



FCA News

FOR MEMBERS OF THE FINNISH CENTER ASSOCIATION

August 2008

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Finnish Center needs volunteers in the following areas:

- Opening and Closing
- Cleaning
- Inventory
- General Office

If you have time and skills, please call the center at 248-478-6939.

PRESERVE FINNISH CULTURE

This was the goal of the founders of the Finnish Center. Little did they realize how difficult a task this would be. They were immigrants or first generation Finns and practiced Finnish culture on a daily basis. Finn foods, music, handcrafts, language, literature, arts and holiday customs were the norm for them.

Presently, this has proved more difficult for our members now because we Finns are 2nd, 3rd and 4th generation and more removed from our Finnish culture. We also have more nationalities in the organization than we have had in previous years.

Our Finnish roots produced great music, art, literature, dancing, crafts, food and customs. Let us set out to learn more about all things Finnish and in turn reach the goal to preserve our culture at the FCA.

I'm inviting everyone, young or old, especially you Finns in the area, to come to a meeting to share your ideas. All FCA groups, cultural, crafts, weavers, library, garden, trips, social and Nikkarintalo are encouraged to attend. We will discuss how we can collaborate to help the FCA. Soittoniekat already provides music on occasion. Many thanks to them.

Next meeting dates are August 9 and September 13 from 10 am to 2 pm.

Ruth Mannisto

CALLING ALL ARTISTS & ART LOVERS

We are pleased to announce the first annual FCA Fall Art Fair on September 19 and 20. We will feature painters, sculptors, photographers, wood workers, jewelry makers, potters, mixed media artists, etc. This is a great opportunity for new artists to create interest in their work and for established artists to expand their customer base.

Booth rental is \$50 for a 10' x 10' space. Applications will be accepted through August 15 and can be obtained by calling the FCA. Exhibitor space is limited and a completed application does not guarantee a booth. We will make every effort to present a varied group of artists. All artwork must be original pieces created and sold by the artist. Absolutely no retail merchandise allowed. Artwork will be exhibited and available for sale Friday evening from 4-10 pm and Saturday from noon-5 pm.

This free event is open to the public and is sure to be a big hit for the FCA. Both days will feature live music and a hands on art project table for children and adults making this a fun event for the whole family. Appetizers prepared by Armitage Catering and drinks will be available for purchase.

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CALENDAR

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WEEKLY EVENTS

Crafts

Mondays 10 to 2pm

Finnish American Singers

Mondays 7 to 9pm

Library

Open Mondays 9 to 2pm

NikkarinTalo

Mondays 9am

BI-WEEKLY EVENT

Blood Pressure Readings

2nd and 4th Monday

11 am to 2pm

MONTHLY EVENTS

Gift Shop

2nd Monday 12:30pm

Stamp Club

Last Sunday of Month 2-4pm

Weavers

2nd Saturday of the month 9-12

Camera Club

2nd Wednesday of month 12-2 pm

Card and Game Party

1st Wednesday of month 11am-4 pm

Finnish Conversation

2nd Friday of month 10am

JULY

21 Scholarship Comm 10:30 am

27 Open House 1-4 pm

Rentals 12,13,18,19

AUGUST

9 Historical Society Mtg 10:30 am

9 Preserve Finn Culture 10-2 pm

31 Open House 1-4 pm

Rentals: 5,10,15,16,24

SEPTEMBER

13 Preserve Finn Culture 10-2 pm

14 Brunch

19 & 20 ART FAIR
26 Fish Fry 5-8 pm

Rentals: 6,10,12,14,24

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3 Year

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VOLUNTEER BARTENDERS NEEDED

As the number of events held at the FCA continues to increase, we are faced with staffing challenges. In particular, we need bartenders. If you are a member and are interested in becoming a certified bartender, please notify the FCA and plan to attend a class (date yet to be determined).

This is a fun way for members to volunteer some time and learn a new skill in the process.

We look forward to seeing you!

OVER ON FINN DRIVE

Since our last newsletter we have had some interesting people come to visit us at the Finnish Cultural Center. Let me cover just a couple groups.

