



# FCA News

FOR MEMBERS OF THE FINNISH CENTER ASSOCIATION

October 2008

## THE FCA NEEDS YOUR HELP IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- Opening and Closing
- Cleaning
- Inventory
- General Office
- Bartending
- Hall/Lounge Set up
- Proofreading
- Sound
- Plumbers
- Electrical

## APPLY SOON FOR FCA SCHOLARSHIPS!

The founders of the Finnish Center Association included in our by-laws that the FCA would promote education. For this reason, the Scholarship Committee has solicited funds over the years to be able to support students in their quest to obtain an education. Therefore, students are encouraged to apply soon for FCA Scholarships. The new applications will be available for pick-up by November 1 in the FCA office, and the deadline for returning completed applications is March 15, 2009.

There are two types of scholarships: to attend Salolampi, the Finnish language/culture summer camp program; and to attend institutions of higher education—community colleges, universities and technical/trade schools.

Concerning the Salolampi scholarships: the award will be \$200; and the applicant's parent must be a member of the Finnish Center. Youth programs for ages 7-17, family programs including children ages 0-17, and high school credit programs are available. For more information about the Salolampi camp programs at Minnesota's Concordia Language Villages, please visit their website at [www.concordialanguagevillages.org](http://www.concordialanguagevillages.org).

Concerning the higher education scholarships: the amount of the award depends on funds available, but past awards have been \$700 or \$800; the student, parent, guardian, or grandparent, living or deceased, must be a member of the FCA; and the student must have a high school diploma or G.E.D. Criteria for receiving a scholarship are: the applicant must demonstrate a positive work ethic, the applicant must participate in community service, and applicant must have at least a C average (2.0).

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The Scholarship Committee was excited to learn that one of our scholarship recipients for the 2007-08 academic year, Daniel Kaskinen, was recently awarded a scholarship by Finlandia Foundation National. Daniel attends Northwood University in Midland, Michigan, and plans to graduate at the end of this school year. He has a triple major in Automotive Marketing, Aftermarket Management, and Business Management. Congratulations, Daniel!

Throughout this year, you will be able to read interviews in the FCA Newsletter with the five students who received scholarships for the 2008-09 academic year. You will learn through their own words why these exceptional young people were awarded scholarships. Please remember the donations that you give to the Scholarship Fund are what make these scholarships possible.

Louise Hartung, for the Scholarship Committee.

# CALENDAR

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### **Crafts**

Mondays 10 to 2pm

### **Finnish American Singers**

Mondays 7 to 9pm

### **Library**

Open Mondays 9 to 2pm

### **NikkarinTalo**

Mondays 9am

## BI-WEEKLY EVENT

### **Blood Pressure Readings**

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday

11 am to 2pm

## MONTHLY EVENTS

### **Gift Shop**

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 12:30pm

### **Stamp Club**

Last Sunday of month 2-4pm

### **Weavers**

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month 9-12

### **Camera Club**

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of month 12-2 pm

### **Card and Game Party**

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 11-4 pm

### **Finnish Conversation**

2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of month 10am

## SEPTEMBER

26 Taste of Finland

Buffet 5-8 pm

Rentals: 6,10,12,14,24,27

## OCTOBER

3 & 4 Flea Market 9am-3pm

12 Finnish Breakfast 12-1:30

15 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne

17 Harvest Dinner 5-7

26 Open House Garden Club

Rentals: 8,12,16,18,22,25

## NOVEMBER

8 Scandinavian Bazaar

9 Brunch

12 Veteran's Day Luncheon 12:00pm

14 Fish Fry

19 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne

Rentals: 4,9,12

# FLEA MARKET

October 3 & 4, 2008

9 am-3 pm

Two days to shop

Six foot tables  
are still available.

# FIBER EXPO IN ANN ARBOR

Saturday, October 25 from 9  
to 5 & Sunday, October 26  
from 9 to 4. Admission \$3.00.

