



Finnish Center Association

FCA News

FOR MEMBERS OF THE FINNISH CENTER ASSOCIATION

September 2019

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September

- 02 Monday Closed for Labor Day
- 03 Rental
- 07 Rental
- 09 Rental
- 10 Rental
- 11 Wednesday FCA Joint Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- 14 Rental
- 17 Rental
- 19 - 22 Thursday - Sunday FinnFest USA
- 24 Rental
- 30 Monday Brunch 12 noon (social committee)



You can register online now or come to the Sheraton Hotel and register when the festival starts.

October

- 01 Rental
- 03 - 06 Rental
- 04 Friday Night Buffet 5 - 8 pm
- 09 Wednesday Pumpkin Pie Day
- 09 Wednesday FCA Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- 11 Friday Flea Market 10 am - 4 pm
- 12 Saturday Flea Market 10 am - 3 pm
- 14 Rental
- 16-19 Rental
- 18 Friday Night Buffet 5 - 8 pm
- 20 Rental
- 25 - 27 Rental
- 30 Wednesday Harvest Dinner 12 noon



Weekly Events

- Finnish American Singers
Monday 7 pm (Resumes in Sept.)
- Library
Open Monday 10 am-2 pm
- Finlandia Garden Club & Wood Shop
Mondays 9 am

Monthly Events

- Let's Talk
First Wednesday 11 am
- Book Club
Last Monday of the month 1 pm
- Luncheon
Last Wednesday of the month
12 noon

Reservations are recommended for all events.

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Fall is here. I am always happy to see fall come because we all know what comes after fall. This year I am excited about fall. We at the Finnish have many things planned.

The excitement of FinnFest USA is mounting. The different events that FinnFest USA have planned are amazing. What fun we will have! A unique opportunity to show who Finland is and to share our culture.

The Flea Market will be special this year with crafters being added. Suzi Grant has done a great job to make this year special. Antiques, glassware, dolls, toys, books and the ever popular bake sale. So, please come and join the fun.

The Scandinavian Market is November 9. This is a unique market and fun for everyone. The Danes, Swedes, Norwegians, Finns and Icelanders will be represented showcasing imports, food, music and more. We hope everyone will be there.

December brings our holiday events. Check the calendar and emails for updated information.

I am looking forward to all of this. Let's all be positive about what we have to offer at our Finnish Center. It is a great place.

Mary O'Brien

Special FinnFest USA programming for Students:

Both high school and college students can attend the entire FinnFest 2019 for only \$30....all concerts plus all talks and demonstrations. Environment and other societal topics that Finland and the USA share will open new ways to think about the world we live in. Even if Friday is out, the Saturday program has much to entice, including a Kalevala series, even a session that considers J. R. R. Tolkien's "Lord of the Ring" connections to the Kalevala.

The Video game presentation of Jimmy Traskelin, 1:00 Saturday, will inform about gaming in Finland and explain how one person created a game now available to all.

At 10:30 an interactive Workshop for Students can prepare them for future school projects: how to find and use Finland and Finnish America topics for projects and papers written for Business, Science, Technology, and the Liberal Arts classes. Students who have created such projects and Instructors who have welcomed such projects will lead the workshop.

Students can attend Saturday presentations about Cranbrook and then attend the Sunday afternoon open house from 1-5 pm. Or they can go out to Finn Camp in Wixom and participate in the games, demonstrations and lectures. The evening concert with its contemporary take on the kantele will provide a wonderful conclusion to the weekend.

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GIFT SHOP

The gift shop is fully stocked with all kinds of wonderful Finnish candy. For your shopping convenience we will be set up in the Tori at FinnFest and at the Finnish Center.

Lots of beautiful Iittala, cute T-shirt's, and books that will teach you about being a Finn and books just for fun.

If anyone would like to volunteer we could still use your help. If you are looking for a gift we can help you with that as well.

This is your gift shop and it supports the Finnish Center. And at no extra cost we give out smiles.

Mary O'Brien



SOCIAL NEWS

Well it looks like fall is approaching and lots of things are happening for the fall to make an exciting time at the Finnish Center.

FinnFest USA will begin our fall season with many wonderful activities happening, so we hope you come out to enjoy them.

On September 30 at noon there will be a brunch with French toast, sausage, coffee, juice and more. Donations will be appreciated.

October 9 will be a get together to enjoy pumpkin pie. What a great fall treat!

We will end the month with a Harvest Dinner. The charge will be \$10.00. Menu will be announced. Please join us for all the fun activities.

