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The Icelandic Club of Greater Seattle



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**Web Issue**

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for current  
Princess  
application

**Porrablót 2013 ~ Debut of the ICGS cutouts**

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## Seattle's Nordic Heritage Museum

If you are visiting Seattle for the the INL of NA Convention on April 4 – 7, consider visiting the Nordic Heritage Museum. Every first Thursday of the month is free admission day.

The Nordic Heritage Museum is located in the Ballard neighborhood of Seattle and is the only museum in the United States that represents the cultural heritage of all five Nordic countries-- Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden. The Museum preserves collections, provides educational and cultural experiences, and serves as a community gathering place. It is accessible on the city bus (routes 17, 18 or 40) or is just a six mile taxi ride from downtown Seattle.

In addition to many exhibits, the Museum has one gallery for each of the five Nordic countries – so be sure to check out the wonderful Icelandic Room upstairs during your visit.

### Nordic Heritage Museum

3014 NW 67<sup>th</sup> Street  
Seattle, WA 98117

#### Museum Hours

10am - 4pm Tuesday-Saturday  
12pm - 4pm Sunday



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*Downtown Seattle in the evening sun.*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS — MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Follow us on Facebook at [www.Facebook.com: Icelandic-Club-of-Greater Seattle](http://www.Facebook.com:Icelandic-Club-of-Greater-Seattle)  
**Icelandic Coffee Hour on Tuesday mornings at 10AM at the Nordic Heritage Museum**

	<b>April 4-7, 2013</b>	<b>INL 2013 Convention at Crowne Plaza Hotel in Seattle. !!! SOLD OUT !!!</b>
	<b>April 7</b>	<b>Guðrún Ingimarsdóttir's recital at Plymouth Congregational Church, 2PM (1217 - 6th Ave, next door to Crowne Plaza Hotel in Seattle)</b>
	<b>June 23</b>	<b>Save the date: Icelandic Independence Celebration 3PM until 6PM at Leif Erikson Hall in Ballard</b>
	<b>August 11</b>	<b>Icelandic Club Annual Picnic at O.O. Denny Park</b>
	<b>December 7</b>	<b>Annual Jólabbal Children's Christmas Party, 2PM at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church.</b>

## President's Corner

Dear fellow Icelanders,

I want to thank all of you for your prayers and support. It's been 4 months since I've had my transplant surgery, I feel great. I'm looking forward to all the activities and special events that we will be bringing to all of you this coming year.

Every year we are always looking for people to get involved in the club, and this year is no different. We are very fortunate that we have a great group of board members and trustees that have helped for years. We are also blessed to have some new and creative people who are committed to keeping our club going.

We had a wonderful *Thorablót* in February. A Big Thank you to Jens Eysteinnsson and his committee, for making this event happen.

Our energy is now focused on the INLA Seattle Convention, a big shout out of gratitude to David Johnson for all of his hard work in putting this together. I know he has had a lot of support from our members and I thank you for your help. We extend an open invitation to anyone wishing to come downtown in the evenings to visit convention guests in the Regatta Bar and Grille inside the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Knowing Icelanders when they get together, there will be lots of good fun and singing.

My focus this year, will be on our young kids, learning Icelandic games, customs/traditions, songs, etc. If you have kids aged 5-15 and are interested in helping with this, please contact me. If you are a student looking for Community Service hours for your school,



helping me with our upcoming events is a great way to fulfill some of those hours. I look forward to hearing from you.

I wish you all well and I look forward to seeing you at the Crowne Plaza Hotel where our Convention is taking place April 4-7!

Bless Bless,  
Sonna Somerville-Ghilarducci

## Annual Meeting on January 12, 2013

By David Johnson

The Annual Membership Meeting of ICGS was held on Saturday, January 12, 2013 at 2PM at the Nordic Heritage Museum. A nice crowd of about 35 people showed up not only to take care of business affairs, but also to socialize and exchange some good hugs. Several members of the Board and Trustees stepped down after several years of excellent service – Jens Eysteinnsson, Brynjar Halldorsson, and Linda Russo. Elections of a new Board and Trustees were held. Sonna Somerville-Ghilarducci was re-elected as President, Henry Bjornsson as Vice President, Chuck Mulberg as Treasurer, David Johnson as Recording Secretary, Amanda Allen as Membership Secretary. New Trustees elected were Jon Palmason and Janice Sigurdson.