Looking for people interested  
to attend and see what they  
are doing. Weavers may get  
some ideas. If interested in  
going on Saturday, October  
25<sup>th</sup> call the FCA, and we  
could meet at the Center and  
share a ride.

Ruth Mannisto

# COMPUTER CLASSES

Introduction to computer classes are  
forming. Classes start October 10  
and will meet once a week for four  
weeks. Starting time will be 9:30 am  
and end at 11:30 am. The fee will be  
\$20.00.

Classes will be limited to 8 stu-  
dents - first come first in. Call the  
FCA to sign up 248-478-6939.

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Gerald Malstrom, Norman McCue

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

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## OVER ON FINN DRIVE

Let's take a trip in and around our Finn Center in Farmington Hills, Michigan.

A recent report made up by Shirley Brooks of the membership committee gives us some encouragement.

We show we have 44 new members that have joined the FCA in the last eight months. Currently, we show that we have 699 Life Members and 577 active members. We do need some kind of return contact with our Life Members, either a written message, or an e mail would be helpful. We do not know if our mailings reach the Life Members current residence or if any of the mailings get forwarded to their nursing home.

I was just thinking about the Finnish Center and I thought it would be a good idea to list the many clubs and committees that are a part of our Finnish Cultural Center. These groups are so important to what keeps us going. We want each new member of the Center and all of our membership to be aware of these groups and please come in a join the fun. If you like to sing, we have the Finnish American Singers. We need more singers in all departments of this four part music group. If you enjoy playing an instrument, then join the orchestra (that is the Soittoniekat Folk band). Today, it's the computers and the digital cameras that seem to fit together as they work so well in this technical world. And, we have a club for both. There is a group of women who like to get together and bake some of the good stuff that tastes great with a cup of coffee. This can include some of the old fashion coffee bread known as "pulla" in Finnish or maybe it will be fruit tarts. If we have any men who would like to get into this magical world of baking, please let us know. The baking is usually a nice and warm activity and it can be good for limbering up the joints. It sure beats watching TV.

One of best things that we do around the Finnish Center for fund raising is make pasties.

It takes a lot of people to peel all those potatoes, carrots, onions, and rutabagas and then to form all of the pasties. It sure is fun. I better explain and make it clear what a pasty is for the benefit of all. It is a vegetable fold over pie that hits the spot for lunch or supper. If you join in on the pasty bake, you can get a full story about the Finnish Pasties.

Here is a list of other groups: Finn-Weavers, Garden Club, Folk Dancers, Library Club, Stamp Club, Scholarships, language classes, Finnish American Singers and Soittoniekat.

The FCA committees and respective committee chairpersons are listed on page 2 of this newsletter. Please look these over and express your interest to your Finnish Center. It is the volunteers that can keep our center moving ahead.

See you at the Finn Center-  
Frank Gottberg, Chairman

### SOCIALLY SPEAKING

Social/Women's Club Bakers will combine to host the Finnish Breakfast on Sunday, October 12, beginning at noon. Kindly refer to the article on page 7.

On November 12 we will again honor our FCA Veterans with a luncheon and program. Veterans, please plan to come with friends and family.

Kiitos,  
Ilene Maki Yanke, Social

## FINLAND TODAY

First, most of us have seen Fazer mints in stores. But the mint operation is only a small part of the Finnish Fazer Group. Fazer group employs about 15,000 people in nine countries with an annual income of about \$1.5 billion last year.

One of the leading areas of business for Fazer is in Russia. Today Russia accounts for 14% of Fazer's annual turnover and is increasing at an annual rate of 39%. The Russian operations employ 3,500 people

The Fazer Group has announced that it has acquired a majority stake in the Russian bakery company, OAO Volzhky Pekar. OAO Volzhky Pekar produces about 45,000 tons of bread per year and employs about 1,800 people.

