



# FCA News

FOR MEMBERS OF THE FINNISH CENTER ASSOCIATION

March 2010

## Finnish Language Class

Saturdays  
March 20 - May 22,  
2010

## SPRING FLEA MARKET

10 A.M. to 4 P.  
M.  
April 16-17-  
2010.

## CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

I would like to share with you the FCA relationship with Armitage Caterers because they are such an important part of our operations.

Armitage has been our caterer for four years and Linda Armitage and Laura Ingram are the owners. We do not have a written contract with them but we do have an understanding. They act as our Event Coordinators for any rental of our facility and act as our primary marketing agent for securing rentals. We charge a renter a basic price for the facility. Armitage sets the price for the food of which the FCA receives 33% of that fee. It is Armitage's food service license that allows the FCA to cook and serve food to renters at our facility. Armitage maintains the paper products and staples for the kitchen.

We give Armitage exclusive rights to provide food for rentals at the FCA and they often assist us with food for our cultural and social events. Armitage in turn promises the FCA priority service when a rental requires food. We allow Armitage the use of our kitchen for events they cater exclusive of the FCA.

We find this arrangement to be very favorable to the FCA and we believe to Armitage as well. This is as it should be.

Norbert Leppanen

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### "FINN HALL" COMES TO THE FINNISH CENTER!

By Louise Hartung

Get your dancing shoes on and your singing voices in tune: "Finn Hall" is coming to our Finnish Center! "Finn Hall" was selected as the Finlandia Foundation National Performer of the Year for 2010. This versatile band is making an Eastern US tour during March, and will be performing at the Finnish Center on the weekend of March 27-28, with the exact day and time to be announced soon. "Finn Hall" is a group of musicians dedicated to preserving the feel and sounds of historic Finnish-American dance halls of the last century. The group is from Minneapolis, but Michigan musicians frequently play with them since they often perform in the UP. Mandolin player Ralph Tuttila is from the UP, and accordion player Dennis Halme even has Detroit roots.

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# CALENDAR

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### Finnish American Singers

Mondays 7 to 9 pm

### Library

Open Mondays 9 to 2 pm

### NikkarinTalo

Mondays 9 am

### Finlandia Garden Club

Mondays 9:00 am

## MONTHLY EVENTS

### Gift Shop—Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 1:00 pm

### Card and Game Party

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

### Finnish Conversation

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

### Book Club

Day of Fish Fry 3:30pm

## FEBRUARY

- 10 Rental – Danish Bros. meeting  
6:30 pm
- 11 Board meeting 6:30 pm
- 13 Rental – SK Events 6:00 pm
- 14 Brunch noon – 1:30 pm
- 17 Rental – 101<sup>st</sup> luncheon 11:00 am
- 19 Fish Fry 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- 20 Rental – FACD Pasty Sale
- 21 ANNUAL MEETINGS  
Senior Housing 1:00 pm  
FCA 2:00 pm
- 24 Pulla/Nisu bake 9:30 am  
Rental – Danish Bros. meeting  
6:30 pm
- 26 Fish Fry 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- 28 Open House 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

## MARCH

- 5 Fish Fry 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- 10 Rental – Danish Bros. meeting  
6:30 pm
- 11 Joint Board meeting 6:30 pm
- 12 FCA/FASM pasty preparations  
Fish Fry 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- 13 FCA/FASM pasty sale
- 14 Brunch noon – 1:30 pm
- 17 Rental – 101<sup>st</sup> luncheon 11:00 am
- 19 Fish Fry 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
St. Urho's 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
- 20 Finnish Language class 10:00 am

- 24 Pulla/Nisu bake 9:30 am  
Rental – Danish Bros. meeting  
6:30 pm  
Rental – Meadowbrook  
Homeowners 6:30 pm
- 26 Fish Fry 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- 27 Finnish Language class  
10:00 am
- 28 Open House 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
PAASIAINEN (Easter)  
3:00 pm – 5:30 pm
- 31 Scholarship Committee meeting  
11:00 am