THE FINNISH ROTARIANS ON A GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE

This group of five members represented District 1450, Republic of Finland which has 52 clubs and 1,900 members.

They are exchanging with Rotary Club District 6400 in Michigan who will have representatives going to Finland. Fortunately, the Rotarians from Dearborn told them about our Finnish Cultural Center and they wanted to come and see our center and visit with some Soumalainen. We had about 8 or 10 people here at the Center to take them around and see our hall and our membership lounge. Here are the names of our Finnish visitors and their occupations: Jorma Kajanus - consultant/entrepreneur, Virve Eronen - teacher, vocational college, Teemu Hokkanen - staff officer with Defense Forces, Mari Koivistoinen- nurse, healthcare and Katja Lintunen- architect

This was a very fine group of people from Finland. It was a pleasure to meet with them and I wish it could have been for a longer period of time. If you want to learn more about the Rotarians GSE Team Web Diary go to <http://gse1430.blogspot.com/>.

THE INTERNATIONAL KALEVALA CONVENTION IN FARMINGTON HILLS

The Knights and Ladies of Kalevala were in town for their meeting and it was so good to have them come and visit the Finnish Center. The attendees came from parts of Canada and the United States. A word of welcome to all the delegates that were here to attend the meeting was held at the front of the Finnish Center. It was very fitting to gather at the Honko granite monument, under the two Nations flags shining brightly in the morning sun.

Both of these organizations are like so many service clubs, lodges and fraternal organizations that do so many good things to help our society of free people. Each club has a purpose or creed that states its reason for being. Most often it is for the betterment of all peo-

ple and to his or her fellow neighbor. Service clubs add so much to our society as they stimulate character, add to our stability, increase our awareness of our community and stimulate pride in doing something to serve others. When individuals live in freedom, they create a spirit of volunteerism that is generated from the heart.

Frank Gottberg
Chairman

CULTURAL COMMITTEE

We have started a project toward our cultural goal, making puppets, to relate stories from the Kalevala as well as many Finnish folk tales.

We have started to learn how to make puppets. Our next steps include how to work the puppet, build a stage and create scenery.

Hilkka Ketola, Carl Aebersold and Ruth Mannisto introduced the puppets they made at Vappu. We hope to tell stories of from the Kalevala, Moomin and Finn folk tales using puppets. This is a new venture to show our Finnish culture in a fun way.

This will require many different hands, both young and old. If interested, call the FCA to offer your talents and we can make puppets together. We need all kinds of help to get this project off the ground. I know we Finns can do this!

Ruth Mannisto
Cultural

FINLAND TODAY

First, something new is going on in Vaasa, Finland which may affect the whole world. The world's first residential energy system based on landfill gases will go on line in Vaasa. It is a fuel cell system which generates electricity and heat. The fuel cells will use methane gas from a garbage dump to provide power for about 40 neighborhood homes.

The fuel cell developed by Wartsila Power is the first of its kind in the world. Wartsila is a major supplier of power plants and ship engines. Wartsila has plans to use the fuel cell technology on ships to provide auxiliary power. The same fuel cell technology can harness power from the manure piles on farms.

Metso has signed an agreement with GE Energy to acquire GE's Lachine Main Plant, heavy fabrication and machining facility near Montreal. The facility will be integrated into Metso Minerals and Mining business line.

Metso, headquartered in Helsinki, is an international technology corporation that serves the pulp and paper industry, rock and mineral processing, and power generation. Last year, Metso had operations in 50 countries, employing about 27,000 people with sales over \$9.5 billion. One of the companies forming today's Metso is Nordberg Manufacturing Co, founded in Milwaukee in 1889 by Finnish born immigrant, Bruno Nordberg.

A private hospital (Lasaretti) in Kuopio catering to Chinese patients? Apparently so. The hospital will be specializing in heart bypass operations and plastic surgery for which there are few treatment centers in China. The patients from China will be flown to Finland mainly from Beijing and Shanghai. Lasaretti will also begin to train Chinese doctors and nurses.

