



FCA News

FOR MEMBERS OF THE FINNISH CENTER ASSOCIATION

August 2014

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY

27 Sunday Open House 1-4 pm

AUGUST

2 Rental

3 Rental

9 Rental

11-14 Charity Poker Event

24 Rental

31 Sunday Open House 1-4 pm

SEPTEMBER

2 Labor Day - Closed

5 Friday Night Buffet 5-8 pm

10 Wednesday Board Meeting 6:30 pm

10 Rental

14 Sunday Brunch 12-1:30 pm

14 Finnish Lecturers of the Year 2:30 pm
Filmmaking producers of Yoopera!

17 Rental

19 Friday Night Buffet 5-8 pm

19 Pasty Prep

20 Pasty Bake & Sale

21 40th Anniversary of Finnish Center Building Dedication
2-4 pm. Coffee and refreshments.

24 Rental

24 Wednesday Monthly Luncheon Noon

27 Saturday Silent Auction 11-3 pm
and Live Auction 3-4 pm

28 Sunday Open House 1-4 pm

Weekly Events

Finnish American Singers
(No rehearsals in August)

Library

Open Monday 10 am-2 pm

Nikkarin Talo

Mondays 9 am

Finlandia Garden Club

Mondays 9 am

Monthly Events

Finnish Conversation

1st Friday of the month 10 am

Book Club

Last Monday of the month 1 pm

Luncheon

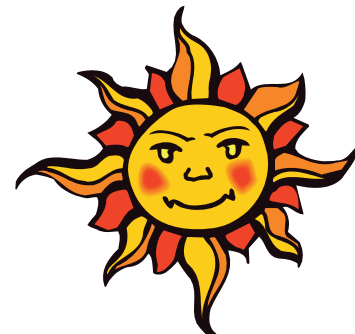
Last Wednesday of the month Noon

(No Luncheon in August)

Open House

Last Sunday of the month 1-4 pm

**RESERVATIONS ARE
SUGGESTED FOR
DINNERS AND LUNCHEONS**



FCA PASTIES SEPTEMBER 20

In my six years of pasty making at the FCA, I estimate that we have baked more than 20,000 pasties. Can you imagine how many have been made in our kitchen in the previous 34 years? 150,000? 200,000?

Reservations are recommended and **all orders are to be picked up on Saturday between 11 and 4**: Order in one of these methods.

1) Email to FCA-pasties@comcast.net. Cost is \$5 each, but if you order 10 or more by email you can save 10%. Provide name, phone, and quantity.

2) Use the sign-up sheet in the FCA lobby. Cost is \$5 each.

Volunteers are needed to help on Friday the 19th from 10 to 2 and Saturday the 20th anytime between 7 and 3. Please contact me at prajala@comcast.net.

Paul Rajala



AUGUST IN THE GARDENS

Wildlife abounds around the gardens. We like the birds and butterflies and seeing the deer in the distance is nice (until we find them eating the buds off our annual flowers). This year we've resorted to Plantskydd (natural animal repellent) on several types of annuals (deer) and at the two entrances to the vegetable gardens in an attempt to keep the bunnies from entering the vegetable gardens. Now if we can just manage to keep the ground hogs from eating our tomatoes and beans before we get to eat them we'll be happy!

It's been a busy summer so far for the few dedicated Garden Club members so much so that we've had to hire help in order to make the gardens somewhat presentable for a tour by a dozen members from the Meadowbrook Garden Club on July 7. The rain we have been consistently receiving this year has made the gardens flourish, but unfortunately, the weeds have been growing far faster than the flowers and have been outpacing our efforts. However, a benefit to our Garden Club membership is that you get to eat all the raspberries you can pick and they have been very plentiful this year. In fact we are considering removing a few extra plants that have sprung up in the pathways so that we can harvest the berries a bit easier.

We've recently relocated the two topiary evergreens behind the picnic table near the front of the building in hopes that time out of the hot western sun may allow the potted evergreens to recover. If not, off to the compost pile they go as they won't enhance the front of the building if they don't recover their green status.

If you have any questions, comments, or donations, you can contact me at (734) 546-5190 or gaylegullen@hotmail.com.

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CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

This coming September marks a milestone in the Finnish Center history. It was 40 years ago, on September 21, 1974, when our FCA building dedication took place. This is the time to remember and appreciate all the hardworking members who made this project a reality. By today's standards the project faced unsurmountable obstacles. Present membership should feel honored and privileged to have had such a foundation laid before us; it is now our duty to carry forward the dream.