## APRIL

- 2 CLOSED
- 3 CLOSED  
Finnish Language class  
10:00 am
- 4 CLOSED – EASTER
- 5 Scholarship Committee meeting  
11:00 am  
Health Class 6:00 pm
- 8 Board meeting 6:30 pm
- 9 Pulla/Nisu bake 9:30 am
- 10 Finnish Language class  
10:00 am
- 11 Finnish Breakfast noon – 1:30  
pm
- 14 Rental – Danish Bros. meeting  
6:30 pm
- 15 Pasty bake for Flea Market  
noon - ?  
Flea Market set-up noon – 4:00  
pm
- 16 Flea Market 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
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Finnish Language class 10:00 a  
m  
(At different location.)
- 21 Rental – 101<sup>st</sup> luncheon 11:00  
am
- 23 Fish Fry 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- 24 Finnish Language class 10:00  
am  
Rental – SK Events 6:00 pm
- 25 Open House 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
FASM Concert 3:00 pm
- 28 Pulla/Nisu bake 9:45 am  
Rental – Danish Bros. meeting  
6:30 pm
- 30 Scholarship Committee meeting  
11:00 am

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tine Johnson

## ALTERNATES

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

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## SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE MARCH UP-DATE

As you know from having recently received our FCA Scholarship Fund solicitation letter, we are in the middle of our fund-raising drive. The larger your response, the more outstanding students will be able to receive assistance. We thank you in advance for your much-needed and much-appreciated donations.

We hope that both adults and students will apply for a scholarship to the Finnish language class that begins at the Finnish Center on Saturday, March 20. The cost of the 10-week course is \$100, and the scholarship stipend is \$50. Adults must write a description of their volunteer work at the Finnish Center; and students (grades middle school through high school) must write a composition of 100 words or less stating why they want to learn Finnish. Both adults and students must submit their writings to the Finnish Center office by Monday, March 8, or as soon after reading this announcement as possible.

By Louise Hartung,  
Scholarship Committee Chair

### Finnish Language Class

Saturdays  
March 20 - May 22, 2010

10:00 AM

Continuing Students are required to have "Teach Yourself Finnish" Textbook by Terry Leney

12:00 PM

For New Students  
Text Materials will be provided

Cost: \$100.00 (10 sessions)

At the Finnish Center  
Call 248-478-6939 to register

## GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club hopes that February and March finds the gardens and walking a bit kinder to the workers than our January workday was as two of our workers fell on the icy driveway while removing the holiday decorations. Just bruised egos from the falls. February, like January, will have only one workday/meeting on Monday, February 1, due to both the weather and scheduled winter vacations. March 1st will be the March meeting.

The meeting was held in the lounge and covered plans for the new year including plans to build a greenhouse and a childrens' garden. David has send out two letters requesting funding for the garden cart and additional gravel to finish the pathway around the existing Wedding Gardens. However, even if these funds are received they do not address the day-to-day costs of doing business which last year topped out at over \$1000 [mulch, flowering annuals, topsoil, weed killer, replacement hoses, fall mums, deer repellent].

Since we anticipate that we will not be given a budget from the FCA for the garden again this year any monetary donations are appreciated. In addition, if anyone wishes to dedicate a garden to a loved one for \$75.00, the majority of those monies [after the cost of the plaque and stake is deducted] goes to pay for these maintenance-type materials that the gardens requires.

Call 734-453-1379 or 734-546-5190 for more information about the FCA Garden Club or any of the above items or e-mail me at [gaylegullen@hotmail.com](mailto:gaylegullen@hotmail.com)

Gayle Gullen, Garden Club Chairperson

## SPRING FLEA MARKET

10 A.M. to 4 P.M.  
April 16-17- 2010.

Many vendors plus great food for sale at consession area.  
Also bake sale by FCA Womens Club, and pastie sale by FASM.  
Something for everyone.

Hope to see you there.

## FINLAND TODAY

First, anti-smoking laws have become tougher the last few years in Finland. Some of the recent laws that have taken effect are: can't sell cigarettes to minors; no smoking in public places; no cigarette advertisements.

But a new tougher proposal is coming up in the Finnish Parliament. In the longer term the new proposal will say: "The Finnish government aims to phase out smoking completely in the next 30 years."

But in the near future the new proposal will say:

1. By spring of this year, smokers in Finland will only be able to buy tobacco by asking for cigarettes from under the counter.
2. Tobacco vending machines will be phased out over the next three years.
3. It will be illegal to smoke in a car carrying passengers under the age of 18. The details of the long-term policy have not been spelled out.

The Finnish cell phone manufacturer and electronic giant, Nokia, had a pretty good year in 2009. Their gross sales in 2009 was about \$16.8 billion. World wide they sold about 126.9 million cell phones last year. Nokia's share of the world cell phone market stayed about the same, 39%.

