



# PÓSTURINN

The Icelandic-American Community of Minnesota Newsletter



**2010 THORRABLÓT CELEBRATION!**

**JOIN MINNESOTA ICELANDERS!**

**CELEBRATE**

**THORRI!**

**THE MIDWINTER FEAST**

**Special Guest: Atli Ásmundsson,**

**Iceland's Consul General to Western Canada**

**Tribute to Bill Holm**

**Leroy Larson and his band**

**Honorary Memberships Named**

**Raffle**

**SATURDAY, February 27th, AT THE DANISH AMERICAN CENTER**

**3030 West River Parkway, MINNEAPOLIS, MN**

**Dinner \$30.00 per person, Reservation Deadline: Monday February 22, 2010**

**Thorrablót Chair: Steingrímur Steinólfson**

**The Minnesota Icelandic Community celebrates “Thorri” and the Midwinter Feast!** The “Most Icelandic” Party we have in Minnesota. Eat the interesting foods of your ancestors; try to please Thorri, King of Winter, so he that he will go away. There will be the usual Hangikjöt, Rúllupylsa, Gravalax, and other favorite dishes as well as the yummy Jardaberjaterta (whipped cream cake with strawberries).

Iceland’s Consul General to Western Canada: Atli Ásmundsson is our featured speaker. Currently, he is located in Winnipeg, representing Iceland’s Foreign Ministry. The promotion of Icelandic culture, heritage and history are important factors in the mission in Winnipeg. Minnesota is delighted Atli and his wife, Þrúður will be joining us for the evening.

A Tribute to Bill Holm, our noted Minnesota author, poet, and friend.

Of course, there will be the toe-tapping music of Leroy Larson and his Scandinavian group

Join with us in welcoming and celebrating Minnesotans receiving Honorary Memberships for their contributions to the Minnesota Community.

The Annual Raffle ! Will you be the lucky person this year?, Purchase your tickets at the Thorrablot or send your money \$5.00 for one ticket or \$10.00 for three tickets.

### Icelandic Hekla Club News

#### ***SAVE THE DATE \*\*\*SAMKOMA April 10th***

The Hekla Club’s annual *Samkoma* (coming together) will be held on Saturday, **April 10** at the Danish American Center, 3030 West River Parkway, Minneapolis, MN. The Minnehaha Academy chorus will entertain us and help usher in the Spring. Invitations with more information will be sent in early March and all are welcome.

#### *Special February meeting...*

The Hekla Club will have a special program at its February 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. Anders Ericsson, owner of MyCheesecakes.com, will give a program on cheesecake preparation. We will be making two cheesecakes and there will be samples available. Anders has cooked with the Barefoot Contessa and with Paula Dean, and will be on the Martha Stewart show in April. We are looking forward to a great program! We will meet at St. John the Evangelist church, 60 Kent St., St. Paul, MN at 10:30 AM. Please contact Dianne O’Konski for more information, 952-898-0611, [deokonski@charter.net](mailto:deokonski@charter.net).

#### **MINNEOTA PUBLIC LIBRARY!**

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#### **BILL HOLM MATCHING GRANT!**

**Minneota Public Library celebrates 100 years! Assist in the move to THE BIG STORE! Make your donation and have it matched! Send to The Minneota Public Library Foundation, 103 N. Jefferson, Minneota, MN 56264**

**ICELANDIC GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS -- for the academic year 2010 – 2011** The Icelandic Ministry of Education, Science and Culture annually awards a number of scholarships to foreign students for the study of Icelandic language, literature and history at the University of Iceland, in Reykjavik. The scholarships are intended for students of language and literature. The scholarship covers registration fees at the University and a monthly stipend of ISK 120,000. For additional information: Website: [www.inlofna.org](http://www.inlofna.org) or [www.iie.org](http://www.iie.org) or email: [IcelandMN@gmail.com](mailto:IcelandMN@gmail.com)

***REMEMBER TO COMPLETE YOUR MEMBERSHIP FORM! CONTINUE TO RECEIVE MAILINGS NAD CURRENT, UP TO DATE INFORMATION! SHARE AN EMAIL FOR UPDATED INFORMATION !***

## Icelandic National League of North America

**April 22 to 25** are the dates for the upcoming convention which will be held at Toronto, Ontario, Canada. This year's theme is "Come Home to New Iceland." This year there will be many topic specific sessions. Many find these conventions interesting and with time to meet many other people that are Icelandic, of Icelandic descent, or interested in Iceland. Attendance in the past has been from across North America as well as Iceland. Additional information and details can be found on the web site: [www.inlofna.org](http://www.inlofna.org).

