

Dag 3 eftermiddag.

Petras stenmuseum i Sunnuhlid

Museet befinder sig i "Sunnuhlíd", Petru Sveindóttir's have og hus som hun boet i siden 1946. Stensamling har været Petras store interesse siden hendes barndom. Efterhånden som flere og flere sten blev bragt til huset, blev de mere synelige, og en dag begyndte turister at banke på for at få lov at se stenene og haven. I dag er Petras stenmuseum blevet et af de største og smukkeste privatejede stenmuseer i verden.

Haven og huset er åbent for besøgende. Her er en samling af islanske sten som har været samlet sammen over ca. 70 år. Desuden er der en del andre naturgenstande og et variet planteliv i museet.

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Petra's Stone Collection



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WHAT ONE WOMAN CAN DO

She brought the beauty of her land to the world



A TRIBUTE TO
LJÓSBJÖRG PETRA MARIA SVEINSSDÓTTIR
 24 December 1922 - 10 January, 2012

The grand lady of Stöðvarfjörður passed away on 10 January, 2012 at the age of 89, having lived a life devoted to a passion for collecting. Her remarkable stone collection is a testament to the vastness of the geology of East Iceland. Her remarkable life, filled with the beauty of humility and simplicity.

To describe Petra as an avid collector is an understatement and, visiting her home, you will see why. It is thought to be the largest private stone collection in the world. I asked her grandson, Ivar, if it had ever been counted "No, he says, they are quite difficult to count. Some of those more delicate have crumbled over the years, making the job of counting each and every individual stone almost impossible. We do, however, give all the stones a good clean each year in the spring

in preparation for the thousands of visitors who come every summer. The garden is cleaned of leaves and debris that collects over the winter and then each stone is put back in its rightful place - a major job that takes weeks to accomplish."

Still, just looking around we can see rocks on practically every surface of Petra's rather small house, the entirety of which is lined with shelves displaying this most amazing collection - which overflows out into her front and back gardens and around the sides, going up behind the house for about 100 metres. There could easily be 100,000 stones here. At least!

Living up to her name
 The name Petra is from the Greek word petros, meaning rock or stone. However,



this name is rarely used in Iceland and so is quite remarkable that Petra's parents chose this name for her. Even as a small child, Petra had a tremendous drive, as well as an uncanny knack for finding beautiful stones, finding her first geode at the age of 7.

For the first two decades of her collecting work, Petra was restricted to searching the north slopes of the mountains in Stöðvarfjörður. Prior to 1962, travel in Iceland was very difficult; the roads were primitive and there was no bridge over the Stöðvará River. Nevertheless, she simply walked out her

front door and up to the mountains above her home to conduct her searches, often with several of her children in tow.

In the past 30 years, hundreds of thousands of visitors of all nationalities have visited Petra's collection on display in her home at Sannuhlíð in Stöðvarfjörður. Visitor numbers reached a zenith in 2003 with 20,000 people passing through the exhibition. During July and August, it is not uncommon for 200 to 300 visitors to be viewing the collection at the same time. It is the most popular tourist attraction of East Iceland.

In spite of all the interest that Petra's collections have garnered, she was not completely at ease with all the attention her life's work brought to her. In 1995, she then President of Iceland, Vigdís Finnbogadóttir, invited Petra to a special dinner at the presidential residence at Bessastaðir, where Petra was to be awarded the prestigious Order of the Falcon. Petra initially declined the invitation saying,



"This award is for the stones and not for myself and it is the stones that should be getting the award, not me!" After some persuasion from her family and friends, she finally decided to go and had a lovely time.

Petra once remarked, "I remember feeling so frustrated at not being able to write a song or a poem about all the beauty of God's creation that I have been blessed to see. There is just so, so much variety, it is truly astounding."

If the entries in the museum's guest book are anything to go by, then it is clear that Petra has indeed succeeded

in realising her dream of being able to express her love of nature. We are indebted to Petra and now her children and grandchildren, who have opened their hearts, their lives and their home, to share one woman's passion for the beauty to be found in the geology of East Iceland.