The beginning of July marks the start of military training for 14,000 draftees in Finland. The new conscripts will begin two months of basic training. Some of the draftees will be chosen for leadership and specialty training. The draftees will serve for six or nine months in the army, navy, air force or the border guards. Those chosen to be officers will serve for one year.

The European Space Agency had announced that they were looking for some new astronauts, four to be exact. There were 8,400 applicants, including over 300

from Finland. The selection process has narrowed the applicants to a "few", in which there are still Finns. The successful 4 astronauts will be used on flights to the International Space Station.

This year 160,000 students have applied for attendance at a Finnish university, college, or a technical institute. Of these, about 40% will be accepted. Also, about 30,000 of the applicants were from foreign countries, and about two-thirds of them applied for a technical institute. 57% of the applicants were women. As calculated in dollars, Finland has 26,000 millionaires. Seems quite a bit, but compared to the other Nordic countries, Finland is at the bottom. Norway has 62,000 millionaires, Sweden 50,000 and Denmark 36,000.

Also the Helsinki Cup youth soccer tournament took place in Finland at the beginning of July. The tournament started in 1976 with teams from 5 countries. This year the competition included 852 teams from 20 countries with about 17,000 youth soccer players.

At the Finnish Accordion Championships, which are held at the Sata-Hame Soi Festival each year, the Golden and Silver awards were announced. This year's Golden Accordion award winner was Ukko-Pekka Yliranta from Kitila. The Silver Accordion prize is given to accordion players 10 years old or younger. This year's winner is six year old Viljami Morander from Somerniemi.

And finally, One Sunday morning, Pastor Kempainen noticed little Toivo standing in the foyer of the church staring up at a large plaque. It was covered with names with small American flags mounted on either side of it.

Toivo had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the Pastor walked up, stood beside the little boy, and said quietly, "Good morning Toivo."

"Good morning Pastor", he replied, still focused on the plaque.

"Pastor, what is this?" asked Toivo.

"Well, son, it's a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the service."

Soberly, they just stood together, staring at the large plaque.

Finally, little Toivo asked, voice barely audible and trembling with fear, "Which service, the 9:00 or the 10:30?"

Markku Ketola, marketola@yahoo.com

HAPPINESS

Hearty thanks to all the dedicated members of FCA: "Thank You to all who are still working to keep the place alive and improving, as I used to do when I was in Michigan."

—Terveisia Texasista - from the only "Helvi" in this huge state!

Irja Cornnolly has been taken into the Hall of Fame at the Dearborn Theatre Hall of Fame.

Our best wishes and congratulations to our Theatre Directors at the FCA.

—Fred & Dee Aebersold

Please send your Happiness wishes and donations to Pearl Wanttaja 28235 Townley Ave., Madison Heights, MI 48071-2846.

CARD AND GAME PARTY

A new Card and Game Party will be held the first Wednesday of each month from 11 to 4 pm.

Men and women are welcome.

TABLES FOR SALE

We have several 3 ft by 3 ft square tables available for sale at \$50 each. Used previously in the lounge, these tables are suitable for indoor use when entertaining for the holidays, hosting parties or having friends over to play cards. Call if interested.

Armitage Catering

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

Weddings/Showers
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SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION

On May 18, 2008, the following five students received scholarship awards of \$700.00 each at a reception attended by proud and happy families and friends.

- § Megan Hella who will study Childhood Education at Central Michigan University
- § Erin Keranen, a Sophomore studying Therapeutic Recreation at Central Michigan University, will spend one term at the University of Jyvaskyla in Finland studying Gerontology.
- § Cale Mannesto who will study Business and Pre-med at the University of Michigan
- § Katie Lee Meusling who will study Engineering at Cornell
- § Elizabeth Muzzin who will study Business at Schoolcraft College

The ceremony was followed by an excellent slide presentation: "Saying Thank You—An Overview of My Life After the Award" by Clifford Williams who had received awards to Michigan Tech in 97-98 and 98-99. He described his work with lasers at MIT and his travels in Europe, the Middle East, Africa and in Finland among relatives.

