

# 1st Annual Somali Cultural Heritage Symposium

*Somali Culture and  
Literary Study Circle  
Presents:*

*Hilinka suugaanta iyo  
hal-abuurka Minnesota*

*Somali literary dialogue  
and the emerging role of  
Minnesota*



Laas Geel—Image of Neolithic paintings found on caves in the hills outside of Hargeisa, Somalia.  
Dating back to 8,000 BCE.

**SATURDAY JULY 11,  
2009  
5:00-8:30 PM**

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**The Diaspora has an important role in maintaining and enriching the Somali cultural heritage. Particularly the preservation of the language which has a strong link to the success of Somalis in the Diaspora.**

**Qurbe-joogtu kaalin weyn ayay ku leedahay fara-ku-haynta iyo kobcinta hiddaha iyo dhaqanka Soomaaliyeed. Gaar ahaan, ka war-qabidda Af-Soomaaligu waxa ay muhiim u tahay horumarka Soomaalida qurbaha ku nool.**