine, Pt Roberts, Nanaimo, Victoria, and Seattle. Their Vancouver itinerary takes in: Granville Island, Gastown, Whistler, Anthropology Museum, Iceland’s Independence Day, Aquarium, Stanley Park bike ride, a kayak/canoe/hike around Buntzen Lake, lunches and dinners hosted by members’ in their homes. If anyone would like to join us on any of the outings or are able to sponsor them for tickets to any of these places, that would be great! Contact Marilyne at marilynet2a@yahoo.ca or 604-936-8826(h).

On June 4, 2015, Thursday, at 7:00 p.m., come share an evening with Guðmundur Oddur Magnússon in the main hall at the Scandinavian Community Centre; bar open at 6 p.m. He will give a presentation about the roots of Icelandic visual culture and how these roots reflect today in vivid contemporary creative fields. Let’s welcome him back to Vancouver on this visit and learn from him.

Guðmundur Oddur Magnússon, is Professor of Graphic Design at the Icelandic Academy of the Arts since 2002. As a scholar, he investigates the heritage of Icelandic imagery and symbol. He hosts regular shows about culture on Icelandic television. In the summers, he lives in an old factory in Seyðisfjöður, on the east coast, where old and new friends join him for the bright summer nights. Goddur is at the heart of alchemy of the art scene. 

Goddur is a graduate of Emily Carr and an experienced speaker. Let’s welcome him back to Vancouver on this visit and learn from him. Refreshments served after the presentation. For further information, contact Gerri at gerrimcdonald@shaw.ca or 604-279-0420 or Nina 604-277-0143.
The picture is of the newest member of our club. Her name is Unnur Auður. She is a typical Icelander – having all the best of our breed:

**Intelligence; Beauty; Curiosity.**

Unnur came to us from:

Auður Valsdóttir  
PO Box 457  
Coronation, AB T0C 1CO

Look up Biggs Ranch on Facebook.

And yes, Maggý, you were right. She is a yappy one. She loves everyone and we all love her (even the cat cozies up to her).

*Naomi Dyer*

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I found Icelandic water in Lima, Peru, so here it is a bottle of water from the Ólfus area of Iceland where my great-grandfather came from made it all the way to Macchu Picchu with three of his descendants: myself, my brother Colin and his daughter Shannen, former club princess. I am sure great-grandpa, Eiríkur Porsteinsson, would have been delighted!

*Gerri McDonald*

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**Kristjana Einarsdóttir, 2015 Princess Icelandic Canadian Club of BC**

My name is Kristjana Einarsdóttir and I am pleased and honored to be this year’s Icelandic Princess. I am the daughter of Peggy Fridriksdóttir and Einar Oskarson. I was born in Iceland and I lived there until I was 12 years old. My Icelandic heritage is one of great importance to me and is a huge part of who I am. I have been part of the Icelandic Canadian Club of BC for the past five years or so and I have so enjoyed getting more involved in the club in the past year, attending board meetings and taking on bigger roles in events, such as Eurofest.

When I am not busy helping with ICC events I enjoy spending time with my family and friends and serving in my community wherever needed.

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**The 2016 Icelandic National League of North America Convention, Friday and Saturday, April 29/30, 2016.**
Making the decision to attend an Icelandic National League of North America Convention is one of the best things I have ever done. It was Cousin Sylvia Isfeld who encouraged me and reminded me during her last years of how much fun it was to attend. Kris and Sylvia Isfeld had many good memories and stories to tell about attending conventions. They enjoyed visiting the different places and hearing about the local Icelandic history as well as news about all things Icelandic but the best part was meeting the people. It is making connections with people and hearing their story that has fueled my attendance.

Five members of the Icelandic Canadian Club of B.C. have just returned from the 2015 Convention held in the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul in Minnesota. A highlight for many of us was meeting Vigdis Finnbogadottir and listening to her address at the sold out Saturday evening dinner. This 96th Convention was filled with many interesting presenters.

In planning my attendance, I booked six nights at the hotel. We arrived at the St. Paul airport on Wednesday, shopped Mall of America on Thursday, registered for the Convention and attended the 7 p.m. Opening Reception.