Fazer also announced plans to build a new bakery in St. Petersburg. Fazer will invest about \$150 million on the new plant that will make fresh and frozen baked goods.

Fazer in Russia operates under the brand name of Hlebny Dom, and is the single largest bread and bakery operator in Russia.

The Russians are coming, the Russians are coming. That was the name of a movie that came out in 1966. But that is what could be said in Finland today. Wealthy Russians are snapping up Finnish lake side cottages and building single family houses on the eastern side of Finland near the Russian border. Last year, three-fourths of all property sold to foreigners was bought by Russians.

But, most of the cottages and houses are only used during the summer, so there is no economic benefit for the areas the rest of the year.

In Imatra, a Russian cottage owner likes his new summer place, "Finland is so clean and safe, Finns are law-abiding, and there is little crime."

A new nature magazine for children has recently opened online. The new online magazine called Jippo, also has material intended for teachers. Teachers are also encouraged to submit ideas to Jippo. The only draw back is that the magazine is only in Finnish. The online magazine is at [www.helsinki.fi/jippo](http://www.helsinki.fi/jippo).

Swedish National TV has decided to lengthen its Finnish language news cast from 10 minutes to 15 minutes. The Finnish language news is on daily at 5:45 pm. The Finnish language news casts started in 1988 with 5 minutes, than 7 minutes, later 10 minutes, and now 15 minutes.

Unemployment continues to drop in Finland. In July the number of people unemployed was 144,000, down 17,000

from last July. The current rate is 5.2%.

But on the other hand, Finland continues to have a shortage of workers in the health field, skilled trades, and high tech fields.

Brazilian energy companies have again placed orders at Wartsila Power for new power plants. The Brazilian Geradora de Energia de Maranhao has ordered two 331 megawatt power plants from Wartsila. These are the 3rd and 4th power plants ordered by Brazil from Wartsila this year.

Finland's electronics manufacturer, Elcoteq, has bought a flat panel TV assembly plant in Mexico. The plant located in Juarez, was owned by Philips.

Elcoteq has facilities in 15 countries, and employs 24,000 people. Sales in 2007 were about \$6 billion.

Finnish movie director Renny Harlen, who directed movies in Hollywood for 20 years, is back in Finland directing a movie he calls his "biggest". The movie is about the life of Carl Gustav Mannerheim. The movie will come out near the end of 2009.

Finland's oldest citizen is Aarne Arvonen. He turned 111 on August 4th. Born in 1897 in Helsinki, he currently lives in Jarvenpaa.

And finally, little Aino asked her mother, Helvi, "How did the human race appear?"

The mother answered, "God made Adam and Eve and they had children and so was all mankind made."

A couple of days later little Aino asked her father, Heikki, the same question.

The father answered, "Many years ago there were monkeys from which the human race evolved."

A confused Aino returned to her mother and said, "Mom, how is it possible that you told me that the human race was created by God, and Dad said that they developed from monkeys?"

The mother answered, "Well, dear, it is very simple. I told you about my side of the family and your father told you about his."

Markku Ketola  
[marketola@yahoo.com](mailto:marketola@yahoo.com)

## ARTWORK ON LOAN AT THE FCA

We've accepted, on loan, the painting "A Finnish Girl" by John Potti. Please stop by the Manager's office where the painting is displayed.

## TABLES FOR SALE

We have several 3 ft by 3 ft square tables available for sale at \$50 each. Used previously in the lounge, these tables are suitable for indoor use when entertaining for the holidays, hosting parties or having friends over to play cards. Call if interested.

## FINN FACTS

Kuhmo, a Karelian frontier town, has established an international reputations with its annual Kuhmo Chamber Music Festival and fascinating Kalevala Village displaying local folk traditions.