The Board of Directors feels it is important to thank

people, especially those not serving on the Board, who have contributed significantly to the success of the Club. As such, special letters of appreciation and a copy of Nancy Marie Brown's new book, "Song of the Vikings" were given to eight people for their work for the Club in the past year or longer and for those stepping down from the Board:

1. Ted Beck (former Club Historian)
2. Anna Hauksdottir (former INL of NA Representative)
3. Margret Solvadottir (2012 Thorablót Chairperson)
4. Hillary Gerber (Facebook Page Manager)
5. Tad Davis (ICGS Webpage Design)
6. Jens Eysteinnsson (ICGS Trustee thru 2012)
7. Brynjar Halldorsson (ICGS Trustee thru 2012)
8. Linda Russo (ICGS Membership Secretary thru 2012)

We thank these people for making 2012 a year of excellent achievement for the Club.



# Seattle Club Donates to Icelandic Charity for the Holidays

The Icelandic Club of Greater Seattle wears many hats. We are a social organization for many, a historical and cultural preservation group for others. And we do excellent work each year sponsoring deserving students with college scholarships. Last year we even established a special fund to provide modest financial assistance to young adults wishing to participate in the Snorri Program in Iceland.

Charitable giving back to our community is something the Board of Directors felt strongly about this year. Enough so that

we donated \$300 to a charity in Iceland for the holidays. Our donation was combined with donations from many other Icelandic Clubs in the United States and Canada.

All together, between all the Icelandic Clubs in North America, over \$5,000 was donated.

The charity in Iceland that received the funds has been helping those struggling to make ends meet in Iceland since 1928 and continues to do so today. The association is called

*Mæðrastyrksnefnd* (Mothers Support Association). The association allocates food and clothing to people undergoing financial difficulties. It not only helps single mothers but single men with children, the disabled, and senior citizens.

Although the Icelandic economy is gradually recovering from the financial crisis, there are still many in need. We feel proud that our Seattle Club stepped forward this year to make the holidays a bit brighter for several families in Iceland through this giving opportunity.



*2013 ICGS Board members from left to right seated in front: Amanda Allen, Tota Sellars and President Sonna; standing in back row: David Johnson, Janice Sigurdson, Henry Bjornsson, Jon Palmason and Laura Hanson. Board members missing from photo: Treasurer Chuck Mulberg and Trustee Agúst Helgason.*

# Icelandic Club of Greater Seattle ~ A Year in Review

by David Johnson

Looking back on 2012, by most all measures, one could easily say the Club had a really great year. Our membership numbers were strong, our financial statements looked solid, our outreach efforts through an enhanced new webpage and our Facebook page helped connect and communicate with more people, and many activities were very well attended.

Let's take a quick walk down the ICGS Memory Lane for 2012 so you see what I mean:

- *Janúar* 2012: At the General Membership Meeting a new President and Recording Secretary were voted in and a new set of Board Members and Trustees settled in to start 2012.
- *Febrúar* 2012: A nearly sold out *Porrablót* event was a smashing success. With about 150 people feasting on fine traditional food, wonderful decorations and entertainment, and even a wild and crazy MC from Iceland – Sigga Klingenberg!
- *Apríl* 2012: A new idea from President Sonna was to host a President's Tea. This event drew about 50 people for a fine social afternoon that included honoring past Club Princesses and other dignitaries. Several new families came.
- *Júní* 2012: Icelandic Independence Day and Father's Day (June 17<sup>th</sup>) fell nicely together on the same Sunday last year and a good sized crowd of about 60-70 people showed up at Leif Erikson Hall in Ballard to celebrate both events. There was good food, Dad's brand root beer floats, some good folk song singing, an introduction of our new *Fjallkona* Karen Block, and our Icelandic Princesses were there to help auction off some Icelandic driftwood art. Also, a number of deserving high school students were awarded scholarships for college at this event.
- *Ágúst* 2012: Our summer picnic was one of the best attended in a long time. The great location at O.O. Denny Park on Lake Washington (in Kirkland), excellent weather, and authentic Icelandic hot dogs may have helped make for such

a great day. Again, there was lots of pot luck food, water balloons for the kids, and folksong singing to round out a fine Club event.

