



FCA News

FOR MEMBERS OF THE FINNISH CENTER ASSOCIATION

March 2008

FCA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Scholarship applications for the 2008-2009 school year are available. Interested students should call the FCA at (248) 478-6939 to request an application.

The deadline for receipt of the completed application by the FCA Scholarship Committee is **March 15, 2008** and may be sent to: Finnish Cultural Ctr., 35200 West Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48355. Note that the deadline is much earlier this year. It is very important that applicants provide all the information requested by **March 15, 2008**.

Ruth Kaarlela

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YOU ARE INVITED

EERO SAARINEN EXHIBIT EVENTS AT CRANBROOK-UPDATE

Thank you for your interest in Finnish heritage! We are very pleased that you are responding and planning to attend these events. [Here are a few updates to our plans.](#)

On Friday, March 14, bus riders are to be ready to leave the FCA at 5:00 pm. Upon arriving at the Cranbrook Art Museum, a cash bar and the exhibit open at 6:00 pm. It will be helpful to watch one or more of the short videos explaining what you will see. Then we will walk about and view the exhibit.

The lecture featuring Finlandia Foundation Lecturers of the Year, Susan Saarinen and Mark Coir will begin at 7:30 pm, not 8:00 pm. After the lecture, FCA Women will provide and serve coffee, Pulla/Nisu and Finnish cookies.

The price on Friday night for the lecture ticket and bus ride, is \$31-\$34 per person, depending the number of riders. If you order tickets only, which is recommended because the Museum holds only 200, the cost is \$15 per ticket. Cranbrook will also be selling tickets through their Newsletter and other means of publicity, so order now by calling me at 248.887.3538.

On Saturday, March 15, bus riders need to be ready to leave the FCA at 5:30 pm. A cash bar and the exhibit open at 6:00 pm. At 8:00 pm, Conga Se Menne will perform their concert and play for the dance at the Art Museum, **NOT** at the Performing Arts Center. At the dance, FCA Women will again provide coffee and Pulla/Nisu and Finnish cookies. If you ride the bus, the cost is \$26-\$29 per person, depending on the number of riders. If you want to purchase a Concert/Dance ticket only, the cost is \$10 per person as Finlandia Foundation is paying for the band, plus part of the lecture.

Now, some notes about Conga Se Menne who sing about saunas, hunting, fishing, beautiful forests, bitter winters and other aspects of life in the Upper Peninsula. The band tries to keep Finnish heritage alive playing schottisches and polkas with a little bongo in the background. The band turned tropical because of the U.P.'s weather. A senior member of the band recently brought down the house standing between two plastic palm trees, wearing a blue ball cap and playing the "Sakkijarven Polka". Doesn't that make you want to attend the concert/dance?

Let's attend these events and show our Finnish pride and appreciation for Eero Saarinen, one of our most distinguished Finns!

Kiitos,
Ilene Maki Yanke, Social

NOTICE: See page 10 for Newsletter Subscription information.