Mary O'Brien



SOME FINNFEST OFFERINGS

This is a great opportunity to know more about the *Kalevala* as there are various lecturers speaking on the book at FinnFest. Some of them came from Finland for the FinnFest.

The *Kalevala*: Readings and understandings in the 21st century.

The *Kalevala* Today

A Romance with the *Kalevala*

The *Kalevala* in Modern Finland

The Land of Kaleva

After the lecture presentation of "Minna Canth: A Finnish Voice for Equality & Justice" you may also be interested in having lunch with the Keynote Speaker on this the 175th Anniversary of Finnish author Minna Canth.

There are many subjects at Sheraton Novi to choose from: Genealogy, Labor History, Art History, Language, Cooking, Choirs, Films, Music, and more.

Finn Camp will offer Pickleball, Benefits of Sauna, Log Construction, and a Walking Tour to name a few.

The Finnish Center will have workshops on the Kan-tele, writing about Finnish and Finnish America themes, and music jamming with musicians that attend FinnFest.

There will also be tours of Detroit's Labor and Cranbrook.

Don't forget to visit the Tori. This marketplace has a good variety of many Finnish items from different parts of the country.

All of this is but a sampling of what FinnFest is offering, as there is much, much more to enjoy.

FinnFest is an informative way to advertise the Finns and our talents, like the Italians and the Irish. The last time Detroit hosted a FinnFest was in 1987 and it was a success because of our volunteers.



FROM THE LIBRARY



Finland has been known for producing gold-medal winning long distance runners for over a century. Everyone knows about Paavo Nurmi and Lasse Viren, but few have heard of Hannes Kolehmainen. He was the first in a generation of great Finnish long distance runners, often named the “Flying Finns.” His fame is primarily based on his performance at the 1912 Olympics in Stockholm at which he won the gold medal in the 5,000 meters, the 10,000 meters, the individual cross-country race, and set an individual world record for 3,000 meters in the 3,000 meter team race. Because he had a perpetual smile on his face he was known as “Smiling Hannes”.

Johannes Pietari “Hannes” Kolehmainen was born on December 9, 1889 in Kuopio. He was one of four well-known distance running brothers; the others were August Wiljami (Willie), Kalle, and Taavetti Heikki (“Tatu”). His older brother, Willie, was the first to achieve international acclaim, setting a world best for the marathon on October 20, 1912, in Vailsburg, New Jersey. The brothers trained together while growing up. In addition to running, they cross-country skied; several times they skied to Iisalmi, a town about 100 kilometers away, and returned the following day.

Hannes began his running career by running in marathons. He ran his first marathon on June 16, 1907, finishing third in a race in Viipuri, Finland. Through 1909, he ran eight marathons, winning the final one of these eight in Hanko, Finland, on September 19, 1909. He then turned to long distance running and competed in the Olympics. After the 1912 Olympic Games he moved to the United States. Here he competed for both the Irish-American Athletic Club and the Kaleva Athletic Club and was an honorary member of the Finnish-American Club. He also became a naturalized American citizen.

In 1917 Kolehmainen entered the Boston Marathon, but finished only fourth. In 1920 he won the New York Marathon in 2 hr, 47 min, 49.4 sec. He again competed in the marathon at the 1920 Olympics in Antwerp, finishing in 2 hr, 32 min, 25.8 sec, which was a world’s best record for amateur runners.

Kolehmainen returned to Finland, where he was held in high esteem. He made his living in various careers, including as an inspector, a clerk, a farmer, a stonemason, and finally, as a businessman. In 1952, when the Olympic Games were held in Helsinki, the Olympic torch was brought into the stadium by Paavo Nurmi, the man who succeeded Kolehmainen as the greatest Finnish long distance runner. Nurmi ran around the track once and then handed the torch to Kolehmainen, who lit the flame in the stadium. Kolehmainen died in Helsinki fourteen years later, on January 11, 1966. To the end he was known as “Smiling Hannes”, the first of the Flying Finns.



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FINNISH AMERICAN SINGERS

The month of September brings to mind the approach of cooler fall days, the after - Labor Day - no - white - shoes - rule, and an end to summer schedules with the resumption of fall activities. Students and teachers return to school, community education exercise classes begin, and the Finnish American Singers of Michigan begin practices for their winter concert. This year we begin our schedule by preparing for our September 19th and 22nd participation in FinnFest 2019. We will be leading the national anthems and helping commemorate the 75th anniversary of the signing of the Finnish Russian armistice on September 19, 1944 with music at the opening ceremonies of the festival. We hope you will join us that evening at the Civic Theater in downtown Farmington.