## Armitage Catering

Located at the FCA, we cater any event, big or small:

**Weddings/Showers**  
**Anniversaries**  
**Memorial Services**  
**Business Events**  
**Graduation Parties**

Off site catering is also available.  
248-921-7561

## For Sale

Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park  
Garden of Ascension, Livonia  
4-lots @ \$1000.00 each  
All for \$3600.00  
Call Eunice Kilpela Orton  
248-642-7812

## FINNISH AMERICAN SINGERS

### FINNISH AMERICAN SINGERS' FINNFEST TRIP

Most of our singers rode the bus to Duluth with four other members coming by car. Our two 50-minute concerts were well attended. Many thanks to Maria Hill who came along with us and consented to sing with us, as we needed another soprano! Thanks also to Ruth Kaarlela and Edith Raski for riding with us.

Director Hank Naasko, accompanist Bill Gramzow, Paul Rajala, Nancy Jacobs, and Ilene Yanke performed a Gerschwin song, vocal jazz with close harmonies, called Love Walked In.

The Canadian scenery on the north side of Lake Superior was three times as beautiful as we had imagined with rock walls, low mountains, lakes, rivers, huge clumps of white birches, signs warning of moose at night, and, of course Lake Superior. An extra surprise, three young wolves on the side of the road!

Thank you pasty workers and pasty purchasers who made this trip possible.

Ilene Yanke, FASM President



Singers attending the FinnFest in Duluth

# MEMORIAL FUND

When making a memorial donation, you may direct it toward a specific fund.

The funds available are: FCA General Fund, Library, Scholarship, Hoijakat Folk Dancers, Drama Club, Finn Weavers, Garden Club, Soittoniekat Folk Musicians and Finnish American Singers.

If a donation is undesignated, it goes to the general fund for expenses of the Center.

The family of the deceased may direct undesignated donations toward a specific fund (up to one year after date of death).

**Please make your check out to the Finnish Center Association and send donations to: Pearl Wanttaja, 28235 Townley, Madison Heights, MI 48071. Do not send cash through the mail. Deadline is the last day of every month.**

You may also direct your donation toward the Elders' Housing but then your check must be made out to FCA Senior Housing Corp.

Please include full name (with middle initial), address, dates of death and birth of the deceased; also the name and address of the next of kin to whom the acknowledgement card is to be mailed.

If you know of a member, parent or child of a member who has passed away, please call me at 248-541-0054.

Thank you, Pearl Wanttaja, Chair

NOTE: All memorial donations MUST BE AT MY HOME, not at the Finnish Center, by the 1st of the month.

Donations received since the September newsletter are as follows:

In memory of John Wittla (5-13-08) of Greenbush, a donation has been made by Charlotte Lytikainen.

In memory of FCA life member Vivian Aho Dunn (7-16-08) donations have been made by Pearl & Ray Wanttaja and the FCA.

In memory of FCA life member Harold Fosness (8-9-08) donations have been made by Lillian & Calvin Niemi, Bob & Leila Malmstrom, Rudy & Norma Aittama, Edith Raski, Ruth Kaarlela, Adolph & Lovern Aittama, Neil Manley Jr., Erick Kyro, Toini Kesti, Rafael & Elvi Saviniemi, Millie Harju, John & Margaret Laybourn, John Solowitz, Colleen & Doug Helmick, William & Linda Whitten, Betty & Leonard Holmbo, Al Kovacs, Glen & Marsha Gummerus, Nina Ranta, Pearl & Ray Wanttaja, Kay Simo, Lois Makee, Bob & Marge Salo, Joan Newman, Hannah Carlson, Cindy & Mike Adler, Cele Spayd, Grace & Ruben Nayback, Stephen & Gail Keller, Rigmor Cuolahan, Robert & Shirley Erickson, Employees of Riemer Floors and the FCA.

In memory of Marvin Saari (8-24-08) of Tucson, AZ, a donation has been made by his cousin Arne & Mary Ann Hanninen. Marvin was the brother of member Delores Aebersold.