CALENDAR

WEEKLY EVENTS

Crafts

Mondays 10 to 2 pm

Finnish American Singers

Mondays 7 to 9 pm

Library

Open Mondays 9 to 2 pm

NikkarinTalo

Mondays 9 am

BI-WEEKLY EVENT

Blood Pressure Readings

2nd and 4th Monday

11 am to 2 pm

NOTE DAY CHANGE

MONTHLY EVENTS

Gift Shop

2nd Monday 12:30 pm

Finnish Conversation Group

2nd Friday 10:00 am

Stamp Club

Last Sunday of Month 2-4 pm

Weavers

2nd Saturday of the month 9-12

Camera Club

2nd Wednesday of month 12-2 pm

Card and Game Party

1st Wednesday 1-4 pm

FEBRUARY

17 Krun Meeting 1-3

17 Annual Meetings:
Senior Housing 1:30
FCA 2:30

24 Open House 1-4

27 Pulla/Nisu Bake 10-2

3,10,13,15,16,20,27,28 Rentals

MARCH

1 Pasty Bake

4 Joint Board Mtg. 6:30 pm

5 Card Party 1-4 pm

7 Wine/Beer Tasting 7 pm-\$25

9 Brunch 11:45 am -1:30 pm

14 Fish Fry 5-7 pm

26 Pulla/Nisu Bake

29 Flea Market 9 am-3 pm

30 Open House 1-4 pm

9,12,13,14,15,19,21,26,30 Rentals

APRIL

2 Card Club 1-4 pm

11 Dinner with
President Johnson of
Finlandia University 7 pm
Reserve by 4/4/08

13 Brunch
Krun Mtg 1-3

18 Fish Fry 5-7

19 Craft Show 10-2

27 FASM Concert
Open House 1-4

4,5,6,12,13,16,18,20,21,23,26 Rentals

WOMEN'S CLUB

The Women's Club will meet on
Wednesday, March 19, 2008 from
1 - 2 pm.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

President Johnson of Finlandia University will be here for dinner on Friday, April 11 at 7 pm. He will speak on the University and you will have the opportunity to ask questions. More details will follow.

At Vappu on May 3, we will be raffling off an Annual Toikka Bird, a Crazy Tie Quilt and an Elegant Evening Purse. You will be receiving tickets in the mail that we encourage you to sell to your friends, family and yourself. This is a very important Fund Raiser for the FCA. We need things within the building that are going to be costly – remember we have been here for over 40 years and things have a habit of wearing out, or need to be changed. We really need the cooperation of the membership to make this a rousing success.

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FCA SCHOLARSHIP INTERVIEW

Four very deserving students received scholarships from the FCA for the 2007-08 academic year, thanks to the generous donations of our members. One of these students will be profiled in each of the coming four issues. This year the deadline for submitting applications for the 2008-09 scholarships is March 15, so we encourage students to get theirs in before that date.

Our first interview is with Rachel Strauss, granddaughter of FCA life member Charlotte Lytikainen. Rachel is a freshman at the University of Michigan/Ann Arbor. She plans to graduate in either four or five years, depending on how much time goes into acquiring work experience as she studies.

Q: What is your major, and what are your career plans?

A: Currently I do not have a decided major. I am starting my education with an open mind. This year I am exploring a variety of classes in different subject matters with the hope that I will find a career pathway that truly interests me. I would love to earn a degree that would allow me to work collaboratively with other people and one that would continually challenge me to learn more.

Q: What classes have you had this year?

A: My first semester I was enrolled in classes in the Mathematics and Chemistry departments. I took Calculus II, Chemistry, Chemistry Lab and Spanish. These classes all involved group work and extensive online homework. The use of technology is very critical in the University. The focus of my curriculum shifted slightly with the new semester. This semester I am continuing with Spanish and Calculus and I am beginning Psychology and an English class about U.S. history.

Q: What have been some of your favorite classes, and why were they significant to you?

A: My favorite class first semester would have to be Spanish. I was glad that I remained interested in Spanish at the university level. My Spanish class first semester really challenged my writing skills; and my ability to write improved tremendously after weekly journal entries. My teacher recognized my ability to articulate ideas in Spanish which helped to motivate me.

Q: What activities do you participate in, either in the community or the university?

A: This semester I was able to discover the variety of student clubs that the University has to offer. I joined Mentorship, a program that places freshman with an established peer mentor and a faculty mentor. This program made me feel more comfortable at the university in general. My mentor answered questions, gave me a tour of the campus and checked in often to see my progress during the first few months of school. In addition, I worked as an Intern at the Michigan Student Assembly, the student government on

campus. I was able to work with the Budget and Priorities Committee to understand their process for allocating funds to other student groups around campus. I also worked on the Hospitality Committee of the University of Michigan's Dance Marathon. This non-profit organization is run completely by students and raises funds for pediatric rehabilitation programs in Southeastern Michigan.

Q: What work do you do, including paid and volunteer work?

A: I decided to work the summer before school in order to save money for the first semester. In doing so, I was able to focus on my studies during the first critical semester. I was able to keep my job and work during the holiday break. I have looked into some groups around campus that do volunteer work and I am interested in joining one this semester. My participation in Dance Marathon has been volunteer work. My job is to contact local sponsors to get donations of food for our special events throughout the year.