Our choir has also accepted the invitation to be the "warm up" for Kardemimmet, a women's kantele group from Finland, at their concert Sunday, September 22nd, 7 pm, at the FCA. What a great musical evening is planned!



For the choir, September flows quickly into October when members will be taking orders for our annual greens sale. We sell two sizes of wreaths, a door swag, garland, and new last year, a pair of metal reindeer figures. The latter were very popular as tabletop or mantel decorations, both arriving boxed with small artificial holiday wreaths draped around their necks. Keep an eye out for them in the glass display cabinet at the FCA. The greens, but not the reindeer, can also be purchased as a direct mail gift from Washington state where the greens company is located. That order includes shipping. If you have a relative or friend that you'd love to surprise with a little "up North flavor," sending them greens directly might be just the ticket. If you are local, any choir member would be happy to deliver greens or reindeer directly to you. Look in the October newsletter for details.

Enjoy September. Visit FinnFest. If you like to sing, come check out our choir when our regular practices begin September 30th, 7 pm, at the FCA.

Submitted by scribe, K. Koskela

FALL FLEA MARKET PASTY & BAKE SALE

Friday, October 11 10 am - 4 pm
Saturday, October 12 - 10 am - 3 pm

You know when you buy a bag of salad and it gets all brown and soggy? Cookies don't do that! That's why you should come to the flea market. There will be irresistible baked goods and cookies for your eating pleasure plus a multiple of flea market finds.

You find antique glassware, dolls, jewelry, toys and more available for purchase. The FCA tables will have lots of craft supplies, yarns and fabrics. You'll see some favorite vendors and of course new vendors to browse. Come and join in on this semi-annual event. It is guaranteed not to disappoint.

Ways to discount your **FinnFestUSA** registration fee costs: Two hours of service will equal 10% discount for volunteers.

- Be a door monitor at the various break-out programs on Friday and Saturday.
- Work one of the vendor tables in the tori, Thursday through Sunday for two hours.
- Work the registration desk for two-hour increments.
- Sell tickets and give out programs at two concerts.
- Stuffing registration bags the weekend before the festival.





SUNSHINE LADY

Sending get-well cards, anniversary, congratulations, 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,
Eunice Potti Gould

SEPTEMBER IN THE GARDENS

September means Labor Day, the end of summer vacations, several species of birds migrating, and this year FinnFest. We've been busy this summer trying to manage all the gardens with an eye towards looking our best for mid-September.

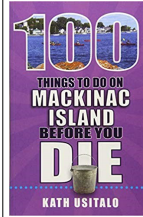
With the work on the driveway we have had to spend extra time clearing weeds in the cracks of the drive prior to restriping and making sure drainage areas are cleared and free flowing. All in a day's work for the garden team.

The old garden cart burned in several parts and stopped running the first week of August. Since several of the gardeners are unable to work the 6 acres walking and hauling tools, weeds, mulch, barrels, etc. we were forced to purchase a new garden cart in order to continue our strenuous garden chores.

If you see cars near the woodshop on Monday morning, please drop by and join us in our projects, to chat, or have a cup of coffee.

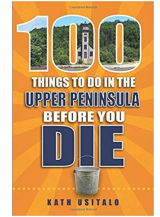
If you have any questions or comments, or items to donate, please contact me at (734) 546-5190 or gaylegullen@hotmail.com

Gayle Gullen
Finlandia Garden Club President



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Before you Die**

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Books by FCA member Kath Usitalo,
Who now lives in the U.P. Get your copy at the FCA gift shop/
Also available at Amazon.com
Learn more about the book at GreatLakesGazette.com

Library (continued from page 4)

When a statue of Kolehmainen was being planned for a park in Kuopio his widow instructed that he not be depicted in the nude, as was the case with many athletes. "Hannes did not run in the nude", she said, "and you will not show him in the nude." Consequently, all statues of Hannes Kolehmainen show him wearing a modest pair of shorts.

Lillian Lehto

P.S. We have a new librarian, Barbara De-Lorme. She has had previous experience volunteering in libraries, beginning in high school. Ruth Ojala will stay on as an aide.



GARDEN CLUB SEEKS NAME FOR NEW GOLF CART



Garden Club volunteer Daniel Coleman is getting ready to ride out to the gardens to work. However the recently purchased golf cart does not have a name.