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...árin hefur gestum fjölgað jafnt og þétt og
...mlega turtugu þúsund í fyrirasumar. Yfir mesta
...tímann komu hér oft nokkur hundruð manns
...ekki er óalgegt að tvö til þrjú hundruð manns
...hennar Petru á sama tíma. Undanfarnir ár hefur
...eríð vinsælasti vökomustaður ferðamanna á Austurlandi.
...safsins eru fjölbjodlegur og litríkur hópur og í gegnum
...hefur Petra fengið margar eftirminnilegar heimsóknir.

...nir nokkrum árum komu hingað tólf Ítalir sem voru á hjóla-
...ferðalagi um Ísland. Þeir höfðu lent í íslensku slagveðri og
...þegar þeir komu í Sunnuhlíð voru þeir gegnblautir og kaldir.
...Petra bauð þá velkomna, gaf þeim að borða og þurrkaði af

líka reglulega í heimsókn sækir hingað upp...
örugglega aðrar en annarrar sem hingað koma. Þessi hópur
kemur frá þarlandum blindraskóla og athyglisvert að mörg
þeirra gátu sagt til um líri steinana sem þeim voru réttir.

Petra kann sögur af fólki sem brostið hefur í grát þegar það
gengur inn í safnið og aðrar af fólki sem fundið hefur fyrir svo
miklum krafti frá einstökum steinum að það finnur fyrir
líkamlegum óþægindum. Hvort að falletur stönn býr yfir mætti
til lækningar eða hvort hann inniheldur sérstaka orku verður
aldrei útkljáð eða sannað. Til þess er nálgun fólks of ólík. Hitt
er vist að fólk sem trúir staðfastlega á orku steinana kemur
hingað í hundrða vis á ári hverju.