Q: Do you have a mentor who helps you prepare for school and/or work? If so, how does this person help you?

A: I consider my Spanish teacher from high school to be my mentor. She helped write my letter of recommendation and prepared me for the type of education that I have received since being at the university. I have stayed in contact with Senora Schattmaier throughout the first semester. She is an adult who I can trust and go to for advice.

Q: Describe one highlight of your university experience.

A: One highlight of my university experience has been my roommate. I decided to live in the university's housing system and let them blindly choose me a roommate. I am very grateful that I was placed with someone who is understanding, friendly and fun to live with. Sarah has made my transition to the university lifestyle very smooth considering this change can be very challenging initially.

Q: How has the FCA scholarship helped you meet your educational goals?

A: This FCA scholarship has allowed me to continue with my education at one of the finest schools Michigan has to offer. This scholarship makes my education possible because it has given me the opportunity to study with the best of the best. Tuition and room and board can be very expensive among the other living expenses required. This very generous scholarship will help my family support my educational goals. I appreciate the opportunities I have available to me because of the scholarships I received. The financial burden of college no longer will delay or distract my education here at the University of Michigan.

Louise Hartung, for the Scholarship Committee

FINLAND TODAY

First, a medical break-through has taken place in Finland. Scientists in Finland have replaced the upper jaw of a 65 year old man with a bone graft that had been grown from his own cells. The patient had lost his upper jaw because of tumors. The stem cells came from the man's fatty tissue and were cultivated for two weeks. The scientists selected a set of cells called mesenchymal cells, those that give rise to bone tissue. Those cells were placed in a scaffold structure. The structure was then placed inside the patient's abdomen and allowed to grow for nine months. Then the grown structure was taken from the abdomen and placed where the upper jaw should be. Screws and microsurgery were used to connect the structure to the head and blood vessels were connected to the arteries in his neck.

Dr. Riitta Suuronen, head of Regea Institute of Regenerative Medicine in Helsinki, told a news conference recently, "From the outside no one would be able to tell that he has been through such a procedure."

Lithuania's national power company, Lietuvos Energija, has signed a contract with Finland's Poyry Energy Oy, to make a feasibility and environmental impact study on the possibility of building a new nuclear power plant. In order to join the European Union, Lithuania had agreed to shut down its two Russian-type reactors. One reactor was shut down in 2004 and the other one is scheduled to shut down in the near future. Poyry Energy will determine the size and type of reactors that will be built, and if the project is even feasible.

An in-flight video shown on Finnair flights has won a prestigious award, again. The Finnair short film, "Welcome to Lakeland", was awarded the Silver World Medal prize in the in-flight entertainment category at the New York Film and Video Festival. The award is the 12th of its kind earned by Finnair's in-flight films. This year's competition had 212 films from 25 countries.

In order to curb vandalism at roadside rest areas, the Finnish Road Administration has decided to get tough. Along the expressway, Highway 1, on the western side of Finland, they are testing out a system where you have to send off a text message in order to open the doors to the toilets at the rest areas. In order to get access to the rest area toilets, you send a text message with the word "open" and the number on the toilet door. The message goes to a modem, which then sounds a buzzer which unlocks the door. The cell phone numbers are stored for awhile, so if there is vandalism, they know who to go after. So if you are driving along Highway 1 in Finland, make sure you have your cell phone with you.

Fulham, of the English Soccer League has signed two Finnish players to its team. The players are Jari Litmanen, a forward,

and defender Toni Kallio. The new coach/manager of Fulham is Roy Hodgson, the former coach of Finland's national team.

At the World Cup Ski Jumping, at Sapporo, Japan, Finland's Janne Happonen was second on both days of jumping. The winner on both days was Thomas Morgenstern of Austria. With these two wins, Morgenstern increased his World Cup points lead over Finland's Janne Ahonen.