We thank Clifford Williams and we wish him and the five scholars well. We appreciate the donations which members and friends make to the scholarship fund. We also appreciate the contributions to the coffee table and the help of Pearl Wanttaja, Lillian Heikkinen and Edith Raski in serving and cleaning up.

Ruth Kaarlela
Scholarship Committee

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

In memory of FCA life member Edsel Carlson (5-6-08) donations have been made by George & Lois Mikkola, Rudy & Norma Aittama, Elna Reinholm, Ruth Kaarlela, Edith Raski, Betty & Leonard Holmbo, Lillian Heikkinen, Pearl & Ray Wanttaja, Steve & Joann Boggs, Helen Rickard, Ed & Helen Gilbert, Ruben & Grace Nayback, Kay Simo, Calvin & Lillian Niemi, Steve & Cari Mossoian, Norman & Linda Paulson, Jim & Judy Aittama, Gary & Nancy Archambeau, Braden & Elaine Archambeau & Erica, Lucille Aittama & David & Calle, Cynthia Tolonen Moreno, Michael & Diane Pawlowski, Erick Kyro, John Torvinen, Eva Lassila, Lillian Simoncini, Nina Ranta, Diane Benchich, Julie & Dan Blomquist, David & Jane Reed, Rafael & Elvi Saviniemi, Electrical Workers Local 58, John & Jennifer Machnak, Ivar Pearson, Bill & Theresa Fanelli, Andrew & Elaine Torvinen, Edwin & Anne Paulson and the FCA.

In memory of FCA life member Arnold Usitalo (5-13-08) donations have been made by Neil Manley Jr., his brother Bob Usitalo, niece Kath Usitalo & Tom Kozak, Pearl & Ray Wanttaja, Nina Ranta, Betty & Leonard Holmbo, Bernie & Lena Los and the FCA.

In memory of Neil Elsila (5-20-08) of Jacksonville, FL, a donation has been made by Pearl & Ray Wanttaja. Neil was the brother of members Dave Elsila and Sandra Blackwell.

In memory of FCA life member Pauline Jetke (5-21-08) donations have been made by Kay Simo, Pearl & Ray Wanttaja, Betty & Leonard Holmbo, Maria Hill and the FCA.

In memory of Luise Rass (5-23-08) of Saultillo, MS, donations have been made by Pearl & Ray Wanttaja and the FCA. Luise was the mother of member Luise Leppanen.

In memory of FCA life member Homer Ahonen (5-26-08) donations have been made by Betty & Leonard Holmbo and the FCA.

In memory of FCA life member Barbara Karpinen Anderson (5-26-08) donations have been made by Lois Makee and the FCA.

In memory of FCA life member Reino Aho (6-11-08) donations have been made by Karen & Tom Bacsanyi, Brent & Nancy Chagnon and the FCA.

In memory of FCA life member Paul Jukuri (6-15-08) donations have been made by Maria Hill, Kay Simo, Pearl & Ray Wanttaja and the FCA.

In memory of Douglas "Carl" Miilu (6-28-08) of Rockland, a donation has been made by Carl & Phyllis Weisinger and family. Carl Miilu was the father of members Kamela Torvinen and Karlyn Miilu-Maxon.

In memory of FCA life member Robert "Bob" Hyrkas (1-3-08) a donation has been made Paul & Ardythe Smith.

In memory of FCA life member Saima "Sye" Waisanen Palmer (1-31-08) a donation has been made by Fred & Dee Aebersold.

In memory of Sharon Lokojarvi (7-3-08) a donation has been made by Pearl & Ray Wanttaja. Sharon was the sister of member Susan Kiligian.

In memory of FCA life member Eleanor Pelto Turovaara (3-3-08) donations have been made by Nina Ranta & family and Jake & Doris Hayrynen.

In memory of FCA member Nancy Hangas Floyd (2-1-08) a donation has been made by Fred & Dee Aebersold.

In memory of FCA life member Marie Hakala (2-8-08) donations have been made by Wilfred & Eleanor Manley, Rosemary Lescanec and Fred & Dee Aebersold.

In memory of FCA life member Bernard "Ben" Heikkinen (5-30-04) a donation has been made by his wife Lillian.
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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.