Young Finnish college age workers are much in demand in....Paris, France. Disneyland Resort Paris to be exact. Disneyland Resort Paris employs about 2000 summer time workers between April and September, and about 10% are from Finland. Disney officials say that the young Finns are in demand because of language skills and work ethic.

Finland's equivalent of the Oscar is the "Jussi" award. At the recently held Jussi awards in Helsinki, the big winner was the movie, "Letters to Father Jacob." Father Jacob won the Jussi for the "best film", "best director", "best music score", and Heikki Nousiainen won the Jussi for the "best actor".

The "Jussi" awards are the oldest movie awards in Europe, first presented in 1944.

The four Finnish stunt men, The Dudesons, have signed a new multi-million dollar contract with music TV channel, MTV. The Dudesons have been on MTV for 3 seasons doing dangerous stunts, wild pranks, and inflicting pain on each other. The new MTV show will be called The Dudesons in America.

The rights to the Dudesons three previous seasons have been sold to over 50 countries. The Dudesons series originated on the Finnish commercial Channel Four (Nelonen).

What do these have in common: Eppu Normali, Popeda, Yo, Mamba, Dingo, and Maarit? They are 1980's Finnish rock groups that now are on a series postage stamps called "Suomi--Rock".

And finally, for their wedding anniversary, Heikki and Hilma decide to celebrate it in the sunny south, at the same hotel where they celebrated their honeymoon 25 years ago. To make sure everything will be perfect, Heikki leaves a day before Hilma to prepare everything.

Upon arriving at the hotel, Heikki notices that the room has a computer, so he decides to send his wife a e-mail message. Unfortunately, Heikki gets the e-mail address wrong and his message ends up on an address of a widow who just returned home from her husband's funeral. The widow goes on the computer to read condolences from relatives and friends when she reads Heikki's e-mail and promptly passes out. Heikki's e-mail read:

Dear Wife,

I have just arrived here and signed in. I know you are surprised to hear from me, but they have computers here so I decide to send you a note. I have prepared for your arrival and I'm looking forward to seeing you tomorrow. I hope your trip is as smooth as mine was.

p.s. It sure is hot here.

Markku Ketola, marketola@yahoo.com

## Poker Night

February, 26, 27, & 28

4:00 pm - 2:00 am

Garden Lanes

## HAPPINESS FUND

.Not this month

## FINN FACTS



Finland has the highest density of museums per capita in the world: one museum for every 5,000 inhabitants.

### 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

This could be a space for your ad.

Call the Finnish Center to advertise in the newsletter.

## FINNISH AMERICAN SINGERS

Winter is still here and we have had our share of colder weather this Season.

The FASM Singers are busy practicing for their Spring Concert. The Date will be April 25th at 3 P.M. In January we welcomed two new Singers to our Group. They are Ramona Dixon, Soprano and Helena Hatten, Soprano. Helena was a former Singer with FASM.

FINN GRAND FEST 2010 will be held this year in Aault, Saint Marie, Ontario. The Dates are July 28th -August 1st, 2010. The Singers have been invited to perform there.

Our Christmas Concert was well received and the Bake Sale was also successful. Many thanks to all who attended the Concert and to those who assisted in many ways.

We are always looking for new Singers. We practice at the Finnish Center on Monday Evenings with tasty refreshments following the Rehearsal.

Begin thinking Spring!

Gerald Malstrom, Co-Publicity

## TELEPHONE SYSTEM

In the 2009 December newsletter I advised that a new telephone system was being installed to help our office workers, improve service to members, and to make our communication better with potential rentals.

We had hoped that the \$2,900.00 expenditure would be paid for by donations. To date we have received \$1,100.00 toward this fund. Any help you can give in this regard would be appreciated.

Norb Leppanen

# 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: the FCA, 35200 West Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48335. 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 the FCA at (248) 478-6939.**

**NOTE: Effective immediately, all memorial donations MUST BE MAILED TO THE FINNISH CENTER by the last day of the month.**

Donations to the Memorial Fund since the August newsletter are as follows:

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In memory of FCA life member Norma Kolehmainen (12-5-09) donations have been made by Kay Simo, Pearl & Ray Wanttaja.

In memory of FCA life member Blanche Maki (12-11-09) donations have been made by Kay Simo, Pearl & Ray Wanttaja and Lillianie Heikkinen.