At the "Jussi" Award ceremonies, Finland's version of the Oscars, the film "Black Ice", has received six Jussi's. They include the best film, leading actress, director, script, music and editing.

Surfing the internet, I have come across the name "Miss Finland" many times. I finally decided to see what it was. Miss Finland is a three year old horse in Australia that has earned over \$4.5 million in racing. Is there a Finnish connection? I don't know.

And finally, in a trial "way up north", the prosecuting attorney called his first witness, Hilma, a grandmotherly looking woman. He approached her and asked, "Hilma, do you know me?"

She responded, "Of course I do, I've known you since you were a young boy, and you have been a big disappointment to me. You lie, cheat, you talk about people behind their backs, you are nothing but a two bit lawyer."

The attorney is stunned! He finally points across the room and asked, "Hilma, do you know the defense attorney?"

She again responded, "Of course I do, I have also known him since he was youngster. He's lazy, bigoted, and has a drinking problem, and has the worst law firm in the state."

The judge, hearing the questions and answers, asked both of the attorneys to approach the bench. In a very quiet voice he said, "If either of you asks her if she knows me, I'll throw you in jail for contempt."

Markku Ketola
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REMINDER

In case you missed it earlier this year, the 2007 Directory is still available. A donation is greatly appreciated to offset the cost of printing these useful tools for keeping in touch.

HAPPINESS

HAPPY BELATED 80+ BIRTHDAY

We know we are late with this birthday greeting, but we all want to wish the "Best, loving Aunt in the world"

BLANCHE M. MAKI

the best of Happy Birthdays and many more healthy, happy ones to follow!

We all love you very, very much!!

From your loving niece: Helen Mueller, Grand Nieces: Cheryl Naasko and Troy, Lois Naasko and Tony and Great Grand Nephew: Matthew Maguire.

We love you tons, and tons and tons!

CARD AND GAME PARTY

A new Card and Game Party will be held starting in March on Wednesday (3-5-08). We will meet on the first Wednesday of each month from 1 to 4 pm.

Men and women are welcome.

Call the Finnish Center to let us know if you will be joining us for fun and good company.

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

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OVER ON FINN DRIVE

The snow continues to fall over here on Finn Drive. "Woodee the Ground Hog" of Howell, MI did not see his shadow a couple of days ago. So, it looks like we have only six more weeks before spring. By the time many of you get this article, it will be only about four weeks before the first day of spring. That sounds even better. It is time to pick up a seed catalog and look at all of the beautiful pictures of flowers and order up the seeds you will need. The instructions for planting your seeds usually spell out a few details, like tilling the soil, smoothing out the surface, placing the seed at the proper depth, watering lightly and waiting. And then waiting some more. The germination process is fun and it's amazing to watch and just marvel at what develops.

The most important part of our Finnish legends is to have fun when they come along. We need to take life as it comes and then break it up with a lighter touch and a smile at as many of these fun sessions as we can. The legend of Finnish St Urho is being celebrated on March 16. More and more Finns each year are participating in this activity. You can take a quick drive around the Midwest on your pc and see who is doing what for St Urho's Day. Just inquire on "Google" the search engine, and punch in the name of St Urho, and you will get different sites showing pictures of statues of St Urho in Minnesota and other good recipes for purple food. No gas tanks to fill-up either on the way over, or on the way back. Its fun, try it.

The same thing develops at the Finnish Center. We have been looking for ways to trim our expenses and improve our balance sheet. Along the way, some new things will develop to improve our performance and keep the center the fun experience it has become.

Frank Gottberg, Chairman

MEMORIAL FUND

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you, Pearl Wanttaja, Chair

NOTE: All memorial donations must be at my home, not at the Finnish Center, by the 1st of the month.

CORRECTION from January and February newsletters:

In memory of FCA life member Edna Kangas Hansen (10-31-07) donations have been made by her sister-in-law Milda & Ralph Mattila and the FCA.

Donations received since the February newsletter are as follows:

In memory of Karin Eskuri Clancy (12-7-07) of Farmington Hills, a donation has been made by Charlotte Lytikainen.