We all should take to heart and follow our pioneers' example on how things can be accomplished when everybody works towards a common goal. Our building is a daily reminder that hard work and dedication can accomplish a lot. We should all remember and cherish this building and put effort in keeping the building in good shape. Thanks to the generous donations from our valued members we are able to do badly needed repairs.

We will honor this 40 year milestone by having a get together on September 21 from 2 to 4 pm. I hope that many of our older members will be able to come and share with our younger generation their memories from those early days .

Mia Lamminen,
Chairman



HAPPINESS FUND

This item was to be printed in the June newsletter. We are sorry to have omitted it and hope the family of Laina Lampi will understand and forgive our error.

The children and grandchildren of **Laina Kehus Lampi** remember her with love on the 100th anniversary of her birth, June 23, 1914.

Sandy & David Sheel, Jackie (Scheel) & Jeff Weinman, Paul Lampi, Kyle Lampi.



SCANDINAVIAN BAZAAR

Save the Date!

November 15, 2014.

10 am - 4 pm



SOCIAL COMMITTEE

We hope this finds everyone enjoying a beautiful, green summer. The rains brought beauty to gardens everywhere. We're blooming with flowers and events at the FCA. Rentals are coming in with our beautiful new dance floor.

The Silent Auction is in September and we are now accepting items of value. We request only items that people will bid on.

Thank you to all who attended the June luncheon. Marlene Ruuskanen, Elaine Lada, Mia Lamminen, Pearl Wanttaja, Marge Salo, Maryan Haffner, Lila Ball, Connie Fosness and Eva Miner were the raffle winners.

Terry and Lila Ball



GIFT SHOP AUGUST SPECIAL

Members will receive
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Excludes selected CD's,
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EINO KAINLAURI ARCHITECT OF THE FINNISH CULTURAL CENTER

The 40th anniversary of the dedication of our Finnish Cultural Center is September 21, 2014. In the next few issues of the newsletter we will have some articles about the people that are on the plaque as you enter the center. They were instrumental in the FCA early days. This month we will feature a little bit about the man who was the architect.

Eino Olavi Kainlauri was born in Lahti, Finland in 1922. He studied at both Lahti Lyceum and Helsinki University of Technology before moving to Ann Arbor, Michigan and continuing his studies at the University of Michigan. While in Finland he had served in the Finnish Armed Forces during both the Winter War and the Continuation War. He received a Bachelor of Architecture, Master of Architecture and a Ph.D. in Natural Resources from the University of Michigan. He was the architect of many schools and churches as well as commercial and public houses.

In 1975 he moved with his family to Ames, Iowa where he was appointed the professor in charge of continuing education in architecture at Iowa State University.

He received many awards in his lifetime. In 1992, he was named Knight, First Class, of the Order of the White Rose of Finland by the President of Finland. He also lectured at several FinnFests about Finnish American architects.

The Finnish Cultural Center was designed by him and opened Sept 21, 1974. He died in Iowa in 2006. We are thankful for his role in the FCA dream of a cultural center of their own.



Above: Eino Kainlauri Architect and Ted Puuri, lay the cornerstone, June 9, 1974.



FCA Groundbreaking, April 29, 1973
Left to right: Earl Pennanen, George Rousseau, Ted Puuri Ed Elsila, Eero Keranen.

Right: Plaque that is displayed in vestibule of the FCA



MEMORIALS

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/FinnFolk Musicians and Finnish American Singers.

If a donation is undesignated, it goes to the General Fund for expenses of the Center.

Please make your check out to the Finnish Center Association and send donations to: FCA, 35200 West Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48335.

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

Please include full name, address, date of death of the deceased as well as the name and address of the next of kin to whom the acknowledgement card is to be mailed. **Also include all names of donors.** If the deceased is a non member of the FCA please include city and state of residence.

In memory of FCA member **Shirley Belttari** (4/3/14) donations have been made by Ruben Nayback and Louise Hartung.

In memory of FCA life member **John "Les" Ford** (2/9/14) a donation has been made by his wife Anelma.

In memory of FCA life member **Carrie Niemi** (5/2/14) a donation has been made by her daughter Joyce & son-in-law Robert Patterson.