Friday morning was the Opening Ceremony and then sessions began with breaks for coffee and lunch. Workshops ended at 5 p.m. and dinner was on our own. We gathered again at 7:30 p.m. for the INL of NA Awards Ceremony. Saturday followed the same schedule except we met for the banquet dinner at 6 p.m. A highlight on Saturday was hearing Heather Alda Ireland present personal background information about her afi, Guttormur J. Guttormsson, the Poet of New Iceland as an introduction to a newly published book which is the English translation of his 1930 book Ten Plays - Tíu leikit. There were sessions on Sunday morning until noon. In the afternoon, a group of us went on a Twin City bus tour.

The big news is that with the 2015 Convention over, plans turned to the 2016 Convention to be hosted by us, the Icelandic Canadian Club of B.C. We have booked the River Rock Casino Resort in Richmond and the convention will be held April 29 and 30th, 2016. We got a very favourable response with our presentation in Minnesota. Many did not hesitate about acknowledging their attendance next year. The River Rock was our number one choice for a venue and we are very pleased.

The 2016 Convention is an excellent opportunity to encourage Icelandic friends and relatives to visit Vancouver and have a bit of a west coast reunion. Our theme is Strandarsaga, a Coast Story.

Norman Eyford

Midsummer Icelandic Volunteers

There was a time that as Icelanders we were associate members of the Scandinavian Community Centre. So when Midsummer Festival which is the biggest money generator for the Centre came along, we were just asked to provide volunteers for our tent. Today, we are not an associate member we are an owner member. As one of the five owners, we are expected to provide more volunteers that we once did. Last year we had 32 people from our club volunteer. We really should have about 42.

At the May Midsummer Committee meeting it was pointed out that hardly any Icelanders have signed up to volunteer. I know you are out there and willing to help. Please get in touch with me: neyford@dccnet.com or phone at 604-588-1893. If you volunteered last year, it would be more efficient to contact the Midsummer Volunteer Coordinator, Robert Oberg directly at robberg@telus.net.

As Chair of the Midsummer Committee, I urge you to get involved. It is good fun and supports the idea that we are a community centre. The Midsummer Festival is June 20 and 21. www.scandinavianmidsummerfestival.com

Norman Eyford
**Icelandic Fish for Sale in Vancouver**

ICEMAR Ltd, located in Keflavik, will supply Icelandic fish to Albion, a processing and distributing facility in Richmond, known to be Canada's largest seafood distributor. On the first weekend of May, Sales Manager Gunnar Örlygsson was in Vancouver to sign the contract with Albion's President, Don Sollows. Iceland's Ambassador to Canada, Sturla Sigurjonsson came to Vancouver specifically to take part in the celebration of this new important partnership.

ICEMAR exports, to countries worldwide, high quality sustainable fresh and frozen seafood, including cod, haddock, monkfish, halibut, lemon sole, herring and shellfish. Albion processes seafood from the waters of B.C. and from several countries around the world. It then distributes it to restaurants and fish retail outlets.

Albion built a new, large "state of the art" plant three years ago. There are almost three hundred employees working with the most advanced technology and equipment. Ambassador Sigurjonsson and Honorary Consul General Heather Alda Ireland were invited to tour the facility, beginning at the receiving hall and moving through the processing and packaging departments to the distribution centre. It won't be long before we can all enjoy Icelandic seafood purchased at our local grocery store.

Heather Alda Ireland

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**Selma and the Flying Cow Creamery**

Selma Bjarnadóttir is an Icelander living on her small farm in Independence Valley, Washington state. She says: The cows live the good life every dairy cow deserves and are out grazing whenever the weather permits. Because our cows are healthy and happy, they provide a very high-quality milk.

She makes yogurt and is now selling to two businesses in the Seattle area.

One is Whole Foods in Tacoma, University Place (6810 27th St W, Tacoma) and the other is Seattle Central Co-op, off the freeway, onto Madison and drive past Trader Joe’s (1600 Madison Street).

The business is new and hopefully will expand to Whole Foods in BC. Drop in.

flyingcowcreamery.com
**Artist Colors Icelandic Geyser Pink**

Denmark-based Chilean artist Marco Evaristti poured pink food coloring into erupting hot spring Strokkur in the Geysir geothermal area in South Iceland and recorded a video of it as part of his 'Pink State' art project. There are no traces of the pink color in the area anymore but the police are investigating the incident as a possible violation of the environment protection law, [ruv.is](http://ruv.is) reports. Evaristti claims to be a landscape painter who doesn’t use a canvas but paints nature directly. “The 5th Pink State, The Raudur Thermal Project, has seen the light of day. He has performed similar stunts in Norway, Greenland, the Sahara and on Mount Blanc.

