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Newsletter
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11:00am – 3:00pm

3939 Oak Street
Fairfax, VA 22030

Christmas Bazaar



We are very excited about the Bazaar this year, offering new Icelandic/Christmas themed products!



Give a unique gift this year or buy for yourself, and then feast on our traditional open faced sandwiches and delicious pastries. In addition to our returning vendors, we are excited to have a new vendor with various products. Who doesn't remember receiving books every year? Now is your opportunity to give the gift of reading with Icelandic or English Childrens books, and new this year, a novel in Icelandic for the adults.

If you would like to bake Icelandic pancakes, cakes or pastries and contribute to the Bazaar sale, please send us an e-mail to: icelanddc@hotmail.com.

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Íslensku Jólasveinarnir

There are 13 Icelandic Santa Clauses or as they are called “**Yule Lads**” along with their mother “Grýla” and father “Leppalúði”.

The first one arrives on 12 December with the last one arriving on Christmas Eve. The tradition is to put your shoe on your bedroom window sill and each Yule Lad will put a treat in it when he visits during the night, unless the child has not behaved well, then he leaves a rotten potato.

- **Stekkjastaur/Sheep-Cote Clod:** He tries to suckle yews in farmer's sheep sheds.
- **Giljagaur/Gully Gawk:** He steals foam from buckets of cow milk.
- **Stúfur/Stubby:** He's short and steals food from frying pans.
- **Þvörusleikir/Spoon Licker:** He licks spoons.
- **Pottasleikir/Pot Scraper (aka Pot Licker):** He steals unwashed pots and licks them clean.
- **Askasleikir/Bowl Licker:** He steals bowls of food from under the bed (back in the old days, Icelanders used to sometimes store bowls of food there - convenient for midnight snacking?).
- **Hurðaskellir/Door Slammer:** He stomps around and slams doors, keeping everyone awake.

- **Skyrgámur/Skyr Gobbler:** He eats up all the Icelandic yogurt (skyr).
- **Bjúgnakrækir/Sausage Swiper:** He loves stolen sausages.
- **Gluggagægir/Window Peeper:** He likes to creep outside windows and sometimes steal the stuff he sees inside.
- **Gáttapefur/Door Sniffer:** He has a huge nose and an insatiable appetite for stolen baked goods.
- **Ketkrókur/Meat Hook:** He snatches up any meat left out, especially smoked lamb.
- **Kertasníkir/Candle Beggar:** He steals candles, which used to be sought-after items in Iceland.

Upcoming Events and Dates

- **Jólabasar – Christmas Bazaar**
- 22 November, 11:00am – 3:00pm
- American Legion Post 177
- 3939 Oak Street, Fairfax, VA 22030

- **Jólaball – Family Christmas Party**
- 7 December, 3:00 – 5:00pm
- 2443 Kalorama Rd NW
- Washington DC 20008

- **Þorrablót – Thorrablot 2015**
- 21 February, 6:00pm – 12:00am
- American Legion Post 177
- 3939 Oak Street, Fairfax, VA 22030

- **96th INL of NA Convention**
- 14 – 17 May, 2015
- Minneapolis, Minnesota
- <http://inlofna.org/Conf> 2015

Changes in the Law on Icelandic Citizenship (Dual)

On 7 June 2012, the Icelandic parliament approved changes in law nr. 100/1952 on Icelandic citizenship. These changes, which mainly concern former Icelandic citizens living abroad, allow for the possible restoration of Icelandic citizenship.

Fulfilling certain conditions, former Icelandic citizens now have the possibility to apply for their Icelandic citizenship to be restored. However, this is a temporary provision and applications have to be submitted before 1 July 2016 to the Directorate of Immigration, Skógarhlíð 6, 105 Reykjavík.

Further information can be found on the Director of Immigration's website: (only in Icelandic): www.utl.is

The Nordic Dancers Of Washington, D.C.

Begin their fall season Wednesday, September 3, at 7:30 at Highland View Elementary School in Silver Spring, Maryland, and, with the exception of the weeks of Thanksgiving and Christmas and New Year's Day, will meet regularly on Wednesdays until June. Come any Wednesday and learn traditional folk dances of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden. Newcomers are welcome; no prior dance experience is necessary. For more information, contact Chris Kalke at 301-864-1596 or ckalke@verizon.net, or see the website: <https://sites.google.com/site/nordicdancersdc/>.