In memory of FCA life member **Frank Riordan** (5/8/14) donations have been made by his wife Melba and his daughter Jill Houghes.

In memory of FCA life members **Eleanor Paananen Nelson** (6/12/14) and **Walfred "Tony" Nelson** (12/8/13) donations have been made by their son Steve & Linda Nelson, Martha Isaacson, Norma Kangas, Jean Belkonen, Eleanor Sutinen, Roger & Pam Maki, Bev & Del Harma, Penny Ziemer, Mona Elliott, Gloria Garrett, Clyde & Carolyn Maki, Barbara & Chuck Harris and Barbara Krumm.

In memory of FCA life member **Gertrude Ahola Walimaa** (6/18/14) a donation has been made by Maria Hill.

In memory of FCA life member **Wilbert "Wil" Suokas** (6/27/14) donations have been made by Will & Dolores Rajala and Maria Hill.

In memory of **Delores Fennell** of Jackson (6/18/74) a donation has been made by the Fred Liimatta Family.

In memory of **Hilda Sormunen** of Chassell (4/19/98) a donation has been made by the Fred Liimatta Family.

In memory of **Peter Houle** of Chassell (3/14/10) a donation has been made by the Fred Liimatta Family.

In memory of **Peter Sormunen** of Chassell (8/29/96) a donation has been made by the Fred Liimatta Family.

In memory of FCA member **Pierre Houle** (1/20/14) a donation has been made by the Fred Liimatta Family.

In memory of FCA member **Ray Benson** (3/7/14) a donation has been made by Ruben Nayback.

In memory of **Rigmor Cuolahan** (2/7/14) a donation has been made by Ruben Nayback.

In memory of FCA life member **Robert Lahti** (2/26/14) a donation has been made by Ruben Nayback.

The FCA also wishes to extend condolences to the family and friends of:

FCA life members:

Donald Jacobson (9/4/12)
 John "Les" Ford (2/9/14)
 Carrie Niemi (5/2/14)
 Frank Riordan (5/8/14)
 Eleanor Nelson (6/12/14)
 Gertrude Walimaa (6/18/14)
 Elaine Jacobson (6/19/14)
 Wilbert "Wil" Suokas (6/27/14)

GOING PLACES



Stratford - Wednesday, September 10, \$139. The wonderful musical "Crazy for You" will have you tapping your toes to greats like "I Got Rhythm" and "Nice Work If You Can Get It". A buffet lunch will be at the Queen's Inn. Combo with Nardineers. Depart at 7:30 am and return about 9:15 pm.



Comerica Park - Wednesday, September 24, \$59. The Detroit Tigers will be battling against the Chicago White Sox. Great seats - lower baseline box seats! This will be Senior Day so you will get a coupon for a hot dog and a soft drink. Combo with Nardineers. Depart at 11:30 am and return about 5 pm.

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.

Pearl Wanttaja
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FCA RECYCLING PROGRAM

The Finnish Center along with FCA Senior Housing began a recycling program in April. Waste Management picks up all recyclables from both facilities each week. Attractive green and yellow containers are being filled with metal cans, plastic and glass. A truck powered by natural gas picks up the containers automatically and takes the materials to a nearby recycling center.

This program is reducing amounts of trash we send to the landfill and is a continuation of the FCA efforts in reducing negative impacts on the environment.



MEMBER DIRECTORY

A new directory is in the works. If you wish to receive one please let the FCA know. There will be a small fee each requested directory.

Contact the FCA if your address or phone number has changed or if you wish not to be included in the directory.

We are also looking for some advertisers. If you are interested or know someone who might be interested in advertising in the upcoming directory, contact Eija at the FCA.



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FROM THE FCA LIBRARY



We have added the following items to our library:

THE BURGLARY AND THE HOUSE OF ROINILA by Minna Canth. The author was born in Tampere, Finland in 1844. After fourteen years of marriage she was widowed and left with seven children to support. They moved to Kuopio where she took charge of her father's fabric shop and became a successful business woman. She also found time to write novels and plays, two of which are included here, translated by Richard Impola. Canth was a social activist and advocate of women's rights and was very popular in her day. Both plays have a similar theme: two young people in love, whose parents oppose the marriage. After many twist and turns, all turns out well. Delightful reading; get acquainted with one of the Finnish classics! You'll find it in drama, 808.2 Ca.