- *Ágúst* 2012: Also in August, we also hosted a tour group of 35 Oddfellows from Iceland. Ted Beck, our long-time Club Historian led the group on a bus tour around the city for an afternoon and we followed this up with a wonderful hosted dinner for them at the Swedish Club – showing great hospitality and many warm connections were made.
- *September* 2012: For an educational event, a fine author from Iceland, Viðar Hreinsson, stopped in Seattle to talk about his new book about famous Icelandic-Canadian poet Stephan G. Stephansson. Did you know Stephan had a connection with another famous North American Icelandic poet who lived in Seattle for many years – Jakobina Johnson? A fine lecture it was!
- *September* 2012: Also this month, over \$2700 was raised for our college scholarship fund through the hard work of the Kristjansson family organizing the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Icelandic Club Golf Tournament.
- *Október* 2012: A small group brewed up a great batch of beer which made about 150 bottles that we took to Leif Erikson Hall to join with the Sons of Norway Lodge members to celebrate Leifur Eiriksson Day. Two Icelandic Club members spoke about Iceland's Snorri Program.
- *Desember* 2012: A well attended *Jólaball* was a great conclusion to the line-up of Club activities for 2012. About 100 people attended and a good 40-50 of them were children who got to dance around the Christmas tree with two Yule Lads. What great Christmas memories were started for this young generation of Icelanders!!

Besides these great Club events, we are proud of our ongoing participation in the Ballard Parade on Seventeenth of May and Viking Days at the Nordic Heritage Museum.





*Above: Princess Margo with Jólaveinar and Princess-In-Waiting Jenny at Jólabball 2012 - a lovely afternoon spent feeling the spirit of Christmas with children's joys of singing and dancing around the Christmas tree to music by our lively accordian player.*

*Right: Fjalkona Karen Block was happily assisting with preparations for serving the traditional tasty samplings of Icelandic treats and hot chocolate at Jólabball 2012.*

But what's ahead for 2013? One of the biggest events ever for our Club will be this April as we host the 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Icelandic National League of North America. This event will bring together Icelanders from throughout Canada and the United States (even some from Iceland!) for a fine weekend of guest speakers, fun events, entertainment, and most importantly, good people-to-people connections. Everyone should make plans to attend.

A special thanks to each and every person who contributed time, talent or money to these events isn't possible. You know who you are. Your generous contributions to the ICGS were truly appreciated and we couldn't have had such a fine year without each and every one of you!



Icelandic Club of Seattle Presents  
**A Recital of Guðrún Ingimarsdóttir**

with Glenda Williams at the piano

Performing music by  
 Kaldalóns, Einarsson, Grieg,  
 Sibelius, Bernstein, Ardit, Verdi

at

**Plymouth Congregational Church**  
 (next door to Crown Plaza Hotel)  
 1217 Sixth Avenue  
 Seattle

**Sunday April 7, 2013 at 2:00 PM**

Free Parking available in church garage  
 entrance on University

Freewill offering - \$15 suggested donation

Icelandic Soprano Guðrún Ingimarsdóttir began her vocal studies at the Reykjavik Voice Academy. She continued her studies in London and at the music conservatory in Stuttgart, Germany and completed the Opera School there.

Her opera credits include the roles Romilda in *Xerxes* under the conductor Sir Charles Farncombe, Gretel in *Hänsel und Gretel*, Fanny in *La Camiale di Matrimonino*, Despina in *Così fan tutte*, Blonde in *Die Entführung aus dem Serail*, Queen of the Night in *Die Zauberflöte*, Adele in *Die Fledermaus*, Coraline in *Le Toreador*, Kurfürstin in *Der Vogelhändler*, and Titania in *The Fairy Queen*.



She also performs as a soloist with orchestras in many countries in Europe including Fauré's *Requiem* in London, Switzerland, Portugal and Germany; *Carmina Burana* in Spain, Germany and Turkey; and *Exultate Jubilate* in many cities in Italy and Germany.

Website: [gudrun-ingimars.com](http://gudrun-ingimars.com)

## 2013 Scholarships Available

If you are a high school graduate who is planning to go on to college and whose parents are members of The Icelandic Club of Greater Seattle, you are eligible to apply for a \$500 scholarship (see page 9 for application). These scholarships will be presented at the 17<sup>th</sup> of June celebration and you are required to attend the event to receive your scholarship. The program will be held at Leif Erikson Hall in Ballard on Sunday afternoon, June 23, 2013. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Emily Kristjanson at 206-713-0716. Applications need to be received by Wednesday, June 5, 2013.



