



Finnish Center Association

# FCA News

FOR MEMBERS OF THE FINNISH CENTER ASSOCIATION

May 2021

## CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

We are extremely happy to announce that the Finnish Center will resume activities with a soft opening beginning with our Juhannus celebration on June 26. This has been a long awaited event so we hope you will come. We will gather outside for a cookout by caterer Michael Grant. See the ad on page two for the full details. We need to know how many are coming so we can prepare for it. Music will be provided with Finn Folk. Our event will provide a very special time for all of us to join our friends and make new ones. Let's celebrate our heritage and have a good time while supporting the Finnish Center.

The FCA board has worked very hard to keep things going this year, although we have had many disappointments when we had to cancel but we moved on. Our struggles have been to do the right thing and to keep everyone as safe as we could and to follow health guidelines. I am very proud of all of the board members for stepping up to the plate and taking on a tough job in these trying times. There is a lot to do to get ready for the opening but with great enthusiasm for the rest of the year and for years to come everyone will pull together to do it.

Our soft opening begins June 28 when we be open Monday and Friday from 12 noon - 4 pm. In the fall we hope to go back to Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10 am - 4 pm. We will continue to wear masks and social distance until the state tells us it is safe. We are not done with this virus yet so please continue to be careful and mask up and keep a social distance.

With all of this good news comes a plea! We need volunteers. The Finnish Center is run almost completely by volunteers and we can be proud of that, but in order to continue we need you! We have lots of tasks which don't take a lot of time but we need you to help!

We are getting close so let's all stay well and safe! Enjoy summer!

Mary O'Brien, Chairman

## GIFT SHOP

The Finnish Center gift shop provides products for a unique shopping experience. We carry Finnish items, such as Iittala in many colors which make special gifts. The wide selection of books includes Moomin and many other Finnish stories and cookbooks. We have Finnish candy and foods to delight you including Finn Crisp, Fazer chocolate, and a wide variety of Finnish licorice.

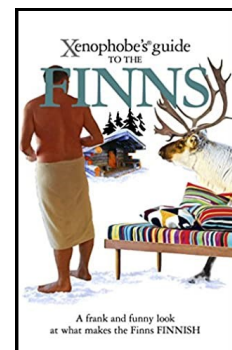
Be sure to check our online store at [finnishcenter.square.site](http://finnishcenter.square.site)



Online Shopping

Quote from *Zenophobe's Guide to the Finns*

*"The Finns like to do everything early rather than risk being late, and mealtimes are no exceptions."*



## FINLANDIA MALE CHORUS

We are looking for people who were connected with the Finlandia Male Chorus. We are hoping to do a historical event about this wonderful chorus. If you have pictures or stories we would love to see them. This was a great group that brought music and enjoyment to everyone. They even made a trip or two to Finland. Send any information to the Finnish Center or call Mary O'Brien at (248) 895-3231 or (248) 478-6939.

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## Finlandia Foundation National

FFN is looking for a part time person to assist with communications projects this summer and possibly into the fall. This is a paid position with Kath Usitalo for a minimum of 10-15 hours a week. For further information contact Kath Usitalo.

Are you interested in discovering your Finnish ancestry? President Anne-Mari Paster recommends a new online program, "Finding your Roots," by Arto Saari-nen of Illinois. This is a genealogy website about finding roots in Finland. Please contact Anne-Mari at [ampaster@rcn.com](mailto:ampaster@rcn.com)