CRADLE TO GRAVE by Larry Lankton. Written by a professor of history at Michigan Technological University, this is a comprehensive, well-researched account of copper mining in the Keweenaw. This was a winner of the 1992 Great Lakes History Prize. You'll find it shelved with books about the copper industry, Dewey number 338.2 La.

VALIKOIMA SUOMALAISTA KERTOMAKIRJALLISUUTTA. Those fortunate enough to read Finnish will find here a large selection of works by some of Finland's most famous authors, including Elias Lönnrot, Ilmari Kianto, Minna Canth, Mika Waltari, Eila Pennanen and dozens more. Find it in 808.83 Su.

THE FAITH OF THE FINNS ON A NEW CONTINENT, sponsored by Suomi Conference ELCA, edited by Paavo Kortekangas and Antti Lepisto. This is an interesting history of the development of Finnish churches in the U.S. Dewey number 284 Su.

FINNISH CITIES: TRAVELS IN HELSINKI, TURKU, TAMPERE AND LAPLAND by Philip Ward. If you can't go to Finland in person, do so via armchair travel, or if you plan to go to Finland, do some research here. It's in 914.71 Wa.

THE FISH OF GOLD AND OTHER FINNISH FOLK TALES translated by Inkeri Väänänen-Jensen. Finns are great weavers of stories; here are just a few. It's in the juvenile section in our library, but adults are welcome there also! J 398 F.

MY FATHER SPOKE FINGLISH AT WORK: FINNISH AMERICANS IN NORTHEAST OHIO, edited by Noreen Sippola Fairburn. Members of the Finnish American Heritage Association of Ashtabula County interviewed and taped elderly Finnish immigrants. Here are their stories in their own words. Fascinating reading! Dewey number 920 My.

BREAKFAST AT THE HOITO AND OTHER ADVENTURES IN THE BOREAL HEARTLAND by Charles Wilkins. The Hoito is a famous Finnish restaurant in Thunder Bay, Canada. Wilkins tells the story of the Hoito, as well as of many other places and incidents in that area of Canada. He has stories about Finns, Italians and the Annishabe Indians. Interesting reading of a slightly different culture. Dewey number 971.3 Wi.

THE BEST OF FINNISH AMERICANA edited by Michael Karni. These are reprints of articles which originally appeared in the *FINNISH AMERICANA* magazine, mostly about the lives of immigrants. Especially interesting is one entitled "Courtship in Finland and America: Yöjuoksu vs. the Dance Hall". "Yöjuoksu" or "night courting" is a custom not practiced in the U.S. and something about which most American Finns know nothing. This alone makes the book worth reading, although the other articles are interesting also. Dewey number 808.88 Be.

THE SMARTEST KIDS IN THE WORLD AND HOW THEY GOT THAT WAY by Amanda Ripley. The author is a *Time* magazine writer who follows three American exchange students to South Korea, Poland and Finland to learn why the students in those countries outperform American students. Her findings make very interesting reading, making one wish some of the principles she discovers could be applied to American schools. It's in education, 370.9.

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LIBRARY (continued from page 7)

The following items are stored on the media shelf on the north wall of the library:

DEATH'S DOOR by Steve Lehto. This is a 20-minute DVD summarizing the events that led to the Italian Hall Disaster. DVD 977.4 Le.

SEINE by Tarja Lunnas. This is a CD of vocals in Finnish by Tarja Lunnas. CD 784 Lu.

AITARA by Värttinä. This CD has 12 songs by the group Värttinä. CD 784 Vä.

FINNISH-AMERICAN DANCE MUSIC 1928-1938 by Viola Turpeinen. This artist was an accordion virtuoso born in Champion, Michigan, who was known throughout the Finnish-American community as well as in Finland for her renditions of dance music. She was the standard by which all other accordionists of her time were measured. It has been said of her "Finland might have Sibelius, but we have Viola Turpeinen." She made recordings on many record labels. This is a copy of one she did for RCA Victor.

CA 786.Tu.

Lillian Lehto, FCA Librarian



FCA BAKERS

On Thursday, May 22, we baked our last pulla/nisu for the season. We'll resume in September.

We had a great group of seven bakers. We thank Charlotte Lytikainen, Hannah Carlson, Ruth Ojala, Lorraine Hannah, Betty Taipalus, Tobie Line, and Ilene Yanke. Tobie began by washing all of the metal racks that we were to use for cooling the loaves. We had an easy lunch to close out the season, pizza. Lorraine brought desserts.