In memory of FCA life member Anna Salmonson (12-18-09) donations have been made by Kay Simo.

In memory of Maureen Laurent (2-4-10) of White Lake, donations have been made by Lillian Heikkinen and the FCA. Maureen was the daughter of member Mildred Gustafson.

In memory of FCA life member Elisabeth "Elthea" Luoma (11-16-09) a donation has been made by Mary Jo Wade.

In memory of FCA life member Emil Makila (11-17-09) a donation has been made by Harry Niemi.

The FCA remembers life member Robert Karinen (11-1-09); in memory of members Samuel Kallioinen (12-6-09), Minerva Hutula Kovala (12-24-09) and Walter Soine (1-2-10); and in memory of Kenneth Raisanen (1-1-10) of Walled Lake, son of member Mary Ann Raisanen.

In memory of Anna Salmonson (12/18/2009) donations were made by Eunice Roberts, Cheryl & Robert Nelson, Robert & Pamela Szymanski, Richard & Bernadette Kane, Philip & Kathleen Johnson,

Alexander & Eleanor Hardie Dorreen & Charles Chastney, Lawrence & Debra Closurdo, Gail & Richard Burkholder, and Eugene & Dorothy Ferrari

In memory of Blanche Maki (12/11/2009) donations were made by Luise & Norbert Leppanen, Neil Manley, Jr, and Neil Manley

In memory of Clinton Miner (12/24/1999) a donation was made by Eva Miner.

In memory of Elna Reinholm (5/12/2009) a donation was made by George Koskimaki.

In memory of Elthea Luoma (11/16/2009) donations were made by Gerald Leet, Douglas & Linda McKay Thornton Dickinson, Louise Hartung, Terry Onica, Edith Raski, Ruth Kaarrela, George Koskimaki, and Durk & Laura Krebler.

In memory of Anna Salmonson (12/18/2009) donations were made by Victor Winiarski, Phyllis Kemppainen.

In memory of Carl Taipalus (1/30/2008) a donation was made by Betty Taipalus.

In memory of Elthea Luoma (11/16/2009) a donation was made by Richard & Sandra Luoma.

In memory of Emil Makila (11/17/2009) a donation was made by Elmer E. Hanninen.

In memory of Norma Kolehmainen (12/5/2009) donations were made by Sandy Cole, Julie Kolehmainen, Lisa Sullivan.

## 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:** The new requirements for proof of citizenship to cross the border to Canada are:

1. PASSPORT - Must be a valid passport.
2. PASSPORTCARD or the new PASSPORT DRIVERS LICENSE.
3. CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION accompanied by a valid passport and valid US. Re-Entry Permit.

"Til Death Do Us Part: Late Nite Catechism 3" at the Macomb Center - 1 day, Saturday, March 6, \$84. This is a very funny comedy. Lunch will be at Mac and Ray's. Departs at 10:30 am and returns about 5:00 pm. Combo with Nardineers.

"Our Town" - An American Classic by Thornton Wilder at the Purple Rose Theatre - 1 day, Saturday, April 17, \$80. This play was a Pulitzer Prize winner in 1938. Lunch is at Common Grill in Chelsea. Departs 11:15 am and returns about 6:15 pm. Combo with Nardineers.

Seneca - Niagara Falls - 2 days, Wednesday-Thursday, April 28 & 29, \$135. Includes \$20 in slot play and a \$5 food voucher at Seneca. Day 2 will be a free day in Niagara Falls, with a later return time than on previous trips there. There will be a Duty Free stop enroute. Don't forget proper I.D.

"Double Fun" - The Carl Hurley & Jeanne Robertson Show - 1 day, Monday, June 14, \$83. This comedy will be at the Center Stage Theatre in Kalamazoo and lunch will be at Rykse's Restaurant. Departs at 9:15 am and returns about 6:45 pm. Combo with Nardineers

"The Ring of Fire" - Turkeyville Dinner Theater- 1 day, Monday, July 12, \$70. This wonderful show features 38 of Johnny Cash's best hits. And don't forget the wonderful turkey buffet! Be at FCA 9:15 am for 9:30 departure. Return about 6:30 pm.