You may want to visit the INLNA website where there is a variety of information and has Iceland Radio for your listening pleasure.

**Cathy Josephson, a Minneota native, residing in Vopnafjordur Iceland, returns with an article regarding the Immigration of Icelanders to North America. This is Part Two and will continue in future Posturinn.**

### Leaving - and Returning

#### *Our Iceland – 1835-1875 Part Two*

**Jökuldalsheiði Continued:** In 1860, in Hofssókn, the parish in Vopnafjörður, there are 988 men, women and children recorded. Between 1873 and 1911, according to the Vesturfaraskrá, or Record of Emigrants, 1,030 men, women and children left Vopnafjörður for the Americas. We know there were more.

I have heard it said that Vopnafjörður emptied three times: people from areas to the north, west and south moved to Vopnafjörður, stayed until the next summer – and the next ship – and then left, making room for others who had decided to leave.

So the ships came, and left filled with our people. The restless, the hopeful, and those who had lost all hope. The sons and daughters of our grandmothers, the brothers and sisters of our grandfathers, left the ash-laden green of East Iceland for the gilded green of America. But amidst the new hopes and the new life, there was a deep sadness and something broken that has still not healed.

The years passed, and generations passed, the letters fewer with each death, and the children of those who remained lost touch with the children of those who left. Where did they go? How did they find their new lives? Do they ever think of us? Are we forgotten? Did we forget them? These questions can be heard both here and there.

But no one forgot. If you were to ask, over here, "Do you have family in Iceland?" the answer came slowly. Always a pause, a small sadness in the eyes, a faraway gaze, then, "No, there's no one left there."

And if you were to ask, over there, "Do you have family in Canada or the States?" it would be the same: A pause, a small sadness in the eyes, a faraway gaze, then, "No, they are gone... *gone*...and we don't know where they are."

*Someone* knows where they are. And they know where we are, and we - and this lovely island - have never been forgotten. And now they are beginning to come back to see where their ancestors lived, to stand where their grandfathers stood in the morning light, to see how the hay is growing, to climb the hills, to listen to the birds call in the fresh evening air, to watch as the summer light gilds the green fields.

Although most of the emigrant Icelanders settled in Canada, a large number who left Iceland, all the way from Þistilfirði in the north to Papey in the south, decided to make their new homes in Minnesota and North Dakota. They told their children and grandchildren, "We are Icelanders," and this simple sentence has kept a love of Iceland alive and a feeling that someday they will return.

And they – you – are indeed returning. Every year, Western Icelanders from Canada, from the United States – sometimes even from Brazil – come to Vopnafjörður and East Iceland. They come singly, in small groups, and sometimes as a family group of several generations. They come with family stories, with ancestral charts, with family photographs – almost always with very good information about names and places in Iceland. We take them down roads rough with disuse, through rain and wind, checking the farms off a list as we go. And with a feeling that they are somehow returning home, they stand on their ancestors' old farms, looking across the fields, rivers, and mountains, often with tears in their eyes. *To be continued!*

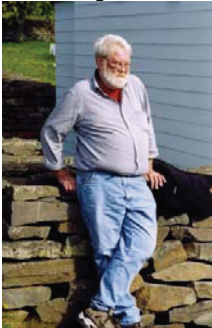
**SNORRI AND SNORRI PLUS!** An excellent opportunity! Just ask Chris and Ceal Byron, Jake Guttormsson, or Lyle Hillman. This is an excellent opportunity for youth 16 to 26, and adults 26 on up, to spend 6 weeks in Iceland learning about the culture, meeting relatives and making new friends as well as for adults. This year is a good time for us due to the economy. For more information go to: [www.snorri.is](http://www.snorri.is) for the youth program and for those over age 26 [www.snorri.is/snorri-plus.htm](http://www.snorri.is/snorri-plus.htm) or email Asta Sol,[info@snorri.is](mailto:info@snorri.is) for both programs. SPACE AVAILABLE! Deadline March 1, 2010.