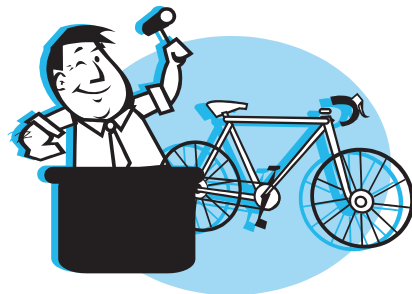
Kiitos,
Ilene Yanke



SILENT & LIVE AUCTION

September 27, 2014

If you have items to donate, please bring them to the Finnish Center, or contact Lila Ball at (248) 682-6792 to schedule a pick-up.



SUNSHINE LADY

Sending get-well cards, thinking-of-you cards and words-of-encouragement cards to FCA members.

This little-known function has been around for many years, and can only be accomplished when I am notified that someone needs a card. Send or call your card requests to the attention of the "Sunshine Lady" at the FCA.

Thank you, Marge Salo



FINNISH AMERICAN SINGERS PROFILE

When asked if she served a mission, there was an additional meaning for this month's FASM member. She not only never participated in a religious mission, but during her five years of Navy military service, never went on a shipboard military mission! It's probably a good thing, since she found out when on a one day carrier cruise that she gets really sea sick! **Karen Gasinski, FASM alto** is our featured singer this month.

Karen, Livonia born and bred, attended Bentley high school, practicing her vocal talents by auditioning for and gaining a spot in their Jr & Sr choirs. Karen is multiply musically talented, playing the piano and other instruments. Her sister, Nancy, is pictured below sitting in front of Karen, was and is a frequent musical partner.

After high school graduation, Karen worked at Sears, then followed her family's military lead and joined the Navy as a way to a college education, eventually achieving the rank of 3rd Class Petty Officer. After boot camp in Maryland, Karen was stationed in San Diego. She kept track of the fleet on teletype and working in communications, was trusted as a "secret keeper" with a high security clearance. Karen's facility in music enabled her to learn Morse code easily - so easily that the Navy wanted her to teach others using the same "system." She realized, however, that non-musicians wouldn't understand her explanations so it remained her own special technique. Boredom stateside was a problem for some, but Karen stayed busy by getting the sheet music to musicals which she played and sang to in their entertainment area. She also began bowling and competitions led to participation in a regional tournament in San Francisco where she placed 11th out of the top 20. Go Karen!

In 1973 Karen got married and attended both OCC and Jackson Community College, where she finished a medical assistant program and tested to become certified as a medical transcriptionist. After college she became pregnant and ended up being an "at home mom" for her son and daughter. She was very active at her church, Brooklyn Presbyterian, playing bells and coordinating the nursery. Now Karen calls Plymouth home, living with Nancy and helping both her and their brother care for their aged father.

Karen enjoys crafts and sews. Perhaps you or a friend have helped winnow down her fabric stash by purchasing yardage she's sold at the FCA flea markets! Another favorite pastime, reading, is a relief on pasty-bake weekends, since Karen frequently works both on Friday as part of the prep crew, peeling vegetables and on Saturday as part of the pasty line. She is a generous, congenial member of FASM and appreciated for her talents! Nice to meet you, Karen.

Our FASM practices are vacationing for the summer. However, we will begin practicing on the Monday after Labor Day in September. Please consider joining us....We'd love to see you!

Submitted by FASM Scribe, Katy Koskela





FINLAND TODAY



Helsinki is the world's 5th best city to live in; according to the lifestyle magazine, Monocle. Top of the magazine's list of the 25 most livable cities was Copenhagen, followed by Tokyo in second place, then by Melbourne, Australia, and Stockholm in 4th. Cities such as London, Rome and New York didn't make the top 25. The Monocle "quality of life" index assessed such factors as health care, educational opportunities, business environment, crime, cultural options, and the number of sunlight hours.

Russia is no longer Finland's top trading partner; it is now Germany. Exports to Russia fell by 16% and imports by 18% in the first quarter of 2014, as compared to a year ago. But Russia still remains Finland's largest source of imports, the vast majority (83%) of the imports being energy products such oil and electricity. Russia had been Finland's top trading partner since 2007.