## JUHANNUS MIDSUMMER CELEBRATION

Saturday, June 26  
6:00 pm

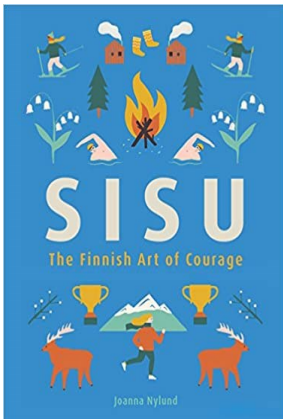
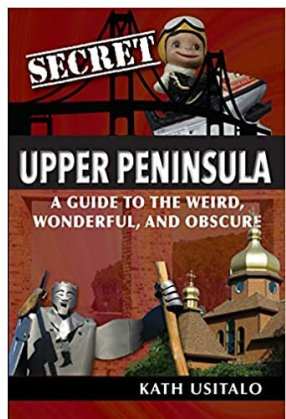
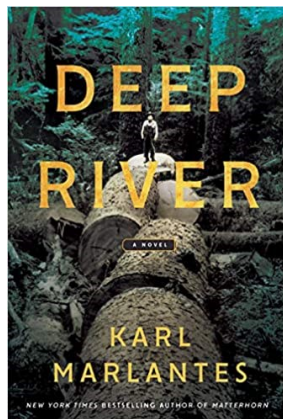
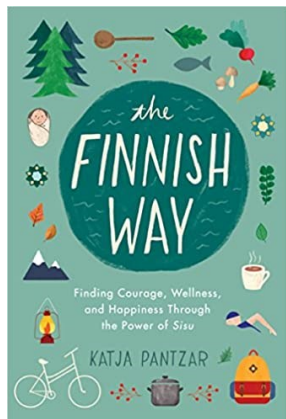
**Menu:**  
**Hot Dogs and Hamburgers**  
**Chips**  
**Cupcakes**  
**Beverages**  
**Cost: \$12**

Please make reservations by calling (248) 478-6939  
or (248) 895-3231.



We will need to follow all health guidelines of the State of Michigan.

## GOOD READS AVAILABLE IN THE GIFT SHOP



Not pictured: *Finns of Michigan's Upper Peninsula*.

## FINNISH PHRASES

### *Olla hyvällä tuulella* – To be on a good wind

Being in a good mood is often described as being on a good wind in Finnish. A bad wind is also a possibility aka '*olla huonolla tuulella*', in Finnish.

### *Olla kuin myrskyn merkki* – To be like a sign of a storm

This phrase is used to describe someone who is visibly angry or upset. A storm is about to erupt, so stay out of the way!

### Correction:

Our apologies for misspelling the name of Eero Keranen in the Finnish American Singers article last month.

Also note that the Craft Show/Flea Market is August 14, 2021.

## CALENDER OF UPCOMING EVENTS

June 26  
**Juhannus**  
6 pm  
\$12



July 16  
**Book Sale**  
12-2 pm

August 14 **Flea Market and Craft Show**  
10 am-4 pm

Masks and social distancing required

## FLEA MARKET AND CRAFT SHOW

August 14, 2021  
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

### Vendors Wanted!

This event will be held outside.

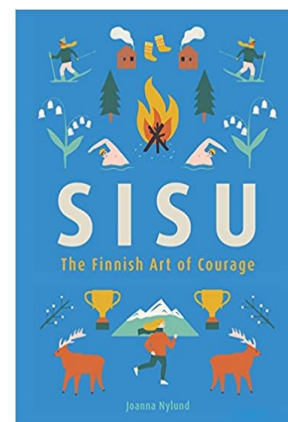
Cost is \$15 per table if you bring your own.  
Cost is \$25 per table if one is furnished by the FCA.

Deadline to register and pay fee is July 24, 2021.

Sign up by calling (248) 895-3231 or (248) 478-6939.

### Quote from *SISU: The Finnish Art of Courage*

*"Rather than the stamina to run up a mountain, sisu is the strength it takes to put one foot in front of the other."*



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Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant/Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Are you of Finnish descent? \_\_\_\_\_

- Annual membership, single, one vote ..... \$50.00
- Annual membership, senior\* or youth\*, one vote ..... \$25.00  
\*Senior, over 65 years, youth under 30 years of age
- Annual membership, couple, two votes ..... \$100.00
- Annual membership, family, one vote ..... \$75.00
- Life membership, one vote ..... \$500.00
- Life membership, senior, one vote (see membership for details)

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to FCA and send to Finnish Center Association,  
Membership, 35200 W. Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48335-5108

Recommended by: \_\_\_\_\_

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