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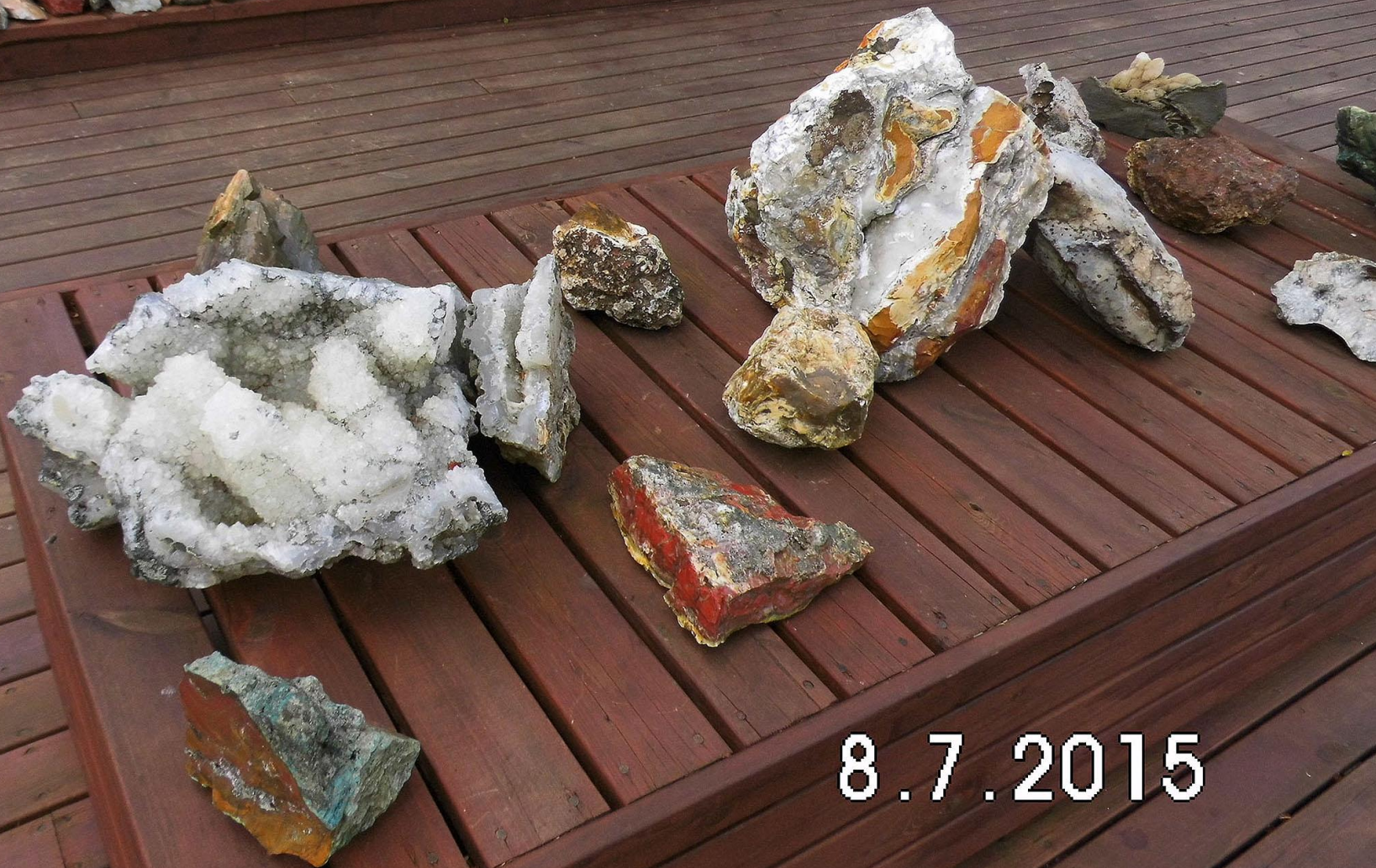
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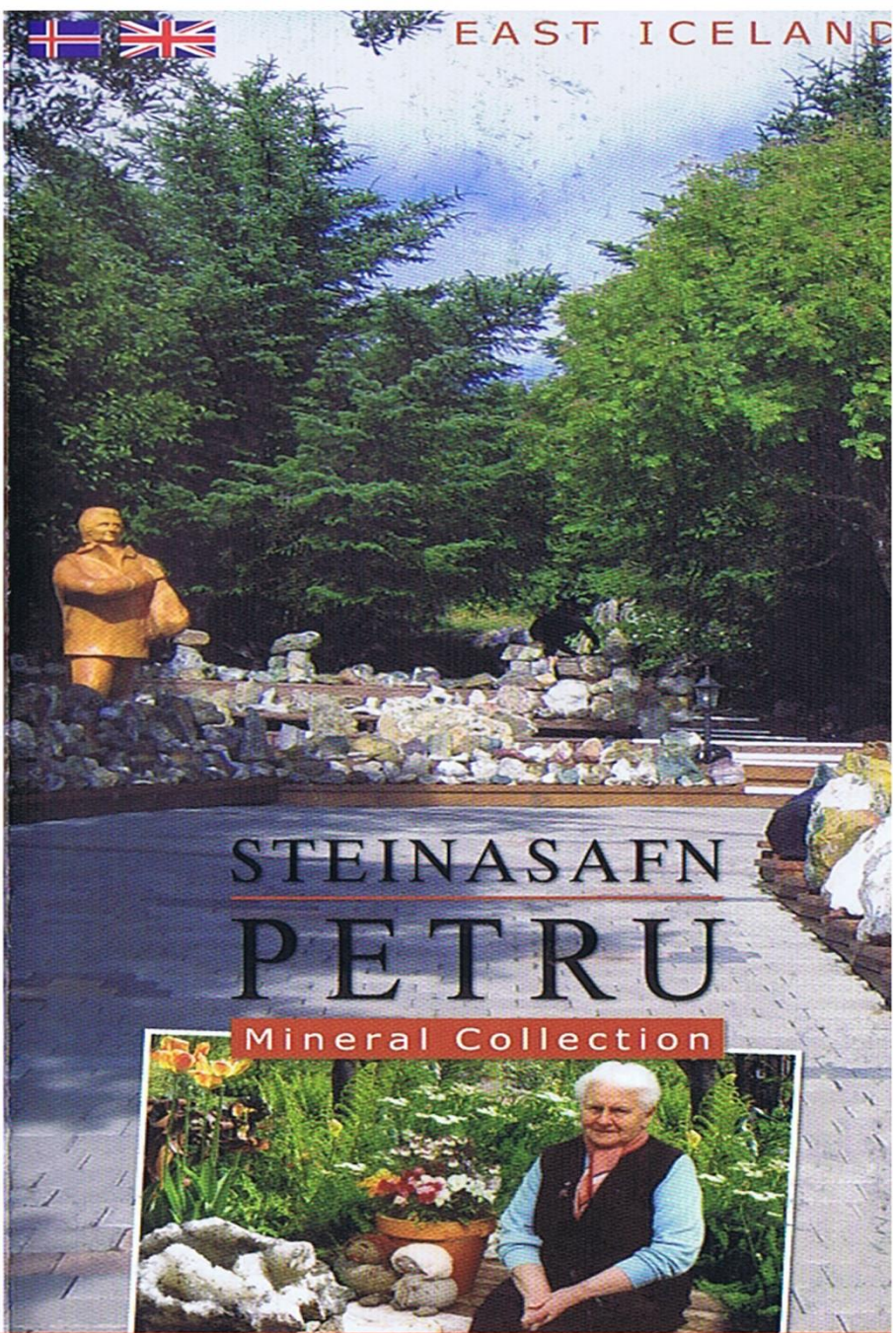
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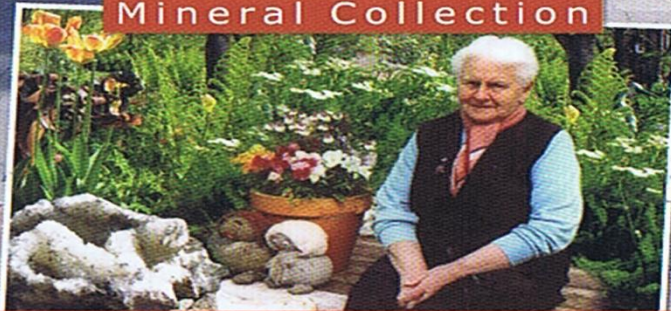