In memory of FCA life member Siiri Narhi Edwards Bjerkness (8-29-08) donations have been made by Pearl & Ray Wanttaja and the FCA.

In memory of FCA life member Eilene Laturi Serresseque (8-31-08) donations have been made by Pearl & Ray Wanttaja and the FCA.

In memory of FCA life member Wealthy Makila (8-12-01) a donation has been made by her husband Emil.

In memory of FCA life member Edsel Carlson (5-6-08) donations have been made by Millie Harju, Lois Makee, Bob & Marge Salo and Cele Spayd.

In memory of FCA member Peter Waldren Maki (7-10-97) a donation has been made by his wife Blanche.

In memory of FCA life member Walter "Walt" Haveri (7-30-08) donations have been made by Leo Hakola, Maria Hill, Neil Manley Jr., Erick Kyro, Betty & Leonard Holmbo, Connie Fosness, Kay Simo, Robert Dunn and Grace & Ruben Nayback.

In memory of FCA life member Paul "Gil" Jukuri (6-15-08) a donation has been made by Connie Fosness.

In memory of FCA life member Saima "Sye" Waisanen Palmer (1-31-08) a donation has been made by her niece Julianne Ager.

In memory of FCA life member Edward Snabb (7-12-08) a donation has been made by Connie Fosness.

The FCA has made donations in memory of life members Vieno Marttila Heinonen (8-6-08) and Ruth Wuolukka Spanberger (8-25-08).

## WOMEN'S CLUB

The Women's Club would like to have a luncheon with a program once a month starting in January. We're looking for program ideas, such as a fashion show, doll show, speakers or any other ideas.

Rigmor Cuolahan, Chair

## GOING PLACES

### TRIP NOTES

Please be sure to get your deposits in! We need 30 to 36 deposits at least 30 days prior to the trip or we lose the bus. If you leave your car at the FCA while on a trip, please park at the north end of the property. If you park near the main or lounge entrances you are using spaces needed for other functions.

**FOR BORDER CROSSING:** You must have two pieces of valid ID—EITHER a passport (current or expired) OR a certified birth certificate (not a photocopy) OR a Certificate of Citizenship. AND YOU MUST ALSO have a valid driver's license or government ID card with photo.

Odawa Casino in Petoskey - 2 days, Monday-Tuesday, October 6 & 7, \$135. Incentive package of \$35 included.

Charlie Prose at Soaring Eagle - 1 day, Tuesday, October 21, \$34. You will have some time to gamble before the show. A \$15 coin coupon and \$5 food voucher are included. Be at FCA 9 am for a 9:15 departure. Return about 9 pm.

Randy Travis at Fallsview Casino - Niagara Falls - 2 days, Monday-Tuesday, December 1 & 2, \$275. Breakfast and \$10 in coin are included. Also included is a stop at Duty Free. Don't forget proper I.D. I was told this trip is filling up so don't delay.

Irving Berlin's "White Christmas" at the Fox - 1 day, Wednesday, December 10, \$83. Includes lunch at the Traffic Jam & Snug. Be at FCA 10:15 am for 10:30 departure. Return about 5:45 pm.

"Escanaba in Love" at the Crowell Opera House - 1 day, Sunday, March 1, \$76. This is the latest "yooper" comedy by Jeff Daniels. This one takes place during World War II. Lunch will be at the Hathaway House. Be at FCA 10:45 am for an 11 am departure. Return about 6:45 pm.

We are still hoping for the Caribbean Cruise for the spring.

## CULTURAL

Attention weavers, craft folk, carpenters, musicians and drama enthusiasts! Anyone interested in putting his or her creative talents to work, and helping out the FCA in the process, should come to our monthly meetings. To find out more, join us the second Saturday of the month from 9 am to noon and we'll discuss how we can contribute to the FCA through crafts, music, etc.

Christmas will be here soon and I need everyone's help to plan a wonderful party for the children. We'll need assistance in making cookies and other treats for the kids.