**Glad All Over – Icelanders Second Happiest in the World**

Icelanders seem to be regaining their happiness. In a report just published Iceland came in second in the world, behind Switzerland but closely followed by our Scandinavian neighbors. The ten happiest countries are Switzerland, Iceland, Denmark, Norway, Canada, Finland, Netherlands, Sweden, New Zealand, and Australia. Except for war-torn Syria and Afghanistan, the ten unhappiest countries are all in Saharan or sub-Saharan Africa. This is the third World Happiness Report.

**Famous Waterfall Still Choked with Ice, May 13, 2015**

Dynjandi, one of Iceland’s most beautiful waterfalls and the biggest one in the Westfjords region, is still frozen solid due to the cool spring and especially hard winter said Hákon Ásgeirsson, wildlife ranger in the southern Westfjords region. The ranger took some magnificent photos of the waterfall, which he says he has never seen frozen like this before during the month of May. “It was an extremely snowy winter,” Hákon explains about the state of the road. He adds that although it has finally stopped snowing, it is still below freezing most of the time up the mountain and there are snowdrifts in the road. The temperature at Dynjandi waterfall was probably around minus two degrees centigrade when he visited.

**Iceland’s Ring Road among the ‘World’s top 10 best beach road trips’**

The Icelandic Ring Road, around the island ranks 7th on VirtualTourist’s list of the World’s top coastal drives. Australia’s Great Ocean Road was number one on the list. The Ring Road made the list because of its "incredible coastal views and even more landmarks to behold". Most visitors to Iceland do the Golden Circle Tour, embarking from Reykjavik and travelling inland to see Thingvellir National Park, Gulfoss waterfall and the island’s geothermal geysers. However, Iceland’s Ring Road, or Route 1, forms a 1335 km circle around the country with incredible coastal views and even more landmarks to behold. Other coastal drives on the list were the Pacific Coast Highway in California, the Atlantic Road in Norway, Kuhio Highway in Hawaii and the Overseas Highway in Florida.

**Icelandic Professor Behind New ‘Wonder Gel’**

Chemists at Trinity College, Dublin have invented a special gel with many diverse applications. It can be used, for example, to stop scars forming on the skin, or as a car polish which gets rid of scratches. Icelandic Professor Behind New ‘Wonder Gel’

**Extreme Floods Created Dettifoss Canyon**

Jökulsárgljúfur, a 28-kilometer long, 100-meter deep canyon in Northeast Iceland, was created by several days of extreme flooding separated by thousands of years, geologists writing in journal *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* (PNAS) have discovered. Dettifoss, Europe’s most powerful waterfall, is located in the canyon. The flooding also caused Dettifoss and two other waterfalls in the canyon to move upstream by as much as two kilometers, [bbc.com](http://bbc.com) reports. The scientists were able to come to the conclusion after they analyzed the chemistry of rocks in the canyon’s walls and created a timeline. The brief but catastrophic flooding occurred two, five and nine million years ago, proving that landscapes are not necessarily formed over long periods of time. The floods were triggered by eruptions in volcanoes such as Báðarungabunga, which is currently active. Since the ongoing eruption in Holuhraun began more than five months ago, scientists have maintained that another eruption as well as resulting major flooding is possible.
May 30-May 31 (Sat/Sun) - Eurofest, Swangard Stadium
Burnaby, www.europeanfestival.ca

June 10 (Wed) - Scandinavian Business Club’s Dinner,
7pm. Email Paul Andreassen at info@sbc-bc.ca. We
welcome both non-members and members to all our
events! Also visit us at www.sbc-bc.

June (Fri) 12 noon - Scandinavian Seniors Lunch
please call Tor 604-294-0749 or the office.

June 25 (Thurs) - Bridge Tournament, 9 am

Sept 18 (Fri) - Scandinavian Centre Golf Tournament,
11 am. Contact: Robert Oberg at roberg@telus.net, or 604
-460-6637; or Scan Centre 604-294-7777

Viking Boat Munin: is a 40 ft. authentic half-scale replica
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Nanaimo Club: Iceland’s Independence Day
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Information regarding the Genealogy Centre can be
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