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Mineral Collection

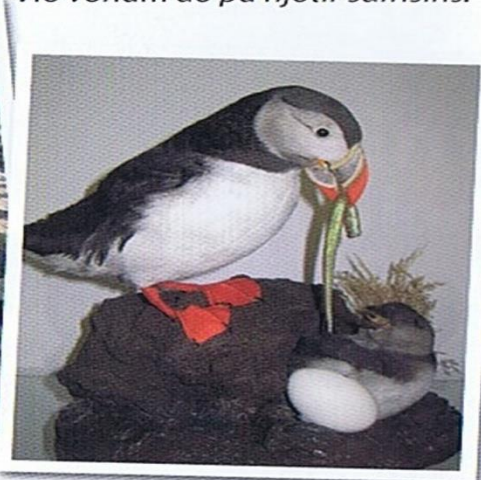


Welcome
to the world's largest privately owned stone and mineral collection



Það fer ekki fram hjá neinum sem heimsækir Petru að hún er duglegur steinasafnari. Færri vita að söfnunaráhugi hennar einskorðast ekki við steinasöfnun. Petra safnar merktum pennum, bollum og fleiri smáhlutum auk þess sem hún hefur safnað hverskonar skeljum og kuðungum í marga áratugi.

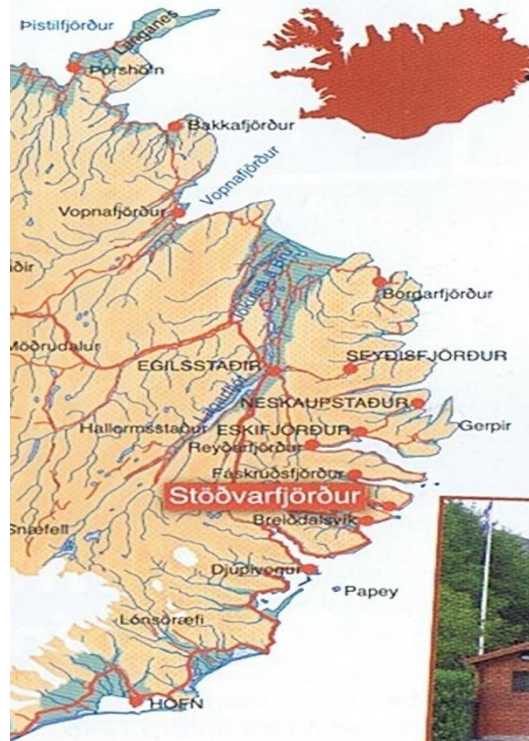
Við vonum að þú njótir safnsins.