Weavers meet the second Saturday of each month at 9 am. The loom is ready for a weaver to create a carpet.

See you on the second Saturday of the month. Come offer your expertise and help us with these fun events.

Kiitos-

Ruth Mannisto

## WOMEN'S CLUB BAKERS

Wednesday, October 22 is Pulla/Nisu Baking Day again, from 10 a.m.-2:00 p.m. All are welcome to come help during these hours. Those wishing to order their loaves may call the FCA in advance, and come to pick them up somewhat after 1:30 p.m.

## PUURO, PIIRAKKA, & PULLA

These favorites, plus orange juice, breakfast sandwiches on Rieska, and coffee will be served at our 3rd Women's Club Finnish Breakfast on Sunday, October 12, beginning at 12 noon. Our workers will be baking and freezing these treats on the Pulla/Nisu day, September 24.

As you did last April, we hope to see many of you coming for this healthy breakfast on the regular Brunch Sunday. All will be priced ala carte.

Also, as with last April, since our group is not large, we ask any of you to call Ilene at 248.887.3538 to volunteer to help us serve and clean-up the day of the brunch. Thank you.

# FROM THE FCA LIBRARY

On our 1985 Fennophile tour, one of our passengers lost her sunglasses on a public bus en route to Tapiola. The next day, the driver of our own bus, upon hearing this, said “Don’t worry. They’ll show up at the bus station in their Lost and Found.” Little did we believe that, but when she checked the next day, sure enough, there they were! When we expressed our surprise, Risto, our bus driver, said this was not unusual at all. He said his mother once forgot her tote bag, containing, among other things, the money from her just cashed pay check. She checked at the bus station the next day, and again, there was her tote bag, money and all! Finland has been ranked for many years, in international comparisons, as the least corrupt nation in the world. This trait, of course, is common to the average Finn also and among many others, is the subject of several books in our library. Today’s Finland is no longer the Finland of our grandparents. You might like to get acquainted with modern Finland with the help of the following:

**CULTURE SMART! FINLAND: A QUICK GUIDE TO CUSTOMS & ETIQUETTE** by Terttu Leney. Finns have many established customs. Among them is baptism, which takes place when the baby is about two months old. The name to be given is kept SECRET until the time of the ceremony. (Once when visiting a relative with a newborn, I asked, as we in America are accustomed to do, “What is the baby’s name?” “The mother’s answer was “She hasn’t been baptized yet.” Had I not known their custom, I would have been tempted to ask “What does that have to do with it?”). Celebrating names is universal in Finland. They have a name day calendar for Finnish, Swedish, Sami, and Orthodox names. From this calendar friends know when your name day is, and you receive presents from close friends and family, and in turn, you are expected to have coffee and cakes or sweets to serve them. Children’s birthdays are observed, but typically adult birthdays are not celebrated until one reaches fifty, when a celebration as big as a wedding reception is held. Thereafter, the “round years” (60, 70, etc.) are celebrated. This type of information, plus the home life of Finns, travel in Finland, sex and the city, conducting business in Finland, and much, much more is contained in this little 168-page book. You’ll find it in non-fiction, Dewey number 395 Le.

**THE LIGHTER SIDE OF FINLAND** by Russell Snyder and Pertti Anikari. As the name implies, this is a “fun” book, with illustrations to match. Someone once complained that on his travels in Finland he didn’t find foods like his grandmother used to cook. Pizzas and hamburgers may not sound very Finnish, but they are very popular. However, if you want traditional Finnish food, fish of all kinds can be found, so fresh that it was probably swimming in the ocean the day before it was served. The variety of breads is almost too numerous to count, and the Finns are masters of sandwich-

making (but only open-faced ones, which are not finger food, but eaten with a knife and fork.) Reindeer is not to be missed, and elk, snow grouse, pheasant, hare and sometimes bear can be found in most better restaurants. Pork, beef and chicken are common, and let’s not forget “makkara”, or sausage, which is very popular in many forms and flavors. And you must taste “karjalanpiirakka”, a pastry with rice pudding surrounded by a rye shell. The foods of Finland are only one topic of many in this delightful 120-page book. Other topics include dancing, drinking, literature, music, religion, sauna and much more. It’s located in non-fiction, Dewey number 914.71 Sn.