## Happy and Peaceful New Year 2010 Embassy of Iceland Washington, D.C.

### BILL HOLM (1943 - 2009)

Early last year we lost Minnesotan of Icelandic descent, poet, teacher and writer, Bill Holm, who was born in the small town of Minneota, Minnesota. He left us way too soon and is deeply missed by those who knew him. Fortunately he lives on, through his works. He was one of the most memorable persons I ever had the good fortune of getting to know. Bill was a big, warm hearted, multi talented man whose deep interest in his fellow men and surroundings was so genuine and enthusiastic that those who met with him were soon smitten and looking at matters in a different light, more often than not in a humorous way. I first got to know Bill through his delightful book Coming Home Crazy: An Alphabet of China Essays in which he wrote among other things about an Icelander coming to China. At that time I was Ambassador of Iceland in China and I often took this book out and re-read it, laughing and enjoying every page. Later when serving in Ottawa I was able to meet Bill and he even entertained some guests in our residence. His readings, story-telling and piano playing were unforgettable to all that were fortunate enough to experience the Bill Holm program. And how he could play the piano delicately with his unusually large fingers was a marvel! Later my wife and I were able to enjoy meetings with Bill in several N. American places and, most memorably, at Hofsóss in Northern Iceland where he owned a small house, organized writers' summer workshops and enjoyed nature, in particular the bright nights of the Icelandic summer, close to the Arctic Circle. We who were privileged to get to know Bill, will always cherish his memory. He was larger than life. The books he wrote, poems, essays and stories, are the works that will keep his name alive. Several of them have references or chapters on Iceland, for example Eccentric Islands and others have Icelandic themes, for example the book of essays called Windows of Brimnes - An American in Iceland. Bill Holm's life and works, including all his books, are written about in a wonderful home page under the heading - Bill Holm - Minneota Poet. (see the link below) HWH



Blessuð sé minning Bill Holm

[http://www.billholm.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=34&Itemid=55](http://www.billholm.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=34&Itemid=55)

### The annual meeting of the US Icelandic Horse Congress (USIHC)

was held in Reston, Virginia on 16 January 2010. The participants heard reports from various committees and very interesting presentations on the health and welfare of the Icelandic horse with particular emphasis on spavin and genetic links, insect sensitivity, bits and biting by Dr. Sigríður Björnsdóttir, Icelandic State Veterinarian and on genetics of horse color by her husband Ólafur I. Sigurgeirsson, research scientist at Hólar University. At the annual USIHC dinner, Ambassador Hjálmar W. Hannesson addressed the Congress, thanked its members for the many ways in which they remained some of Iceland's closest friends in the United States and assisted in presenting awards. The outgoing USIHC president is Mr. Bernie Willis of Alaska who has been USIHC's helmsman for two years. A new president was elected - Ms. Anne Elwell of North Carolina. The Embassy wishes her and all the members of the USIHC excellent riding on their Icelandic horses. <http://www.icelandics.org/>

### Olof Arnalds new album

"One of best albums of the decade" e-Music writes about her album "við og við" (translation "every now and then") The New York Times writes about her:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/01/17/arts/music/17play.html?scp=1&sq=olof%20arnalds&st=cse>

### The Icelandic Club of Greater Seattle

is celebrating Þorrablot March 13 this year. All of the information is on their website's homepage:

<http://www.icelandseattle.com>

### Icelandic Society of New York

will celebrate it's Þorrablot at the Landmark on the Park on 20 February 2010. Please e-mail Bergþóra at [blax@mfa.is](mailto:blax@mfa.is) or you can look them up at facebook

<http://www.facebook.com/#/event.php?eid=259826409047&ref=ts>

### The Icelandic Association, Washington, D.C.

will celebrate its annual Þorrabót at the American Legion post in Fairfax, VA. February 27, 2010. For further information visit:

<http://www.icelanddc.com/>

### The Icelandic Association of Chicago

will celebrate Þorrablot February 20, 2010. Please visit their web site.

[www.icelandchicago.org](http://www.icelandchicago.org)

### Þorrablot South California

will be held at Newport Beach March 13.2010

E-mail address for the association is [icelandic2american@ca.rr.com](mailto:icelandic2american@ca.rr.com)

### Society of Icelanders in Arizona (SIA)

Þorrablot will be celebrated February 13. 2010 5pm at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church 2310 N. 56th St. Phoenix.

### Icelandic American Association Minnesota

is holding their Þorrablot on Saturday, February 27th. They welcome guests and visitors. Their web site will have information as it becomes available. <http://www.usfamily.net/web/iceland/>

### Reykjavík Fashion Festival

Reykjavik Fashion Festival will see an exciting mixture of fashion, design and music at venues around the city. The inaugural event will take place on 19th and 20th of March 2010. Click here [www.rff.is](http://www.rff.is)

### Bylgja Dis Gunnarsdóttir

Icelandic Soprano. First prize winner of the Barry Alexander International Vocal competition (BAIVC) <http://www.baivc.com/news.htm>



<http://www.icelandtouristboard.com/>



Traditional porra food

Porrablát = winter feast

Celebrate!