"Church Basement Ladies" at Turkeyville - 1 day, Thursday, August 28, \$69. This funny play also includes Marjorie Cornwell's all-you-can-eat turkey buffet. Be at FCA by 9:15 am for 9:30 departure. Return about 6:15 pm.

Gem Theatre - "Say Goodnight Gracie" - 1 day, Thursday, September 18, \$85. This portray the life, laughter and love of George Burns. Lunch included at the Traffic Jam & Snug. Be

at FCA by 10:45 for an 11 am departure. Return about 5 pm.

Point Edward Casino, Sarnia - 1 day, Tuesday, September 23, \$22. Slot play of \$20 included. Be at FCA 8:30 am for 8:45 departure. Return about 6 pm. Don't forget your ID.

Odawa Casino in Petoskey - 2 days, Monday-Tuesday, October 6 & 7, \$135. Incentive package of \$35 included.

Charlie Prose at Soaring Eagle - 1 day, Tuesday, October 21, \$34. You will have some time to gamble before the show. A \$15 coin coupon and \$5 food voucher are included. Be at FCA 9 am for a 9:15 departure. Return about 9 pm.

Randy Travis at Fallsview Casino - Niagara Falls - 2 days, Monday-Tuesday, December 1 & 2, \$275. Breakfast and \$10 in coin are included. Also included is a stop at Duty Free. Don't forget proper I.D. I was told this trip is already selling so don't wait to call me!

Irving Berlin's "White Christmas" at The Fox - 1 day, Wednesday, December 10, \$83. Includes lunch at the Traffic Jam & Snug.

Sneak Peak - It appears the Caribbean Cruise for the fall is out but hopefully will be on for the spring of 2009.

FINNISH AMERICAN SINGERS

On June 8th, many of our singers traveled to Oak Park to participate in a combined concert with the Zamir Chorale of Metropolitan Detroit. We enjoyed very much singing three of our own selections, plus three in combination with the Zamir singers. The songs were those of Jewish composers who influenced Broadway and popular music.

On July 22, some of us traveled by a Bianco tour bus to Duluth's FinnFest 2008. There we sang twice on July 24, one being a full 45 minute concert, and the other a 20 minute concert. Then, Tarja Halonen, President of Finland, spoke on July 25.

The return home included travel through Thunder Bay, Ontario and other towns on the northern shore of Lake Superior.

Anyone who enjoys singing is welcome to join us Mondays from 7-9 pm beginning the first Monday after Labor Day.

WOMEN'S CLUB

We will resume Pulla/Nisu baking on the 4th Wednesday of the month beginning in September.

We thank these persons for baking on May 28:

Lila Ball, Dagnie Carlson, Hannah Carlson, Ruth Kaarlela, Edith Raski, Nancy Sannar, Norm McCue and Ilene Yanke.

We sold half of the loaves that day with all proceeds going to the FCA. Special thanks to those who purchase, and to Edith Raski who reports all of our financial records to the FCA.

FROM THE FCA LIBRARY

On June 9 we completed our inventory of the non-fiction section of our library, and went home very discouraged. It seems that there are people who have no respect for our library or the work we put into it. Although we have posted rules for the proper procedure for borrowing books, there appear to be people unwilling to follow those rules, for we found several books missing, but no record of who has "borrowed" them. The most distressing loss is the book EERO SAARINEN by Jane Merkel, purchased in March, 2007, cost \$75.00. The proper procedure for borrowing the book would have been to sign the card in the pocket at the back of the book, leaving it in the box marked "Please leave cards here." If anyone knows the whereabouts of this book, please see that it is returned to the Finnish Center. We cannot afford to purchase a replacement, and there are other people who are also interested in Eero Saarinen and his work.