If you liked the above, you’ll probably enjoy **FROM FINLAND WITH LOVE** by Roman Schatz. The author, a German, fell in love with a Finnish girl in West Berlin, followed her to Finland, got married, had two children and was divorced. By this time he was so in love with Finland that he stayed, learned Finnish, and has worked for the Finnish Broadcasting Company for many years, writing, producing, directing and presenting TV language courses and travel programs. His book presents Finland in a humorous vein, but assures the reader that he does not intend to offend or upset anyone. He explains that his work can be compared to the Finnish proverb “Rakkaudesta se hevonen potkii” (“When a horse kicks you, it’s out of love.”) I think you’ll get a “kick” out of this, too. It’s in non-fiction, Dewey number 309.1471 Sc

Lillian Lehto, Librarian



Our FCA Librarian, Lillian Lehto



## GARDEN CLUB

October finds cooler weather upon us and hopefully increased enthusiasm for gardening chores. Those dog days of summer made it difficult for even the most dedicated volunteers to spend more than a few hours early in the day. In spite of the hot weather and lack of rain, the gardens are still blooming quite wonderfully.

It is possible that by the time you read this newsletter that the pergola will have been erected in the West garden across from the bridge. Construction started appropriately on Labor Day. Northville Lumber provided the materials at below wholesale cost which is greatly appreciated. A plaque acknowledging their contribution will be erected in the near future. We are still in negotiations with Fendt regarding a paver base for under the pergola. We have few funds available for the base as construction costs for the post installation and footings along with the lumber has depleted our Memorial Fund.

Several members of the Garden Club made a presentation to the new class of Master Gardeners in Wayne late in August. We have had one new volunteer come forward for a workday and hope that this presentation will prompt others to join us. Current plans call for a "Perennial Dividing Workday" on Saturday, September 27. Invitations will be going out to all current Master Gardeners and new students and all members of the Finnish Center are also invited to attend. The workday should be short - approximately 9am to 12. Extra perennials that are not planted or taken by our new volunteers (in redemption of the coupon they received at their first class) will be made available during the Flea Market in October or given to Tollgate for future monetary or material considerations.

We hope to find time to work with any available Woodshop volunteers to sand and stain many of the benches on the grounds that are in dire need of this service. Any benches or chairs that we cannot finish this fall will be brought in with thoughts of working on them during the winter and early spring.

The first Monday of every month at 10am is our meeting time. Right now we meet at the garage under the umbrella, however, in October we may be under the pergola! In addition, every Monday is a general workday with members showing up between 8:30 and 9am. If the urge to garden strikes you, we would love to see you join us.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (734) 546-5190 or [gaylegullen@hotmail.com](mailto:gaylegullen@hotmail.com).

Gayle Gullen  
Garden Club President

## BOOK AND JOURNAL CLUB MEETING

The Book Club has in the past several years covered most of the Finnish classics and several interesting Finnish-American writings. Currently, it's expanding its format to cover not only book reviews, but Finnish-American newspapers, Internet sites, and other media that might be of interest to participants. Finnish-American newspapers are one of the long-surviving legacies of Finnish culture in this country and deserve our support. Book Club participants discuss news stories or experiences that relate to Finnish-American culture and are invited to bring their own ideas to the forum. If you do not subscribe to a Finnish American publication, the FCA Library carries several Finnish American newspapers and there are news media on the Internet including, Helsingin Sanomat, Virtual Finland, and Helsinki Times.

We invite interested individuals to join us Monday, October 27 at 10 am to participate in a discussion.

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