**Bronze for Iceland.** The European Handball Championship was held in Austria 19 - 31 January. The Icelandic Olympic Silver Medalist Team from Beijing last year came away from Austria as the Bronze Medalist, having only lost one game, to France the Gold Olympic Team as well as the World Champions and now also European Champions. The Icelandic Team, or "strákarnir okkar" ("our boys") as they fondly and proudly referred to by the 317 thousand Icelanders, proved in Austria that their Silver Olympic Medals were no accidents. Through their outstanding performance and sportsmanlike behaviour these young men gave the Icelandic National Spirit a welcomed boost at a time when there is much need for positive news. The final top National teams at the end of the European Championship in Austria are: France (gold), Croatia (silver), Iceland (bronze), Poland, Denmark and Spain. As "strákarnir okkar" came back to Reykjavik on 2 February they were welcomed by thousands, led by the Prime Minister of Iceland, Jóhanna Sigurðardóttir and the Minister of Culture and Sports, Katrín Jakobsdóttir. The well deserved result in Austria ensured Iceland a place in the World Championship competition in Sweden early in 2012. <http://www.ehf-euro.com/Iceland.1841.0.html#>



"our boys" (strákarnir okkar)

## THE ICELANDIC NATIONAL LEAGUE OF NORTH AMERICA 2010 CONVENTION,

Leika the official Mascot (and her owner, ICCT President Brian Eyolfson), are inviting you to join them in Toronto April 22 to 25 to participate in a virtual cornucopia of Icelandic Convention, at the Courtyard by Marriott Hotel in downtown Toronto. Few Highlights will include:

- Free tour of settlement areas of Kinmount and Hekla on Thurs.
- Opening Reception free to all Friday evening April 23, with Keynote Speaker Donald K. Johnson on the theme of "Icelanders Then and Now: Dynamic Progress" plus music by Lindy and Sigrun Stella
- Gala Dinner Saturday night featuring Music from Iceland and Silent Auction
- Luncheons featuring Snorri Program, Theatre Arts with Maja Ardal
- Sunday Brunch with Linda Lundstrom and her fashions
- Art Show, Silent Auction and Vendors Friday and Saturday
- Films all day Friday and Saturday, including those of Sturla Gunnarsson, Guy Maddin and Hans Kristján Arnason (directors present), documentaries and features from Iceland
- Icelandic North America today....
- Iceland today ...
- Tours of Niagara Falls and various Toronto tours Sunday
- 1-800-847-5075 Mention Icelandic Can. Club for Special Rate

Vendors: Thora Smaller [tsmaller@sympatico.ca](mailto:tsmaller@sympatico.ca) Art Show: Gudrun Girgis [Gudrun@on.aibn.com](mailto:Gudrun@on.aibn.com) Silent Auction: Phyllis Pollard [pjpollard@mac.com](mailto:pjpollard@mac.com)  
REGISTRATION FORM ... BOOK ON NET <http://www.icct.info/>

## A national referendum on the so-called Icesave legislation will be 6 March 2010.

Pre - election voting commenced on 28 January 2010. The referendum comes in the wake of the President of Iceland's decision on 5 January not to sign into law a bill which provides for a state guarantee of loan repayments to the British and Dutch governments. According to Article 26 of the Constitution, a national referendum must take place should the President not sign a bill into law. Despite the President's decision not to sign the bill it nevertheless enters into law and remains in force unless rejected in a national referendum. Following the President's decision Parliament passed Act No 4/2010 concerning the implementation of a national referendum which dictates that the implementation of pre-election voting shall follow the provisions of the Act Concerning Parliamentary Elections to the Althing No. 24 from 16 May 2000. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs has published a list of all Icelandic consulates on its website [www.mfa.is](http://www.mfa.is) to inform Icelandic citizens traveling or residing abroad where they can vote. In areas where only few Icelandic citizens are residing voting should take place by appointments, but in areas where larger numbers of Icelanders are expected to vote, consuls are advised to give certain office hours, especially during the weeks before Election Day.