The Icelandic Club of Greater Seattle  
2013 Scholarship Application  
**Icelandic Club Membership Required**  
Open to High School Seniors with Icelandic Heritage

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home phone, cellphone,  
email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent who is a member: \_\_\_\_\_

Icelandic Heritage: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

High School Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_

Honors: \_\_\_\_\_

Community College or  
University Intended: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Scholarship will be sent directly to  
the College or University)*

Educational Goals: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Briefly describe and if more space  
is needed use a second page)*

Work Experience: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Briefly describe and if more space  
is needed use a second page)*

Extracurricular Activities and  
Hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Any extra information the  
applicant may choose to include -  
i.e., letters of reference, etc.)*

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please print and mail the application to:	The Icelandic Club of Greater Seattle c/o Emily Kristjanson PO Box 70102 Seattle, WA 98127
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# Icelandic Princess Application Icelandic Club of Greater Seattle

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Icelandic Connection (Parents/Grandparents names): \_\_\_\_\_

Members of the Icelandic Club? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

School attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to attend the required events? Yes \_\_\_

Are your parents willing to support your attendance at the functions? Yes \_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or legal guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Any questions?

Please call Thorunn Sellars at (206) 858-6656.

Please send your completed application to:

**Icelandic Club of Greater Seattle**  
**c/o Thorunn Sellars**  
**P.O. Box 70102**  
**Seattle, WA 98127**

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In 1996, work began to compile a list, write short biographies and search for photos of past *fjallkonur* and princesses. At some point, the work was put aside and forgotten. Recently, the lists were found, and the attempt to write the biographies and search for photos began in earnest. Here are lists of each, not set in stone. Please note The *Fjallkona* and Princess list research is still a work in progress. If you have any information or pictures of these women, please contact Linda Russo at letrusso@gmail.com or mail to her attention at The Icelandic Club of Seattle, PO Box 70102, Seattle, WA 98127.

The *fjallkona* has been a tradition since 1935 and the princess since 1963. The Icelandic Club of Greater Seattle is pleased to honor these women.

#### Princess

- |      |  |      |                                       |
|------|--|------|---------------------------------------|
| 1955 | Shirley Jo Sigurdson (Ange) acted the part of Miss Iceland throughout the 1950s. | 1991 | Sonja K. Rinaldi (Morella)            |
| 1963 | Connie Helgason (Montgomery)   | 1992 | Kristi Marie Garrett (Blackmer)       |
| 1964 | Margaret Ann Bjornson (Hlastala)   | 1993 | Cheryl Ann Porter (Manning)           |
| 1965 | Laura Lee Parris (Reymore)   | 1994 | Lea Naomi Burk (Ghebranious)          |
| 1966 | Olivia Arnason   | 1995 | Sarah Chester (Joplin)                |
| 1967 | Charlene Thomasson (Woodell)   | 1996 | Jennifer Marson                       |
| 1968 | Katherine "Kathi" Rae Olason (Burk Scott)  | 1997 | Brynja Blenkers (Leroy)               |
| 1969 | Susan Hermann (Rinaldi Atwood)   | 1988 | Desiree Blenkers (Adams)              |
| 1970 | Marjorie Olason (Yam)  | 1999 | Kirsten Sigurdsson                    |
| 1971 | Bonnie Lou Kutch   | 2000 | Sarah Olason                          |
| 1972 | Christine Olason   | 2001 | Tracy Horne                           |
| 1973 | Julie Olason (Jorgensen)   | 2002 | Noell Stransky                        |
| 1974 | Sigrun Viking (Curren)   | 2003 | Mollie Gudnason                       |
| 1975 | Dorothy Thordarson   | 2004 | Kristin Sigurjonsson                  |
| 1976 | Sonna Somerville (Ghilarducci)   | 2005 | Alexsei Blenkers                      |
| 1977 |  | 2006 | Aleah Brock                           |
| 1978 |  | 2007 | Kelsey Monson                         |
| 1979 | Phyllis Kristjanson  | 2008 | Amanda Kristjanson                    |
| 1980 | Lorene Suzanne Thordarson (Hipp)   | 2009 | Christina Elin Russo                  |
| 1981 | Lorene Suzanne Thordarson (Hipp)   | 2010 | Anna Heiser & Forrest Kristine Kasper |
| 1982 | Loa Barber   | 2011 | Stefania Ghilarducci                  |
| 1983 | Jane Kristjanson (Pedersen)  | 2012 | Margo Coxon                           |
| 1984 | Hjordis Gudmundsson (Schultz)  |      |                                       |
| 1985 | Tasha Renee Sigurdson (Smith)  |      |                                       |
| 1986 | Clara Kristin Wilson (Kubeja)  |      |                                       |
| 1987 | Stefanie Hlastala (White)  |      |                                       |
| 1988 | Trina Lapinski (Hopkins)   |      |                                       |
| 1989 | Krista Elin Palmason (Keller)  |      |                                       |
| 1990 | Laura Sigurdson  |      |                                       |

#### *Fjallkona*

#### Vestri

1935 Clara Asdis Thorbergson Bjornsson

There were no *Fjallkonur* from 1936-1951.

