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Vikingen in het poolgebied

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De Scandinaviërs van de Vikingtijd staan bekend om hun verre reizen. Hun tochten brachten hen ook tot in het noordelijk poolgebied. In deze lezing reizen we de Vikingen achterna in oostelijke richting door het hoogste noorden van Zweden en Finland en westwaarts via IJsland naar Groenland en verder. Verschillende arctische activiteiten van de Vikingen zullen aan bod komen, van ontdekkingsstochten, tot handel, tot kolonisatie. Daarnaast vinden we in de verhalen die later in de middeleeuwse saga's zijn opgetekend arctische landschappen terug als het decor voor fantastische avonturen.



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Wanneer	29 mei 2017
Hoe laat	19:30 uur
Waar	Arctisch Centrum, Ingang Herman Colleniusstraat
Toegang	€ 2,00 – studenten gratis

Komende activiteiten Imaka

25 september 2017	Sean Desjardins: <i>Ecologie en etno-archeologisch onderzoek in Noord-Canada</i>
30 oktober 2017	Coco Smits: <i>Mijnbouw in Groenland</i>
27 november 2017	Richard Bintanja: <i>Het klimaat in het Arctisch gebied en de bijdrage van het KNMI aan SEES 2015</i>

Agenda overige activiteiten

Tentoonstelling Canadese Inuit-kunst

In 2017 viert Canada zijn 150-jarig bestaan en legt daarbij de nadruk op diversiteit, verzoening met de inheemse bevolking, klimaatverandering en jongeren. Dit is voor het Volkenkundig Museum aanleiding voor een bijzondere galerijtentoonstelling over een van de inheemse bevolkingsgroepen van Canada, de Inuit.

De tentoonstelling is geopend op 11 maart 2017 en loopt nog tot 7 januari 2018. Meer info: <https://volkenkunde.nl/nl/tentoonstelling/canadeseinuitkunst>

Nieuws en wetenswaardigheden

Albatrosses

All but seven of the world's 22 species of albatross are threatened with extinction, mainly because of commercial fishing activity. British Antarctic Survey science and technology underpins international efforts to conserve these charismatic birds.

Why are albatross populations declining?

Each year, tens of thousands of albatrosses are drowned as they scavenge behind fishing boats. Both trawling and long-lining – where fishing vessels release lines containing thousands of baited hooks – attract seabirds looking for food. Many albatrosses are dragged to their death as they swallow these baited hooks. Others collide with trawler cables, break their wings and fall into the sea. Plastic waste ingested at sea, and introduction of non-native species onto breeding islands pose additional hazards.



Photo: Jan de Groot (2013)

How serious is the problem?

Fifteen of the world's 22 albatross species are threatened with extinction, and the other seven are considered to be 'Near-threatened' by the World Conservation Union (IUCN). Three species – the waved, Tristan and Amsterdam albatross – are critically endangered. Less than 100 mature Amsterdam albatrosses, which live in the southern Indian Ocean, survive today. However, the populations that are declining most rapidly are those breeding on the UK Overseas Territories in the South Atlantic. On the subantarctic island of South Georgia, for example, the three species of albatross monitored by British Antarctic Survey (BAS) are declining at between 2% and 4% a year.

Lees het hele artikel hier: <https://www.bas.ac.uk/data/our-data/publication/albatross/>

Housing in Crisis in Canada's Northern Inuit Territories

A severe housing shortage in Canada's Inuit communities underpins many complicated social problems, as a new Senate report testifies. The problem is so costly that policymakers are tempted to ignore the seemingly intractable issue.

Jillian Kestler-D'Amours

In northern Canada, many families are "one step away from homelessness" due to substandard homes, severe overcrowding and a lack of adequate housing, a March 2017 report by Canada's Senate warns. "They've had this situation for a number of years, but it's acute now because, as the population is growing, the crowding becomes greater," said Senator Lillian Dyck, who chairs the Standing Senate Committee on Aboriginal Peoples, which authored the report.

"*We Can Do Better: Housing in Inuit Nunangat*" describes an "acute housing crisis" that is putting the health and safety of Inuit communities in northern Canada at severe risk. In Nunavik, in northern Quebec, more than half of all Inuit families live in overcrowded conditions, a reality that has far-reaching health, social and economic implications, the report states. Many of the houses currently in



Housing units in Igloolik, Nunavut. (The Senate of Canada)

use are of poor quality and don't take into account the harsh weather conditions in northern Canada.

Bron: https://www.newsdeeply.com/arctic/articles/2017/03/15/housing-in-crisis-in-canadas-northern-inuit-territories?utm_campaign=ed9f5d051d-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_03_16&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Arctic+Deeply&utm_term=0_6049fe392e-ed9f5d051d-117599141

Het Senaatsrapport is te vinden via: <http://s3.documentcloud.org/documents/3477215/APPA-RPT-Northern-Housing-Report-2017-02-28.pdf>

Photo-Essay: Finding Light in the Darkness of Arctic Winter

Peter Mather has gone to great lengths to photograph wildlife in Canada's Yukon Territory. Here he shares some of his favorite winter shots and some tricks for staying warm.

Winter wildlife photography is an opportunity for me to create unique imagery, simply because not many people are doing it. Whether you are shooting from a plane at 2,000 feet (610m) with the door open in December, skiing for a month to the Arctic coast, chasing caribou, in March or wading across half-frozen rivers in search of grizzly bears in November, you probably aren't going to be very comfortable.

Wildlife photography requires lots of expensive equipment, and if you are going to pursue it in winter, then you are going to need to add another room or at least a closet. When temperatures drop below -30C (-22F), your camera becomes a frozen chunk of metal that will freeze your hands and bite your skin. Trying to look through the viewfinder without touching your face or eyelids to the camera becomes a difficult but necessary complication.

Het hele artikel en mooie foto's: <https://www.newsdeeply.com/arctic/articles/2017/03/02/photo-essay-finding-light-in-the-darkness-of-arctic-winter> [gepubliceerd 2 maart 2017]



Adult muskox form a defensive ring around their young on a spit along the coastal plain of Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. This picture was taken on a month-long sea kayak trip along the Arctic Coast of Yukon and Alaska. (Peter Mather)

14.000 jaar oud dorp ontdekt in Canada

<http://www.history.com/news/ice-age-village-in-canada-is-one-of-oldest-north-american-settlements>

Palo's Brudafaert

Een verloren geachte film van Knud Rasmussen (Angmassalik, 1933). Trailer via:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UdW-HBUcfUE&t=23s>

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Websites

Arctisch Nieuws: <https://www.newsdeeply.com/arctic>

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