**Please note that as in other pre-election voting the voter is responsible for sending his/her vote to Iceland.**  
<http://www.kosning.is/english/>

Information on the Economy of Iceland from the Government



<http://www.iceland.org/info>

Video clip from Bloomberg press: President of Iceland Ólafur R. Grímsson  
<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=newsarchive&sid=aYbhu5R8ie6E>

## Iceland leads Environmental Index as U.S. Falls.

On a new environmental scoreboard, U.S. and China plummet while Iceland leads. An article in The New York Times 27 Jan. 2010.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/01/27/science/earth/27index.html?ref=world>

## Maximus Musicus A New Household Name in Iceland



Now going international!  
Maximus Musicus visits the orchestra.  
The book was last year's best seller in Iceland.  
[www.maximusmusicus.com](http://www.maximusmusicus.com)

## The Icelandic Association of Northern California.

San Francisco is celebrating Þorrablát March 06 this year. All of the information is on their website's homepage: [www.iceland-usa.org](http://www.iceland-usa.org)

## The Icelandic Association of Utah

Þorrablát will be on February 27, 2010 at the Veterans Memorial Building in Spanish Fork. <http://www.utahicelanders.com/oldwebsite/index2.html>

**Icelandic Artist.** Introducing S.Husky Hoskulds living in Los Angeles. He has a new company. Take a look: <http://www.groundlift.org>

**Iceland is the most exhilarating and fun playground in the world!** Click here: [www.icelandontrack.com](http://www.icelandontrack.com)

**Travel Opportunities:**

**\*Oregon State University** will offer an international course in Iceland this summer with a theme of Environmental Sustainability. The course will visit sites in Iceland with lectures by Icelandic colleagues. Main locations will be in Reykjavik and Holar (Skagafjord). The course will cover topics as diverse as economics, fisheries, geothermal, energy, tourism, culture, history, language and politics. For more information contact David Noakes at [David.Noakes@oregonstate.edu](mailto:David.Noakes@oregonstate.edu)

**\*Icelandic Heritage Tour with Jonas Thor.** Web site: [www.inl.is/Thortravels.htm](http://www.inl.is/Thortravels.htm) Excellent tour of Iceland!

**ICELANDERS IN MINNESOTA**

*This column shares information pertinent to the Icelanders in our area. Our hope is that you will share information. A beginning would be births, marriages, anniversaries, deaths, and other pertinent information.*

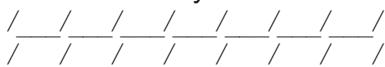
**NEW ARRIVALS:** Baldur Steingrimsson, Kyeogh and 7 year old Stein welcomed baby Jon to their family. Great grandmother, Irene Chanin, grandmother Julie Olson, welcomed baby Evan Elizabeth.

**GET WELL GREETINGS:** Ann Hobbs is hoping to return to work soon after surgery in December. Mary Buysse is back at home and rehabilitating in Minneota after a surprise trip to Marshall and then Sioux Falls for by-pass surgery during the holidays. Vala Magnusson is recuperating from a sprained foot. **MINNESOTANS IN THE NEWS:** Rosemary Guttormsson was in the Minnesota Womens Press October 28, 2009. CoverArtist: **Rosemary Guttormsson** reflects on her watercolor lessons and a painting from the Coffee Shop. Watch for Anders Ericsson on the MARTHA television program in April 2010. Of course, he will be talking about cheesecakes. Iris Erlingsdottir, from Northfield, was in the Minneapolis Star Tribune about making bagels: [http://www.startribune.com/lifestyle/taste/81332492.html?elr=KArksLckD8EQDUoaEyqyP4O:DW3ckUiD3aPc:\\_Yyc:aU](http://www.startribune.com/lifestyle/taste/81332492.html?elr=KArksLckD8EQDUoaEyqyP4O:DW3ckUiD3aPc:_Yyc:aU)  
**Uss MOVING:** Cindy Anderson has left Northfield and returned to Saskatchewan. We will miss Cindy! You can email her at: [cindyleigh@sasktel.net](mailto:cindyleigh@sasktel.net)

**Question Corner: How do you slice Vinarterta? How many layers does it have?** This question arose after Martha Stewart Living November 2009 had an article on Vinarterta which can be found at [www.marthastewart.com/recipe/vinarterta](http://www.marthastewart.com/recipe/vinarterta) you can still find the article on the web. The article added to the many questions about making this torte; what to add and how it is made. In Minnesota, the layers were baked in spring form pans while in North Dakota a cake pan was turned upside down and the batter placed on top for baking. It has also been placed on cookie sheets for baking large ones. Do you have other suggestions? There is a big debate about prunes only and maybe adding figs – guess it depended on what you had in the kitchen. Do you add cardamom? Do you add wine or brandy? Here are some comments:

