



Finnish Center Association

FCA News

FOR MEMBERS OF THE FINNISH CENTER ASSOCIATION

SEPTEMBER 2022

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

Friday, Sept. 2	Office Closed
Monday, Sept. 5	Office Closed
Thursday, Sept. 8	FCA Bakers - 9 am-1 pm
Saturday, Sept. 10	Flea Market & Craft Show - 10 am-4 pm
Wednesday, Sept. 14	Joint Board Meeting - 6:30 pm
Friday, Sept. 16	Buffet 4:30 - 7:30 pm
Saturday, Sept. 17	Rental
Sunday, Sept. 25	Movie <i>JazzTown</i> 2 pm
Friday, Sept. 30	Pasty Prep 9:30 am
Friday, Sept. 30	Buffet 4:30 - 7:30 pm

OCTOBER

Saturday, October 1	Pasty Bake & Sale
Saturday, October 8	Rental
Wed., October 12	Rental, Lounge 6 pm
Wed., October 12	Board Meeting 6:30 pm
Friday, October 14	Rental
Saturday, October 15	Rental
Sunday, October 16	Rental
Sunday, October 23	Travelogue 2 pm

FINNISH CENTER ASSOCIATION

Hours of Operation

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
11:00 am - 3:00 pm
(248) 478-6939



CO-CHAIRS' CORNER

As we enjoy the dog days of summer and a new school year begins, our young people are on our minds. No matter how many birthdays we've celebrated we were all kids once. Reminiscing with our Finnish cousins recently, we laughed at all the energy we had back then!

We would wake up with the sun and literally run around outside all day. We had treehouses and tire swings. We went swimming, picked berries and flowers, played tag (you're IT!), hopscotch and frisbee, jumped rope, and looked for frogs in the creeks. If it rained we'd play Yahtzee, Monopoly or cards or read our favorite books. Summer seemed endless.

When you're a kid, the world is your oyster. There are no clocks or deadlines or, in those days, emails, text messages and social media to distract you. You just do what you love from daybreak to sunset. When night falls you clean up, eat a good meal with your family, and exchange stories of the day's adventures. When you "hit the sack" you fall asleep in an instant and dream of what's next. Then you get up and do it all over again. That's the real good life. We hope everyone will share Finnish culture with their children and grandchildren and encourage them to participate in FCA events. Our history, customs and memories will live on in our kids.

With gratitude,

Roger Wanttaja and
Christine Manninen
Co-chairs, Board of
Trustees





SUNSHINE LADY

Sending get-well cards, thinking-of-you cards, words-of-encouragement cards to 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

Life is too short to wake up in the morning with regrets. So, love the people who treat you right, forgive the ones who don't and believe that everything happens for a reason.

If you get the chance, take it.
If it changes your life, let it.

Nobody said it would be easy, they just promised it would be worth it.

Dr. Seuss

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(248) 471-3802
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RECEPTIONISTS WANTED

The FCA is needing volunteers to help in the front office answering the phone and a few related tasks. This will entail a Monday, Wednesday, or Friday from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

It's a pleasant job with people coming and going ... some walk-ins with rental questions, others with memorial checks for members who have passed on and still others just want to say "Hello" and meet and greet others. Friendly folks! Some may want to make a purchase from our gift shop. Not difficult yet semi-social camaraderie with a receptionist smile.

Please contact
Paul Rajala
prajala@comcast.net



UPCOMING POKER DATES October 27-30

As a non-profit 501(c)3 organization the FCA participates in up-to-four State of Michigan Millionaire Party events annually. For this fundraiser our volunteer members will sell and redeem chips for the poker games at the current venue, Vision Lanes on Ford Road in Westland. We have four consecutive dates for each event.