Please submit your suggestion to the FCA, attention Garden Club.

MEMORIALS

In memory of FCA life member **K. Maria Hill** (6/26/19) donations have been made by Donald Autio, Patricia & Frederic Dentinger, Amy Lowell, Fern Malila, Louise Hartung & Jim Fosley, Viona Hakala, Mary O'Brien, Mia & Olli Lamminen, Ruth & Charles Waldron, Jennifer Cypalik & Norman Humstand, Barb Ott, Joy Klemmer, Nicole & Mesut Arik, Sybil & Chris Hunter, Jeanette & David Sharpe, Neil Manley, Francesca Walter, Sandy Reidenbaugh, Marie Moore, Dee Aebersold, Karen & Jon Call, Sue Dentinger & Mark Hill, Helvi Kolvunen, Kay Galazin, Joy Galazin, Ruth Ojala, Lillian Niemi, Lillian & Dr. Paul Lehto, Elaine & Charles Lada and Charlotte Lytikainen.

In memory of FCA life member **Ray Wanttaja** (3/23/18) a donation has been made by Karen Flora.

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

Ethel Sandell (8/16/19)

FCA member **Norman Juntunen** (8/16/19)

FCA life member **James Kettunen** (8/3/19)

FCA life member **Joyce Patterson** (7/7/19)

Please make your check out to the Finnish Center Association and send donations to: FCA, 35200 West Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48335. Donations received by the 5th of each month will be published in the next month's newsletter.

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, FinnFolk Musicians and Finnish American Singers.

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

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 the FCA at (248) 478-6939.



FRIENDSHIP

Friendship needs no studied phrases,
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Be it word or be it deed.
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Warns the erring, lights the dreary,
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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:



FEATURING THE HILARIOUS ISMO

Wednesday, September 18, 8:00 PM

Ismo Leikola comes to Detroit to launch FinnFest USA 2019's pop-up town with a concert at the Farmington Civic Theater. Ticket sales will begin on Wednesday, July 17 and will sell quickly.

Ismo, a top-rated performer in Finland's stand-up comedy world, made his U.S. debut in 2014 at the Laugh Factory in Hollywood and won the title of "The Funniest Person in the World."

In July 2019, Ismo can be seen on NBC's Bring The Funny. Earlier this year, he teamed up with Merriam Webster to release a digital comedy series of videos roasting the English language. He's also appeared on NBC's Last Call with Carson Daly, and became the first Finnish Comedian to perform on Conan in 2018. Ismo's clip from Conan has become one of the most viewed late-night sets with over 70 million views.

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For more dates and info go to:
Ismo.fun



THE KALEVALA: AN INTRODUCTION TO THE STILL LIVING FOLK POETRY IN THE FINNISH LANGUAGE

Saturday morning, 10:30 AM

Prof. Eila Stepanova, Helsinki University, is a major international scholar and researcher in the field of lament poetry and the Kalevala. Her visit to FinnFest USA is supported by the Ladies of Kaleva, Detroit Tuupa.

ADDITIONAL SESSIONS ON THE KALEVALA:

Saturday - 8:30 AM

*The Kantele: Finnish folk instrument
in America - Presented by Carl Rahkonen*

Saturday - 1:00 PM

The Kalevala Today

Saturday - 3:00 PM

J.R.R. Tolkien and the Kalevala

Sunday - 7:00 PM

Kantele Concert

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19:

Tori Open - 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Genealogy Seminar - 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Labor History Seminar (with field trip) - 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Art History Seminar (with field trip) - 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Finnish language class for adults - 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Finnish Cooking Class - 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM OR 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Opening Ceremony - 7:00 PM (with special guests and music)

Gala Reception - 9:00 PM

100 years of Finland/US Diplomatic Relations

Exhibit created by the Finnish Embassy; on display throughout the festival

TEN GENERATIONS – THREE HUNDRED YEARS: FINNISH HISTORY UNCOVERED THROUGH FAMILY STORIES

*An abridged version of the keynote
lecture will be repeated
Friday, September 20 at 8:30 PM*

*Dr. Antti Häkkinen, senior lecturer,
has worked at the University of
Helsinki since the 1980's. His
research fields cover health, ethnic
relations, social problems, economic
and hunger crisis and the
intergenerational transmission of
economic, social and human capital.*

75TH ANNIVERSARY

Finland's Continuation War, 1941-1944, began 15 months after the Winter War. On September 19, 1944, Finland signed a peace treaty with the Soviet Union in Moscow. FinnFest USA 2019 will commemorate that event at its Opening Ceremony, September 19th, the 75th anniversary of the signing of that treaty. This evening program will be a not-to-be-missed experience to connect Americans with Finland.



CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF FINLAND/US DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

James Ford Cooper will give a context for this anniversary in his lecture, "On the Finland Watch: An American Diplomat in Finland during the Cold War" Cooper, during his 34 year career with the United States Foreign Service was, from 1976-79, the Political Counselor of the American Embassy in Helsinki. He returned to serve as Deputy Chief of the Mission, 1984-86.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY HIGHLIGHTS:

Four Sessions, each 1.5 hours in length, featuring as many as 7 presentations in each session.

Choose from a variety of Finnish and Finnish American topics such as: Migration, Literature, Music, Art, History, the Natural world.

TORI EXHIBITION & MARKETPLACE

Live music performances throughout each day. Café open for coffee, treats, light lunches and snacks. Pasty food truck outside of the hotel.

Open Times:

Thursday - 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Friday - 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday - 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday - 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM



Tallari - Friday, September 20, 8:30 PM (Sheraton Hotel)

The American premiere of Simo Westerholm's collection of Finnish American folk music, available for the first time in an American translation. Music performed by the renowned Finnish folk music ensemble, Tallari featuring Jimmie Träskelin featured at Kaustinen Folk Festival in Finland in July.



Kardemimmit - Sunday, September 22, 7:00 PM (Finnish Center)

The Kalevala, Finland's national epic, reconnected 19th century Finland with its national instrument, the kantele. Kardemimmit, four awesome women, bring the kantele into the 21st century. They compose, write lyrics and arrange music for their 15 and 38 stringed kanteles. They sing original pieces with a modern approach built on a strong foundation in Finnish, Easter European and Scandinavian traditions. The closing concert for this weekend, the group will include a kantele workshop before the evening concert.



Järnefelt Trio - Friday, September 20, 7:00 PM (Finnish Center)

Finnish chamber music. Päivikki Nykter, violin, Katri Ervamaa, cello and Ruusamari Teppo, piano, comprise the Järnefelt Piano Trio, three Finnish-born musicians. Now living in USA (California, Texas, Michigan,) the trio is named after the common ancestors of Ms. Teppo and Ms. Ervamaa.



Finn Hall - Saturday, September 21, 7:00 PM (Finn Camp)

Award-winning Finn Hall recreates the feel and sounds of the historic Finnish-American dance halls for local dancers offering waltz, polka, schottische, mazurka, tango, humpapa and other dances. This encourages dancing or listening.

FINLAND/USA

Women in 21st Century Finland

Finland and the USA: Comparing and Contrasting 21st century approaches to religion in two different countries

Rural and small towns in the 21st Century: The view from Finland and the American Midwest

Democracy and its citizens: Reflections on the 21st century in Finland and the USA

Finland's Guggenheim Museum Experiences

Sami: Finland's Indigenous people in the 21st century

The Shrinking Lutheran Church of Finland: SWOT Analysis

Landscape & Contemporary Finland: What does it mean that every 9th species of floral and fauna in Finland is endangered?

FINNISH AMERICA

I'm 20% Finnish: Am I Finnish? Perspectives on Finnish DNA

Finnish Americans: Food and Identity

Finnish American life after the Finntown; Preserving the Finntown community spirit in a 21st C. urban world

I'm Decluttering: What should I save for an archives or a museum?



SAARA SÄRMÄ: WOMEN IN FINLAND IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Friday, September 20

Saara Särämä will be giving a lecture in honor of Minna Canth's 175th birthday. Supported with grant from Suomi Seura.

Dr. Saara Särämä is a feminist, an artist and a researcher. She is the co-founder of Feminist Think Tank Hattu and the creator of "Congrats, you have an all male panel!" Her doctoral dissertation *Junk Feminism and Nuclear Wannabes - Collaging Parodies of Iran and North Korea* (University of Tampere, Finland 2014) focused on internet parody images and memes and developed a unique art-based collage methodology for studying world politics. She's interested in politics of visuality, feminist academic activism, and laughter in world politics.

Her artwork can be seen at www.huippumisukka.fi



Viola Turpeinen Tribute

Friday, September 20, 5:30 PM (Finn Camp)

Finn Folk and Finn Hall play the 20th century music associated with accordionist, Viola Turpeinen

Get your tickets today!