\* Does a vinarterta cake has to have 7 layers or is 6 sufficient. Is there some sort of superstition about having it 7 layers? \* The biggest argument about vinarterta - maybe Palsson's in Arborg has the idea; they sell an eight layer one. Anyhow, my Mom's was always 6. Second biggest argument? Put the cardamom in the dough, or in the filling. Ha! My Mom never used it at all! When it comes to vinarterta, I'll say this. I never met one I didn't like! \* 7 layers - shows your skills in division. No to cardamom. Filling is a combination of prunes and dates. \* When two of my aunts sat down to give my wife the recipe for vinarterta they agreed on 7 layers. Prunes for the filling and that the cardamom went in the filling but one of them insisted that cinnamon had to be added to the filling. One had no cinnamon and the other added it. No dates, just prunes. \* Hi All, What fun to hear how everyone makes their vinarterta.... I like to make mine with cinnamon in the prunes and dark rum in all... icing, prunes and layers. No cardamom. As for layers 4 to 7 nobody that has had it cares and there is never any left. hummmmm just reading about it makes me want to make some \* I have found it most interesting to hear all of the different ingredients and layers and you are so right, it doesn't matter how you make it or how many layers, it disappears in no time!! \* Would anyone be willing to share the whole recipe? I have never made vinarterta, but would love to try it out for my next family gathering. My great grandparents came from Iceland, but no family traditions or foods were passes on. \* I googled vinarterta recipes and there are 381 listed! Take your pick! I like to use one cup of dates to replace the same amount of prunes and put the cardamon in the filling, but not the dough. Making vinarterta is quite a lot of work, but worth it,

We have always cut it like this:



Years ago, in high school, our class made it and I wasn't there when they decided to cut it. When I saw they had cut it like a pie, I had to set them straight real quick.

**Icelandic Camp in Manitoba**

An excellent experience for children interested in Icelandic heritage, providing an opportunity to: learn about the Country of Iceland; learn to speak the Icelandic language, Arts and crafts, and Sagas. Talk to Lyle Hillman who took his grandchildren and stayed to work and practice Icelandic. [www.icelandiccamp2010.com](http://www.icelandiccamp2010.com)

## 2010 Thorrablot Reservations

Name/Names \_\_\_\_\_

Address and Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Reservations (\$30.00@) \_\_\_\_\_ Total Dinner Payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Raffle Tickets 1 for \$5.00/3 for 10.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Included \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Membership \$15.00 per year per family \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donation to Icelandic American Association of Minnesota \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Checks payable to IAAM.** TOTAL Payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Mail 2010 Thorrablot Reservations to:

#### Thorrablot 2009

Steingrímur Steinólfson

2901 W. 112<sup>th</sup> St.

Bloomington, MN 55431

**RESERVATION DEADLINE: FEB. 22, 2009. SEE YOU AT THE THORRABLOT!**

**MEMBERSHIP: Remember to send your Membership so that you continue to receive all mailings!**

### Join the Icelandic American Association of Minnesota!

Mission:

- ❖ To promote Icelandic culture, past and present
- ❖ To support events that celebrate Icelandic culture
- ❖ To provide an organization for anyone interested in Iceland
- ❖ Benefits of Membership:
  - Assist in promoting Icelandic Culture
  - An opportunity to learn more about Icelandic Culture
  - An opportunity to meet Icelanders visiting from Iceland or other parts of North America
  - Celebrate Icelandic Culture
  - Keep current on what is happening in Minnesota
  - Communication through Posturinn, email, and web site INLofNA.org

### Icelandic American Association of Minnesota

#### 2010 Application Form

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership \$15.00 Family and Single Person Names of Family Members:

I am interested in volunteering. \_\_\_\_\_

2010 DATES TO REMEMBER:

February 13: 10:30 am Hekla Club Meeting  
February 27: 5:30 pm Thorrablot  
February 20: 5:30 pm Thorrablot  
February 29: Deadline Snorri Program Applications  
March 20: 10:30 am Hekla Club Meeting  
April 10: Samkoma  
April 22 - 25 INLNA Convention at Toronto, Ontario, Canada  
May 15: Hekla Club Meeting  
June 20: Icelandic Independence Day