As summer approaches, Finland's inflation rate keeps going down. It is now at 0.8% annual rate. At the beginning of the year, the inflation rate had been 1.8% , in February it was 1.3%, and in March and April the annual inflation rate had dropped to 1.1%. The reason given for the inflation decrease in February-April was because of general price decrease for consumer goods and services. But the reason for the latest decrease was because of price reduction for vegetables.

Finland has been streamlining city/town councils for the last 40 years, with more than 200 disappearing because of financial reasons. Well, we have three more disappearing shortly in the western part of Finland. Tarvasjoki is going to become a part of Lieto, Lavia is going to be a part of Pori. Those two were forced mergers, while a merger of "equal partners" will take place between Jalasjarvi and Kurikka at the beginning of 2016.

When you think about sports in Finland, you may think about hockey, skiing, track and field, and even soccer. Well, what about cricket? The Finnish National Cricket Team finally has its own field or ground. The Finnish National Cricket Ground was recently opened in Kerava, in central Uusimaa province. The goal of the Finnish team? To qualify to play in the World Cup.

Kasper Kapanen. Remember that name? If the Kapanen name sounds a little familiar to you, it may be because of his father, Sami Kapanen played hockey in NHL for the Hartford Whalers, Carolina Hurricanes, and for the Philadelphia Flyers. Kasper's grandfather, Hannu, played in the Finnish professional hockey "Liiga" for nine seasons. So for Kasper, hockey is a family legacy. At the age of 17, Kasper already had two years under his belt playing for Kuopio in the Liiga. And in the up-coming NHL draft, Kasper is the No. 1 ranked European skater.

Finally, a man travelling in the Copper Country decides to stop at a small country store. At the door was sign that said, "Danger! Beware of dog". Inside the store, the traveler sees a harmless old hound dog asleep on the floor, "Is that the dog that the people are supposed to beware of?" the traveler asked Matti, the store owner.

"Yep, that's him," answered Matti.

The traveler couldn't help but be amused. "Well, he doesn't look very dangerous, why the sign?"

"Well", Matti answered, "before I put sign on the door, people kept tripping over him."

Markku Ketola
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LECTURER OF THE YEAR

The Lecturer of the Year for 2014 is the filmmaking team of Suzanne Jurva and Erin Smith, the producers of the documentary film *Yoopera!*.

On September 14, at 2:30 p.m., this team will be our guest at the Finnish Center. They will show the film *Yoopera!* and lead a discussion afterward. You don't want to miss this.

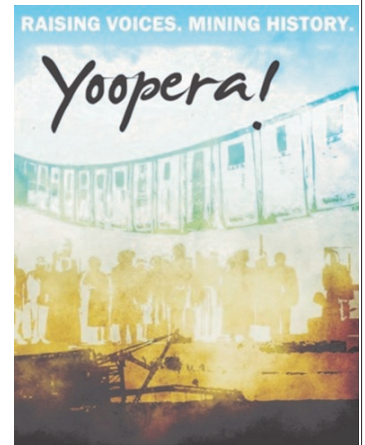
Yoopera! tells the story of the collaboration of Finnish and American talent in the making of the opera, *Rockland*, about the murder of two Finnish immigrants in 1906 in Rockland, Michigan, a mining town in the U.P. This opera premiered in both Finland and in Houghton in 2011. The documentary film's title, *Yoopera!*, combines the word "Yooper" and the Finnish word "ooppera."

Suzanne Jurva, director and producer of *Yoopera!*, is an award-winning filmmaker with experience in TV, feature films, and documentaries. Originally from Redford Township, she now lives in Atlanta, Georgia. Suzanne was a feature film development executive and head of the research department of DreamWorks-

SKG. Her films include *Saving Private Ryan*, *Amistad*, *Prince of Egypt*, and *Gladiator*. Her documentary, *Changing Keys: Billy McLaughlin and the Mysteries of Dystonia*, continues to air on PBS.

Erin Smith, editor of *Yoopera!*, also has a distinguished career in filmmaking. She is the Director of Humanities Digital Media and senior lecturer in Digital Media and Film at Michigan Technological University in Houghton. For over two decades she has worked with Michigan Tech students on community-based documentaries and has helped commercial and academic institutions adapt to changing production technologies and contexts.

Submitted by Yvonne Lockwood



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3 month rate1" ad - \$30.00. 1.5" ad - \$45.00 2" ad - \$60.00

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Photos: B&W photo ads incur a one-time charge of \$25.00 payable at first insertion.

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