In memory of Laila Merila (12-20-07) and Eli Merila (9-7-98) of Roscommon, a donation has been made by their daughter Juliann Boushelle and Family.

In memory of FCA member Shirley Wanhala Pennanen (1-17-08) donations have been made by Pearl & Ray Wanttaja and the FCA.

In memory of FCA member Ruth Jarvi Baker (1-23-08) donations have been made by her uncle Neil Manley, her cousin Neil Manley Jr. and the FCA.

In memory of FCA life member John "Archie" Kehus (1-26-08) donations have been made by Norbert & Luise Leppanen, Pearl & Ray Wanttaja, Kay Simo and the FCA.

In memory of FCA life member Carl Taipalus (1-30-08) donations have been made by Pearl & Ray Wanttaja and the FCA.

In memory of FCA life member Saima Waisanen Palmer (1-31-08) donations have been made by Kay Simo, Pearl & Ray Wanttaja and the FCA.

In memory of FCA life member Robert "Bob" Hyrkas (1-3-08) donations have been made by Kay Simo, Lois Makee, Susan Matero, Bob & Shirley Erickson, Harold & Connie Fosness, Neil Manley

Jr., Edith Raski, Betty & Leonard Holmbo, Marty Matero, Mick & Susan Matero, Pam & Phil Bode, Rick & Sandy Matero, Dorothy Pohto and Robert Usitalo.

In memory of FCA life member Arthur "Art" Niemi (12-6-07) donations have been made by his wife Ruth, Cliff & Ruth Moening and Shirley Jokinen.

In memory of FCA life member Herbert "Herb" Piilo (12-5-07) donations have been made by Kay Simo, Lois Makee, Harold & Connie Fosness, Neil Manley Jr., Katri Pietila, Ruth Kaarlela, Edith Raski, Rafael & Elvi Saviniemi, Martha & Tony Boscarino, Gerald & Dagmar Malstrom and Betty & Leonard Holmbo.

In memory of FCA life member Eria Lampi Hamrick (10-3-07) a donation has been made by Vernon & Mary Leinonen.

In memory of FCA life member Walter "Ed" Keskitalo (11-15-07) donations have been made by Irene Koponen and Family and Harold & Connie Fosness.

In memory of FCA life member Wesley Timonen (9-9-07) a donation has been made by Bob & Shirley Erickson.

In memory of FCA member Elizabeth "Beth" Kilponen (10-24-07) donations have been made by Donald & Valerie Larson and Vernon & Mary Leinonen.

In memory of FCA life member Elsie Lahti Usitalo (3-23-05) donations have been made by her husband Bob and her daughter Kath & Tom Kozak.

In memory of FCA life member Katri Laine (11-14-07) a donation has been made by Maria Hill.

In memory of FCA member William "Bill" Maynes (11-25-07) donations have been made by Lois Makee and Harold & Connie Fosness.

In memory of FCA life member William "Bill" Perttunen (12-10-07) a donation has been made by Betty & Leonard Holmbo.

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GOING PLACES

TRIP NOTES

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

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

"The Winter Wedding-Italian Style" - One day, Thursday, March 13, \$70. Seven course "Italian Feast" included at Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall, followed by the show and a little time for shopping. Be at the FCA by 10 am for a 10:15 departure. Return about 3:30 pm.

"Moonlight and Magnolias" - One day, Wednesday, April 2, \$70. Lunch will be at Ramano's Macaroni Grill, with the show at Meadowbrook. Be at FCA by 11 am for a 11:15 departure. Return about 5:30 pm.

Four Winds Casino in New Buffalo - Also optional Blue Chip Casino. Two days, April 21 & 22, \$125. Will be staying at Holiday Inn Express. The Four Winds is a brand new casino. Includes incentive packages of \$35 and Bk.

"Church Basement Ladies" at Turkeyville - One day, Thursday, August 28, \$69. Includes Marjorie Cornwell's all-you-can-eat turkey buffet. Be at the FCA at 9:15 am for a 9:30 departure. We will return at about 6:15 pm.