## WHY DO FINNS IN THE UP CLAIM THE PASTY?

In Cornwall, England, mining has been a way of life for over a thousand years. Cornish men picked tin and copper from the ground long before written history and by the 15th century, they had learned to harvest the ores buried deep in the ground. When the tin and copper mines failed in Cornwall during the mid-1800s, many Cornish men and women immigrated to the mining frontiers of North America. Some settled in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan to work in the newly discovered copper mines. Not only did they bring the knowledge and experience necessary to extract the rich veins of copper that lay hidden deep within the earth, they brought their traditional lunch bucket fare, the pasty, which was well suited to eating in the mines.

A small influx of Finnish immigrants followed the Cornish miners in 1864. These Finns (and many other ethnic groups) adopted the pasty for use in the Copper Country copper mines. About 30 years later, a much larger flood of Finnish immigrants found their countrymen baking pasties, and assumed that it was a Finnish invention. The pasty resembles the Finnish foods, piirakka and lalakukko, so when the new Finns saw their countrymen carrying it in a pail, they thought that it was the Finns who invented the pasty. As a result, the pasty has become strongly associated with Finnish culture in this area.

The FCA carries on this Finnish-American tradition by baking and selling pasties from an original Finnish UP recipe. The next opportunity to participate in this hallowed event is Saturday, March 13. Call in your orders to the FCA or email them to [FCA-pasties@comcast.net](mailto:FCA-pasties@comcast.net). There is also a signup sheet in the FCA lobby. The cost is \$5 each and pasty orders must be picked up at the FCA between noon and 4:00 p.m. on Saturday the 13th.

As always, volunteer pasty makers are needed on either Friday the 12th or Saturday the 13th. Call the FCA office or sign up on the sheet in the FCA lobby.

## FROM THE FCA LIBRARY

It seems that finally people other than Finnish Americans are becoming aware of the architecturally talented Saarinen family. The latest TIME magazine carries a 2-page article about Eero, giving him high praise. And of course there is the forthcoming documentary about Eero, which Paul Potti mentioned in the last newsletter.

The Saarinen family is worth more attention than I can give in one article. Therefore, this month's article will deal with father Eliel, and next month we'll visit Eero.

Gottlieb Eliel Saarinen was born on August 20, 1873 in Rantasalmi, Finland, where his father was a clergyman. When the young Eliel (as he was always known) reached school age, his desire was to become a painter. However, when he enrolled in the Technical Institute in Helsinki in the autumn of 1893, he simultaneously enrolled in the Department of Architecture at the University of Helsinki for courses in drawing. Here he soon realized that architecture was where his interest and ability lay; furthermore, it seemed a more meaningful and creative pursuit.

While still in school, he and two other students, Armas Lindgren and Herman Gesellius, established an architectural firm in Helsinki which in a few years was the leading firm of modern Finnish architecture. They won the competition for the Finnish pavilion in the 1900 World's Fair in Paris. The creation was a sensation; Akseli Gallen-Kallela did the ceiling frescoes based on Kalevala scenes. In October 1900 the firm was to have been presented the Medal of the Legion of Honor, but the Russian government would not permit this award to be presented to the Finns.

In 1902 the firm won the competition for a national museum to be built in Helsinki. Many other projects were handled by the firm, but perhaps the most famous is the Helsinki Railway Station, completed in 1914, said to be one of the most beautiful railroad stations in the world. The work was mainly Saarinen's.

In 1922 Saarinen entered the international competition for the Chicago Tribune Tower, submitting a sketch which won second prize. It has been agreed that his sketch should have been the winner. However, it was not forgotten; it became the model for several U.S. skyscrapers. It was this event that brought the Saarinens to the U.S. Eliel left Finland in 1923, intending to visit colleagues, but two months later he was joined by his wife Loja and their children, Eero, thirteen, and Pipsan (Eva-Lisa), eighteen, and they established permanent residence here.

Saarinen was asked to join the staff of the University of Michigan. Here he was introduced to George G. Booth, who was interested in building an art academy in Bloomfield Hills. The Saarinens decided to take on the project. The en-

tire family collaborated on many of the projects. Loja designed rugs, curtains and upholstery, working for a year supervising a dozen weavers. Pipsan decorated the auditorium and ballroom interiors; Eero designed furniture.

In 1923 Saarinen was appointed president of Cranbrook; he served until 1948. During his tenure at Cranbrook he was involved in many architectural projects nationwide, one of the most acclaimed being Christ Lutheran church in Minneapolis.