Also, still missing during this inventory, as they were during the prior inventory, are six books having to do with the history of various Michigan towns. Specifically, missing are:

- BARAGALAND CENTENNIAL KALEVA, 1900-1975
- VILLAGE OF CALUMET, MICHIGAN SOUVENIR CENTENNIAL BOOK, 1875-1975
- YESTERDAY'S DREAMS, UPPER MICHIGAN MEMORIES
- COPPER COUNTRY HISTORY, 3000B.C.-1980
- CALUMET COPPER AND PEOPLE; HISTORY OF THE MICHIGAN MINING COMMUNITY, 1864-1970

Please look around in your home libraries or wherever books might have been stashed and see whether any of these books might have found their way into your home. These are valuable books to anyone interested in the history of the Michigan, and especially the Upper Peninsula. Most of them cannot be replaced. Their return would be greatly appreciated!

Lillian Lehto, Librarian

SOCIALLY SPEAKING

Thinking back to the Mother's Day Brunch, a pleasant story comes to mind. Helen Lampi invites her family to join her at this annual event, taking up an entire table. Her great-granddaughter, Amelia Lampi, was present for the third time, even though she was not yet three years old. When her mother was expecting Amelia, she attended the brunch so we agreed that Amelia was present. As another of our members said, "Talk about a lifetime member!"

Armitage again presented a fine array of food enjoyed by all.

We are in the middle of summer and will resume events in Fall.

Kiitos,
Ilene Maki Yanke, Social

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In memory of FCA life members Signe "Sig" Gambotto (10-13-04) and William "Bill" Gambotto (4-3-85) a donation has been made by Betty & Leonard Holmbo.

In memory of FCA life member Martha Hookana (2-22-08) a donation has been made by Fred & Dee Aebersold.

In memory of FCA life member Antti Katajamaki (5-22-00) a donation has been made by Betty & Leonard Holmbo.

In memory of FCA life member John "Archie" Kehus (1-26-08) a donation has been made by Fred & Dee Aebersold.

In memory of FCA life member Herbert "Herb" Piilo (12-5-07) donations have been made by Richard & Jo Ann Viinikainen, Ray & Dorothy Lampi and Colleen & Rob Kowalske.

In memory of FCA member Raymond "Ray" Nickol (12-9-07) a donation has been made by Fred & Dee Aebersold.

In memory of FCA member Barbara Tiura (5-2-08) donations have been made by Judy Jacques, Jeff & Arlene Bidigare, Edith Raski, Lori & Ron Fenoff, Charlotte Lytikainen, Arlene Moilanen, Jim & Sally Fetter, Grace & Paul Markovits, Ruth & Bob Ortmann and Bruce & Carol Ragusett.

In memory of FCA life member Wesley "Wes" Timonen (9-9-07) a donation has been made by Fred & Dee Aebersold.

The FCA has made donations in memory of life member Douglas "Doug" Taipalus (5-7-08) and members Eva Stephens (1-28-07) and Albert Nygord (5-24-08); and in memory of Brian Konefke (11-11-07) of Torch Lake Twp., son of member Evelyn Hepla.

GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club members have been hard at work all summer weeding, mulching, dividing, and planting perennials and annuals in preparation for the review by the Farmington Hills Beautification Committee this month. We have also submitted plans to the FCA Board for a pergola to be constructed in the west lot in the Wedding Circle across from the bridge.

In fact we have had the opportunity to talk to a few interested brides who would like to utilize this area for some of their wedding photographs. We realize that more and more couples look at alternative sites for weddings as many are not affiliated with a particular church. A structure such as a pergola gives them the opportunity to have a ceremony outside in a lovely setting and then move directly inside the Finnish Center for their reception. Funding for the pergola would come from the Garden Club's memorial funds and would be our contribution to the Center to be used for the pleasure of all members and guests.

We are also in the process of installing a ground support for the maypole for next year's May Day celebration. Shortly we should also have a list with photographs and description of all the bird species we have noticed in and around the FCA. We may have to add a non-avian list to include other wildlife such as rabbits, fox, and the ground-hogs that have been reeking havoc in our vegetable gardens.

If you have a few hours to spare we are always looking for an extra pair of hands to help out in the gardens. You will find us every Monday morning as well as several other days during the week. Monthly meetings are the first Monday of each month at 10 am.

If you have any questions you may contact me at gaylegullen@comcast.net or (734) 546-5190.

Gayle Gullen
Finlandia Garden Club President

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