The "Cabaret" trip to Stratford has been scrapped. The price jumped up from \$103 to \$131.

The Ren Cen Tour and Diamond Jack Cruise is still being planned. A Caribbean Cruise is also in the planning.

SOCIALLY SPEAKING

On February 2, we had five of the "Petticoat Ladies" visit to talk about four women in history. The presentation was very much enjoyed. Our free will donation allowed us to give contributions to the performers and to the FCA. These Presbyterian women give all that they received to mission projects. An attractive Valentine coffee table of treats was provided by Dagnie Carlson, Lillian Heikkinen, Char Lytikainen and Ilene Yanke.

MARCH 16, NEW MEMBER WELCOME POTLUCK DINNER

On Sunday, March 16 we'll hold this annual event at 2:00 pm to welcome all those who joined the FCA in 2007. These persons will receive an invitation by mail. We encourage as many as possible of them to come as our guests. Veteran FCA members, we invite you to come and ask you to bring ample potluck dishes to provide for all. The new members are invited to share, if they care to, as to where they're from, how they became interested in the

FCA, etc. It's pleasing to meet our new members in this way.

TRADITIONAL FINNISH BREAKFAST ON SUNDAY, APRIL 13 FROM NOON-1:30 PM
Pearl Wanttaja enjoyed this kind of breakfast that Social/Women's Club did last October and suggested that we do it in place of one of the usual brunches. So, we will do that. It requires preliminary preparation of making piirakat and Pulla/Nisu which our ladies will do. On April 13, we will welcome a few regular brunch workers to help with more preparation and clean-up. If you will do that, please call me at 248.887.3538.

Kiitos,
Ilene Maki Yanke, Social

FROM THE FCA LIBRARY

Here are some new arrivals in our library:

MOTHER OF MINE (ÄIDEISTÄ PARHAIN), a DVD.
During Finland's Winter and Continuation wars, 70,000 Finnish children were sent to foster homes in Sweden to keep them out of harm's way. Although everyone meant well, in retrospect one wonders whether it was a good idea. For many of the children it was a traumatic experience.

This is the story of Eero Lahti, about seven years old, who was among the refugees. Like most of the children, he had a difficult time adjusting to his new home, where neither his foster parents nor he understood the other's language. But children do adjust, and Eero experienced further trauma when he was torn from his foster parents and forced to return home.

The dialogue in this film is in Finnish and Swedish, but there are English subtitles, which one must access from the menu at the beginning of the film. You will find this DVD on the shelf with the other non-book media on the north wall next to the study carrel. It may be checked out.

SUOMALAISET: PEOPLE OF THE MARSH,
by Mark Unger.

In this work of historical fiction, Unger tells the story of several Finnish immigrants who lived during the first quarter of the twentieth century. His main character, Anders Alhomaki (who later changed his name to Andrew Maki), first worked in the mines in Michigan's Copper Country. After the strike of 1913-14 he moved to northern Minnesota where he worked in the lumbering industry. Naturally, the plot includes a love story, as well.

One piece of historical misinformation bothered me. In writing of the Italian Hall disaster he says: "someone ... yelled 'fire' inside Italian Hall, setting off a stampede. In the melee, a large number of children rushed down a stairway towards an exit door only to find that the door was chained from the outside." Those of us who have read *DEATH'S DOOR* or seen a presentation about the event know that the door was certainly not chained, and that the doors opened outward. The only impediment was the pileup at the bottom of the stairs after someone stumbled. (If the door had been chained, how did the person who yelled "Fire!" get in and then out again?)

The book does give what is probably an accurate picture of the life of American Finns in the "teen" years. It does hold one's attention. You will find it in fiction, F Mu.

SUOMALAISIA NAISTAITELIJOITA 1880-LUVULTA (FINNISH WOMEN ARTISTS FROM THE 1880'S)
by Riitta Konttinen.

If you are interested in Finnish art, don't pass this up just because you don't read Finnish. The book is

profusely illustrated with examples of the art of Finnish women, with the artist clearly, identified in the captions. The works of at least twelve women are included. You'll find the book in the section on the arts, Dewey number 759.9 Ko.