Eliel Saarinen died in 1950. It was his wish to be buried in the soil of his native land. His ashes were taken to Hvitträsk, their summer home in Finland, near Helsinki. The place is now a museum.

Loja survived her husband by eighteen years. She is buried beside her husband at Hvitträsk.

If you wish to learn more about Eliel Saarinen, do seek out the following in our library:

**ELIEL SAARINEN** by Albert Christ-Janer. This is the English translation and revised version of the original work by Christ-Janer published in 1948, two years before his death. Both Eliel and his wife Loja approved of this publication; it may be regarded as his official biography. It places the elder Saarinen in the historical context in which he grew up in Finland and which subsequently produced his architecture. You will find it in biography, B Sa.

**SAARINEN HOUSE AND GARDEN: A TOTAL WORK OF ART** edited by Gregory Wittkopp. An introduction by Roy Slade is followed by essays by Gregory Wittkopp and Diana Balmori. This book gives us a look at the house the Saarinen family designed, built and occupied at Cranbrook, after it was restored to the original beautiful work of art Saarinen had created. It is profusely illustrated, mostly in color. It is a beautiful book! It's in 728 Sa.

**DESIGN IN AMERICA: THE CRANBROOK VISION 1925-1950**, text by Robert Judson Clark and others. This follows Eliel Saarinen from his beginnings in Finland to his arrival in the USA and eventually to the Cranbrook community as the protege of George G. Booth, founder of Cranbrook. Works of Eliel, his wife Loja, and finally, son Eero, receive commentary and are illustrated. This is in 709.774 Cl.

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## GIFT SHOP

New items are: SISU sweatshirts  
Limited supply of Kantete

### GIFT SHOP HOURS:

10 am - 4 pm Mondays, Wednesday, & Friday  
10 am - 2 pm Saturdays

**Refer to the calendar for additional  
dates & times.**

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Do you want to dance, or learn to tango? Do you want to sing along, in Finnish and English? Do you want to jam with the band? All this fun will be part of "Finn Hall's" performance here. Those who went to FinnFest on the cruise to Alaska heard them perform but if you don't know their music, please visit their website [www.finnhall.com](http://www.finnhall.com) to hear their music, see their YouTube videos, buy their CD's, and learn about each musician.

The Finnish Center will be jointly sponsoring this event with other local Finnish heritage organizations. Look for publicity in the Finnish Center lobby, and in the monthly Finnish Center activity postcard that will arrive in your mailbox. Tule Tanssimaan!

#### Seeking Employment

Duties as a companion/caregiver. To include errands, light housekeeping, Non medical needs provided.  
Call Margaret 248-252-3247

## SOCIALLY SPEAKING

### CELEBRATE ST. URHO'S DAY WITH US!

Friday, Mar. 19 is the date. Come for Armitage's meal between 5-8 p.m. Very likely they'll serve a choice of Fish, or Corned Beef and Cabbage. Around 6:30 p.m. the program will start. For the program only, the donation is \$3. Soittoniekat members will energize the entire evening by playing for us again, maybe during the meal, for the parade after the crowning of St. Urho for 2010, and afterwards. We'll present readings, some games, a grapevine step parade, and a sing-along--the usual fun with some new twists. Come, you'll enjoy it.

Social joined Women's Club to hold another well-received Finnish Breakfast on Jan. 10. For the first time, we offered 2 pans of Pannukakku that went fast! On the snowy Friday before, Edith Raski, Ruth Kaarlela, and Ilene Yanke made the cinnamon rolls while Lillian Heikkinen and Hannah Carlson made the Piirakkas. Hearty thanks to Pearl Wanttaja and her many Brunch workers who helped us so much on the day of the Breakfast.

On Sun., Feb. 14 Social will decorate the brunch tables in a Valentine theme.

Kiitos,  
Ilene Maki Yanke, Social

## WOMEN'S CLUB BAKERS

We had 9 Pulla Bakers on Jan. 29, 4 of those named above, plus Clarabeth Dixon, Norm and Liz McCue, Betty Taipalus, and one new lady, Barbara. FCA members, we need you on the baking days. We serve lunch with time to socialize. If we have consistent amounts of bakers, we can do so much to benefit the FCA!

We will offer Finnish Pancakes with Strawberry Soup at the Valentine Brunch on Feb, 14.

The Mar. Pulla/Nisu baking day will be either Mar. 24 or 26, depending if there is a Senior Luncheon that month. Check to see which day is chosen.

Ilene

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