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|------|------------------------------------|
| 1952 | Lois Olason Keller                 |
| 1953 | Margaret Sigrun Sigmar Kristjanson |
| 1954 | Sophie Olafson Wallace             |
| 1955 | Doris Bjornson Olason              |
| 1956 | Ingibjorg "Emma" Scheving          |
| 1957 | Elin Hansson                       |
| 1958 | Sigrid "Sadie" Franks              |
| 1959 | Stella Miller                      |
| 1960 | Norma Nielsen                      |
| 1961 | Ethel Vatnsdal                     |
| 1962 | Maria Gudny Magnusdottir Cray      |
| 1963 | Margaret Ann Bjornson              |
| 1964 | Sylvia Margaret Arason Monson      |

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|------|----------------------------------|
| 1965 | Gudrun Agusta Stefansdottir Gary |
| 1966 | Helga Amdal                      |
| 1967 | Sigrid Bjornson                  |
| 1968 | Ingibjorg "Emma" Scheving        |



1969	Erika Thorlakson Eastvold	1991	Gene Juel
1970	Ruth Sigurdson	1992	Lara Jonsson
1971	Gudfinna "Finna" Drewry	1993	Kristin Yeoman
1972	Halldora "Dora" Gudmundsdottir Morgan	1994	Sandra Olgeirsson
1973	Agusta Brock	1995	Hulda Emils
1974	Elin Chitwood	1996	Arnfridur Sigurdardottir
1975	Victoria Palmason Johnston	1997	Olof Gudjonsson
1976	Svava Sigmar	1998	Irene Olason
1977	Stefania Bjorg Gestsdottir Somerville	1999	Linda Bergvinsson
1978	Ethel Kristbjorg Kristjanson Sigmar	2000	Sigga Inga
1979	Kristin Olafson	2001	Ida Malone
1980	Thorunn "Tota" Einarsdottir Sellars	2002	Ogn Magnusson
1981	Anna Marie Sigurdson Chester	2003	Fanney Gudjonsson
1982	Rosa Sigurdardottir Johannesson	2004	Margret Solvadottir
1983	Frida Bjorn McDonald	2005	Amalie Zoe Hrannardottir Bartosh
1984	Vicky Straumfjord Boyett	2006	Hronn Helgadottir Bartosh
1985	Shirley Jo Sigurdson	2007	
1986	Emily Kristjanson	2008	Ragna Kennedy
1987	Alene Halvorson Moris	2009	Ester Lara Cook Hansen
1988	Gudridur "Didda" Sigurdardottir Wilson	2010	Ellen Johnson
1989	Hrefna Milner	2011	Alene Halvorson Moris
1990	Thorun Johannsson Robel	2012	Karen Block



Fjallkona 1935

*Clara  
Bjornsson  
(left)*

*and*

Fjallkona 1952

*Lois Olason  
Keller  
(right)*



## Viking Days 2012

In our November issue of New Geysir we didn't report an accurate list of names of bakers and volunteers. Our apologies to anyone not mentioned, it was not intended to forget you. The people who did the baking were: Hrefna Milner, Tota Sellars, Rosa & Gunnar Johannasson, Margaret Hlastala, Louise Testerman and Margaret Wright. The workers were: Tota Sellars, Jens Eysteinnsson, Henry Bjornsson, Linda & Jenny Bjarnason, Margaret Hlastala, Audrey Steinberg and Emily Kristjanson.

## Porrablót 2013



Upper left: Chairman Jens Eysteinnsson with Princesses Margo and Jenny.