SCANDINAVIAN DESIGN by Eileene Harrison Beer.
In the **FOREWORD** of this work, the author quotes an old sage: "Whatever it is, the Danes sell it, the Swedes manufacture it, the Norwegians ship it, and the Finns design it." Scandinavians, and not least the Finns, have earned a reputation for not only beautiful but also practical design, but also high-quality workmanship. Even everyday objects are works of art. This book is profusely illustrated with examples of ceramics, wood and furniture, glass and crystal, textiles, jewelry and more, much of it Finnish. This book is a near neighbor of the above, Dewey number 745.4 Be.

We have a list of our 2007 acquisitions posted at the end of the bookshelf on the right as you enter the library.

Lillian Lehto, Librarian

NOTES FROM THE SINGERS

Many thanks to all of you who attended our Christmas Concert that needed to be moved to December 23, with the huge snowfall the previous Sunday. We thank all those who purchased from the cookie sale. We hope that this concert will be shown on Brighthouse cable TV.

The FASM Singers are busy practicing much new music for our annual Spring Concert to be held earlier this year, on Sunday April 27 at 3:00 pm. Mark the date and plan to come. We will sing a medley of Gershwin songs including "Facinating Rhythm" and "They Can't Take That Away From Me". Among the Finnish songs will be, "Mun Kanteleeni", "Kesailta", and "Kun Kavelin Kesailtalla". A Finnish translation of an operatic song by Verdi will be a highlight. As usual, a delicious array of sandwiches and desserts will follow.

We welcome two new singers, Heike Trautmann and Lois Holmes.

Upcoming events include singing for senior residents at Village of Westland on April 7, and the Scandinavian Society of Greater Lansing on April 20.

If you enjoy singing, come join us!

Gerald Malstrom, Publicity

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In memory of FCA life member Helen Walivaara (9-16-07) a donation has been made by Vernon & Mary Leinonen.

In memory of FCA life member Darlene Koskela Heikka (12-15-07) a donation has been made by Harold & Connie Fosness.

The FCA has made donations in memory of life member George Kettunen (1-13-08) and members Raymond Nickol (12-9-07) and Kenneth Cooper (1-28-08).

GIFT SHOP NEWS

Here's some news you can use...

Round ball candles WERE two for \$7.00 and NOW are two for \$5.90. Supply is limited! A variety of colors are available!

Besides Lingonberry jam, Queensblend jam (a combination of raspberries and wild blueberries) and Cloudberry jam (called Artic Gold and rich in Vitamin C) are now available. Yummy!

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Finnish Center Members now receive 20% off Finnish crystal, wallhangings and Kaleva jewelry (items priced above \$35).

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GARDENS

When March comes to Finlandia Gardens, the juices in all of us who have waited so long for spring, begin to stir and we think of the magic of this season. It can be seen in little touches. Green shoots begin to show above the ground, birds sing a new song and we know that warmer weather is around the corner. This year we hope to increase the size of our vegetable garden to accommodate more member gardeners. The Wedding Garden will be completed and we hope a pergola will be seen to attract a greater number of weddings to our Center. You may want to take some pictures in these gardens this year to send to friends and loved ones.

Some of our garden associates would appreciate an easier way to move around our six acres at the FCA so we are hoping to acquire an electric golf cart so we can move with our tools around the property with some ease.

Call 248-477-5709 for more information about the FCA Garden Club.

David Sharpe

WOMEN'S CLUB

Our February Pulla/Nisu turned out very well. We will again bake it on Wednesday, March 26 beginning at 10 am. Do plan to come, especially if you've never tried this. Orders may be phoned in and picked up beginning at 1:30 pm. We do good work!

Earlier in the month, Wednesday, March 12, beginning at 9 am, we'll do special baking of Pulla/Nisu and two or three kinds of Finnish cookies. These will be taken to Cranbrook's Art Museum to be served on March 14 and 15. Jon Saari of the Finlandia Foundation Board desired having a Finnish coffee table at these special events. We volunteered and intend to show them what we can do!

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