For event and ticketing information on these events and more, please visit:

<https://finnfest.us/festival-events>



FINLAND TODAY



First, Finland sends a warning to Europe, “The Demographic time-bomb”: Societies are getting older and there is a long term economic cost to it. Twenty-seven percent of the Finnish population is over the age of 60 and will grow significantly in the next few years. Elderly care costs are not sustainable and governments are aware of that. The economic cost will be a significant challenge to all countries. The debate on aging needs to be rethought and the questions to all of us – are we old at 65 or is the true old age 80-85?

In Helsinki there is an experimental housing community for elderly people that are residing in a co-living model, a self - service housing with *no paid staff*. A group of elderly people, mostly over 60 are living together in a housing called, “Kotisatama”. Kotisatama is an outcome of a six-year project of the Active Seniors Association. Kotisatama is a housing for seniors, a new home (not an institution) that provides safety, socialisation as well as keeping the seniors active in group setting, making dinners and cleaning together. Each person owns their own personal space as well. Kotisatama has a community kitchen, dining room, hobby room, library, office, laundry, recreation, saunas, exercise and multipurpose sitting rooms with fireplace and gathering rooms, and a roof garden. Each person takes care of their own flat and residents are grouped into housework teams who take turns cleaning the communal spaces and cooking the meals. The large family community share interest from singing, movies, literature, computer skills, games, chess, bowling, sports. It is a wonderful place to move to. There is a safety net in a community setting as long as possible.

Timo Kivinen is the newly appointed commander of the Finnish Defense Forces. His goals are to purchase new jet fighter fighters for the Finnish Air Force. He also will continue to expand the defense co-operation with western countries in the coming years. Currently there are military–level talks with the Swedish Defense Forces, to increase joint ventures and to have closer co-operations.

Is Climate change real and what are the three climate-related threats? “The impact of climate change has many direct and indirect security ramifications, ranging from *water crises and melting of glaciers to migration flows*” said Jarno Linnell, Professor of Cybersecurity at Aalto University at the *World Economic Forum* (WEF). Dr. Linnell also noted that global warming may force billions of people to become refugees because of the high sea levels, as well as drought in other areas. Climate change will be a challenge for Finnish foreign and security policy according to professor Linnell. The changes will be difficult to anticipate and all countries need to be aware of the changes to come and we need to be prepared for that.

And Finally:

Heikki had been at a hunting meeting and was staggering home late one night and Sherriff Mattila of Toivola, stops Heikki. “What are you doing out so late at night” asked Sherriff Mattila. “I am going to a long-winded Finnish lecture” replied Heikki. “And who is giving this Finnish lecture” asked Mattila. “Hilma my wife, believe me, she can lecture, voi voi”.

Markku and Hilikka Ketola
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Special FinnFest USA programming for Children:

Schools are in session...but not on the weekends. Consider bringing children to FinnFest USA on Saturday and Saturday. Special prices of \$10 for children, ages 6-11, enable them to participate in Tori programming as well as attend age-appropriate talks and concerts.

In the Tori:

1. Musicians play 45 minute sets every hour throughout the day. Share the music together with children. Check the list of musicians that you might want to include in your day.
2. Enter a competition to win a one-week tuition to attend the world-renowned Salolampi Finnish language camp, a \$1,100 value. Each child will be given a picture of Finland to color. All submissions will then be judged at the end of the festival. The winner will be announced at the Sunday evening concert.
3. Watch a Finnish costume fashion show with commentary about the clothes.
4. Learn Asahi, a Finnish physical program for all ages, based on the eastern traditions of T'ai chi , ch'an, gigong, yiguan and yoga.
5. Watch Frank Eld demonstrate Finnish log building at 2 pm.
6. Attend Saturday talk at 1 pm when Finnish musician, Jimmy Traskelin, introduces the video game he created that uses Finnish music as part of the gaming experience.
7. Sing (and learn) Finnish folk and pop songs with professional song leaders from Finland at 3 pm.
8. Attend the Family Fun day on Sunday afternoon with lots of games and activities for children.
9. Attend the Kardemimmit (contemporary kantele performers from Finland) concert at 7 pm on Sunday.

FINNFEST WEBSITE & REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration for the full festival or for one or two days continues to be open. Registration will mean that all the concerts and Tori will be complimentary. Registration can also be purchased on September 19, 20, and 21...but why not buy now and be sure you get the reservations for the concerts in the evening?

Ismo Leikola's first concert is sold out but a second show at 9:30 is being added. Watch for announcements!

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