Please call prior to attending to find out which room to go to.

Icelandic National League of North American (INLofNA) highlights:

The INL of NA calendar theme for 2015 is "Waterfalls of Iceland" and the calendars can be purchased at the Christmas Bazaar on 22 Nov.

Calendar theme for 2016 is "People of Iceland". If you are interested in submitting a photo, send your photo along with two or 3-sentence story about the shot to inl@mts.net or ted_anna@hotmail.com.

The 96th Annual Convention will be in Minneapolis, Minnesota, 14 – 17 May 2015. Hotel room reservations are now open. More information can be found on inlofna.org or icelanddc.com

Are you interested in being on the INLofNA translator list? English – Icelandic or Icelandic - English. If so, please submit the following info to: inl@mymts.net

Name, Contact info (e-mail, phone number), and Fee if any.

Snorri West participants had a great time here last June. Watch a video at snorri.is and then click Snorri West. SW 2015 will include Vancouver, Blaine, Pt. Roberts, Nanaimo, Victoria and Seattle, approx. June 13 to July 9. Let your friends and relatives in Iceland know about it and apply at snorri.is

Anna Bjarnadottir-Wahoske is the IAofWDC representative for the INLofNA and a Director at Large on the INLofNA board. E-mail: ted_anna@hotmail.com.



Elisabet Stacy-Hurley "NEW WORKS" art show

The show is located at the Washington County Arts Council Gallery, 3 – 28 Oct. 34 S. Potomac St., Hagerstown, MD.

Gallery hours: Tues. – Friday, 11-5pm
Saturday, 10 - 4pm.

For more information, call 301-791-3132.

Elisabet will be selling her paintings at the Association's Christmas Bazaar on 22 November from 11 – 3pm.

Teach Your Language Share Your Culture

Would you like to teach your language and share your culture with the DC community all the while gaining valuable leadership, management and other professional skills and experience? Apply for the GLN Teaching Fellowship! No prior teaching experience required.

To find out more, please visit The Global Language Network (GLN)'s website at www.thegln.org or email Teach@TheGLN.org.

New Scandinavian Cooking

This world re-known cooking show features Nordic chefs of Scandinavia, fantastic food and breathtaking scenery from all the Nordic countries in Europe, (Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland and Iceland). The series presents different food produce from the climatic cold north, rich in flavors from growing among an abundance of clean water and fresh air.

New Scandinavian Cooking is currently airing worldwide, in over 100 countries. The 11th season is airing during 2014, on American Public Television (PBS). In this area, it will be on WETA (Chan. 26) and MPT (Chan. 22). The current 2014 season 11 reintroduces Swedish chef Tina Nordström in rotation with Norwegian chef Andreas Viestad. The hosts showcase different regions and dishes of Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Iceland and Greenland.

Visit: www.newscancook.com

2015 Membership Dues

Membership dues for the year 2015 are due no later than 31 December 2014. Please renew before that date and if you forgot to renew for 2014, please do so now. The Association depends heavily on membership dues to offset cost for our free events.

Reminder: You can pay your dues via PayPal on www.icelanddc.com.



Thank you to all who attended our picnic October 4th. A special thanks to Rich and Pat Moore for the use of their beautiful property and their Icelandic Horses for the children's rides! We had perfect Icelandic summer weather and some used the opportunity to soak up the sun the Icelandic way!

OF INTEREST

Kids Euro Festival 2014: Visit: <http://www.euintheus.org/event/kids-euro-festival-2014/>

www.washlangctr.com - Washington Language Center, Language training and testing.

Real Estate:

Aaron J. Browning, Real Estate Consultant, www.browninghomesgroup.com

Links:

www.iceland.is – Icelandic Embassy

firc.us – Frida Icelandic Riding Club

icelandguy.com – The Iceland Guy

icelandicroots.com – Icelandic Roots

inlofna.org/IOC – Icelandic Online Club

lh-inc.ca – Lögberg-Heimskringla

ibudaskipti.net – Íbúðaskipti

inlofna.org – Icelandic National League of North America

scandinavian-dc.org – American Scandinavian Association

nammi.is – Icelandic candy

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