Upper right: World Premier of the New ICGS Cut-Out: Linda Russo and David Johnson were the first to have their pictures taken in the new Cut-Out we now own. Thanks to the wonderful construction and engineering skills of Gary Atwood (Susan's husband) and the marvelous artistry painting skills of Margrét Solvadóttir, we now have this great asset for the Club that will certainly bring many years of happy, fun memories at future events. David Johnson saw that the Icelandic Association of Utah had built a similar cut out and thought it was a fun idea. Ours is built and designed with plywood, bolts and brackets so that it can be disassembled and stored relatively easily and used for many years to come. During Þorrablót on February 16, 2013 when it debuted, it got much attention and brought many smiles to people.

Below: Music provided by the ever popular Icelandic band "SÍN" continued to keep people on the dance floor.



## Order of the Falcon Recipients

The Order of the Falcon may be awarded to both Icelanders and citizens of other countries for achievements in Iceland or internationally. The President of Iceland is the designated Grand Master of the Order. The Order has five grades of the award:

The first is the Knight's Cross (*Riddarakrossinn*) which is the most common grade awarded.

The second grade is the Commander's Cross (*Stórriddarakross*).

Third is the Commander's Cross with Star (*Stórriddarakross með stjörnu*).

Fourth the Grand Cross (*Stórkross*).

The fifth and highest award is the Chain with the Grand Cross breast star (*Keðja með stórkrossstjörnu*), only for heads of state.



Over the years, four members of Vestri and the Icelandic Club of Greater Seattle have been honored by Iceland with the Order of the Falcon.

**Jakobina Sigurbjörnsdóttir Johnson:** Jakobina was born in Iceland in 1883. She emigrated to Manitoba, Canada in 1889 and later the United States. Jakobina was awarded the Icelandic Order of the Falcon twice, first in 1934 (Riddarakross) and again in 1959 (Stórriddarakross) for her literary achievements and contributions to Icelandic culture. She was a poet, translator and literary scholar, active in literary circles and cultural societies, and a wife and mother of seven. Her works appeared in numerous English and Icelandic publications and she travelled extensively giving lectures and readings. She died in 1977 in Seattle. She is fondly remembered with a standing exhibit in our Icelandic Room at the Nordic Heritage Museum.

**Karl F. Frederick:** Karl was born in North Dakota of Icelandic parents. He came to Seattle in 1902, became active in the Icelandic club and the Icelandic church congregation. He worked in accounting and for over 30 years associated with Alaska fisheries. After retirement Karl devoted himself to consular duties and working in his garden. He was Iceland's consulate in Seattle from 1950 to 1968. He was awarded the Order of the Falcon (Riddarakross) in 1958 for his official duties.

**Jon Magnusson:** Jon Magnusson was born in Iceland in October 1886 and immigrated to Winnipeg in 1913. In 1918 he moved to Seattle, to the Icelandic community of Ballard, where he resided for over sixty years and was active in promoting his Icelandic cultural heritage. Jon was a charter member of Calvary Lutheran Church. He served as the librarian of Icelandic books that grew to over 1000 volumes and was the editor of Vestri for thirty-two years, and he gave Icelandic language classes for children. His book of poems, *Geislar*, was published in 1971. In 1984 he was honored by the President of Iceland, Vigdís Finnbogadóttir, with the Order of the Falcon (Riddarakross) for his dedicated work. He died in Seattle in May 1986 just shy of his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Jon Marvin Jonsson:** Jon Marvin was born in the Icelandic community of Ballard. He has been a champion of his Icelandic heritage as a charter member of the Scandinavian Studies Advisory Board at the University of Washington and a longtime and active member of the Icelandic Club of Greater Seattle. He has been an officer and trustee of the club, spoken on a wide variety of topics at countless events, and welcomed many Icelandic dignitaries visiting Seattle. Jon Marvin was appointed Honorary Consul of Iceland in Seattle January, 1968. In 1990 he was appointed Honorary Consul General, an honor he still holds today. In 1977, he was awarded the Order of the Falcon (Riddarakross) for his official duties.



# The Icelandic Club of Greater Seattle

**2013 Membership**  
**(Valid Jan. 1, 2013 – Dec. 31, 2013)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Children: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Under age 18)

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address(es): \_\_\_\_\_

- Individual membership (I12): **\$35.00**
- Individual Senior (65 or older) membership (S12): **\$20.00**
- Senior Couple (both 65 & older) (SC12): **\$30.00**
- Family membership (F12): **\$45.00**  
(All family members must reside at the same address, children must be under 21 years of age)
- Student membership (St12): **\$20.00**

**Please consider a donation to support club activities.**

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