Every one that visitis Petra can see that she is an avid stone collector. It may be less apparant that she collects seashells and conchs, branded pens, cups and other small items.

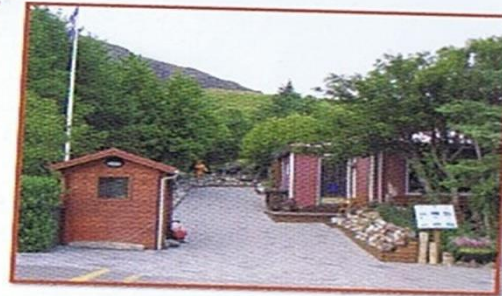
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Góð aðstaða til að setjast niður og fá sér kaffi í garðinum!

You can enjoy a nice cup of coffee in the garden!



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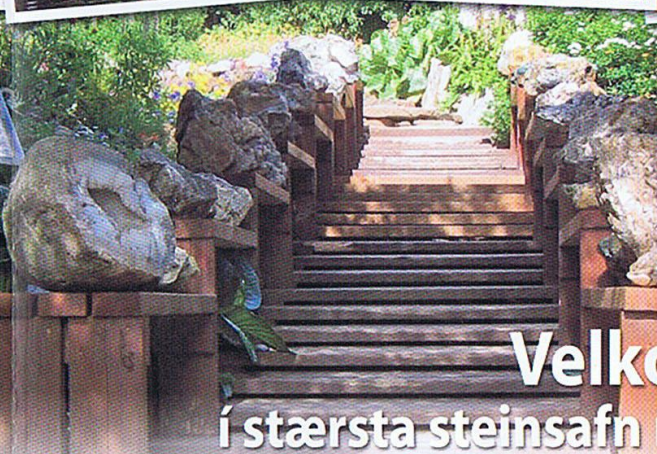


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Velkomin í stærsta steinsafn í heimi í einkaeign!

Ljósbjörg Petra María Sveinsdóttir hefur haft áhuga á fallgum steinum alla ævi, en byrjaði að safna þeim fyrir alvöru 1946.

Steinarnir hennar eru langflestir úr Stöðvarfirði og af Austurlandi því Petra hefur nær ekkert leitað steina í öðrum landsfjórðungum.

Árið 1974 ákvað Petra að heimili hennar myndi í framtíðinni verða opið fyrir alla sem vildu skoða steinana hennar. Gestir Petru skipta því hundruðum þúsunda.

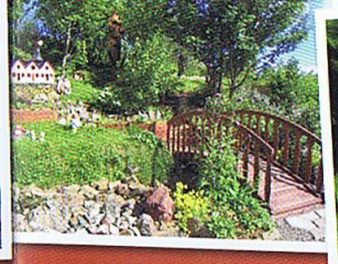
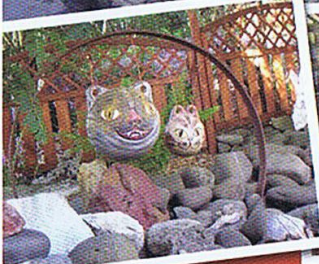
Vissulega hefur hús hennar tekið á sig svipmót safns en það er þó fyrst og síðast heimili.

Ljósbjörg Petra María Sveinsdóttir been fascinated by stones all her life and she became a serious collector in 1946.

Her stones and minerals are mainly from Stöðvarfjörður and Eastern Iceland because Petra has not spent much time looking for stones in other parts of Iceland.

In 1974 Petra decided that her home would be open to everyone wishing to look at her stones. Since then hundreds of thousands of guests have visited her collection.

While her house has taken on the appearance of a museum, it is first and foremost a home.



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