Thursday, October 27 10 am - 6 pm

Friday, October 28 10 am - 6 pm

Saturday, October 29 6:30 pm - 2 am

Sunday, October 30 6:30 pm - 2 am

If you are available to volunteer for a full or half shift (no special skills required), please contact Ilona Takakura at (734) 228-8225 or via email at rcelona@hotmail.com

MEMORIALS

In memory of FCA life member **Bob Malstrom** (2/12/2022) a donation has been made by Gayle & Michael Damlo.

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/FinnFolk Musicians and Finnish American Singers. If a donation is undesignated, it goes to the General Fund for expenses of the Finnish 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: FCA, 35200 W. Eight Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48335. You may also direct your donation toward the Elders' Housing, but then your check must be made out to FCA Senior Housing. Memorial donations can now be made online on our revised FCA website;

finnishcenter.org.

Please include full name, address, dates of death and birth of the deceased as well as the name and address of the next of kin to whom the acknowledgment card is to be mailed.

If you know of a member, parent, or child of a member who is passed away, please contact the FCA.

PASTY EVENT COMING AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER

If you would like to purchase fresh pasties on October 1, you may place your order on the signup sheet in the FCA lobby or by emailing your name, phone number and email address to fcapasties@gmail.com.



The cost is \$7 each.

Volunteers to help make FCA pasties on September 30 (veggie prep) and October 1 (assembly, baking, and sales) please contact Paul Rajala via email at, prajala@comcast.net or sign up on the sheet in the FCA lobby. You will receive a complimentary pasty and the reward of furthering the mission of the FCA.

FCA BAKERS



If you would like to participate with the FCA Bakers group in making traditional Finnish sweet cardamom bread, please contact Louise Hartung at (248) 217-0331 or by email hartung.li@gmail.com.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON TRAVELOGUES

What a national treasure we have in our national park system. Lynda Mitgutsch and Ed O'Brien have traveled to many parks and would like to bring two of them to you on **Sunday, October 23 at 2 pm**. It promises to be a wonderful afternoon.

First, we will travel to Yellowstone National Park for a western adventure. Lynda and Ed have been there numerous times and at different times of the year. You'll see the geysers, paint pots, mountains, meadows, and maybe a few surprises along the way.

Next we will head back to Michigan to enjoy the north at Isle Royale National Park. I can almost smell the pine and visualize the beautiful trails in this magnificent park.

This was one of the special things people were doing during the pandemic, exploring our beautiful country. Now you can explore these two beautiful parks with these two tour guides. (I am a bit biased as Lynda and Ed are my children).

Please join us on **Sunday, October 23 at 2 pm** and travel to Yellowstone and Isle Royale National Parks.

Mary O'Brien, Social Chairman

JAZZTOWN

JazzTown, an award winning documentary by Ben Makinen, is coming to the Finnish Center. Ben, an independent award-winning filmmaker, producer, composer and recording artist is allowing the movie *JazzTown* to be shown at the FCA. He has won over 15 awards for this documentary including Best Director Documentary feature at the San Diego Awards, Best Picture Rome Movie Awards, and Critics Choice Award at World Carnival Singapore. Ben has been a Denver Jazz Drummer since the 1980's. This movie is about Jazz in Denver and is very well done.

Ben is a delightful person who now lives in Bali, Indonesia, with his wife and son and is the grandson of Evert Makinen. Evert was a very active member of the Finnish Center for many years. He sang in the Finlandia Male Chorus among others. Evert is also my very special uncle.

When I first heard about this movie I thought about Uncle Evert and decided to call Ben. I asked him if he could possibly write an article about the movie and his connection with Uncle Evert and the Finnish Center. He was delighted to do so. We ran the article several months ago. Then he offered to show the movie at the center. I am so appreciative that he would make the offer. Please come to see what this young man has done entirely by himself.

This event will take place **Sunday, September 25, at 2 pm**. Donations will be greatly appreciated.

Mary O'Brien
Social
Committee



FINLANDIA GARDENS



Newscasters and meteorologists are opining on how August is the end of summer and bemoaning that we are looking as a declining enjoyment of being outside. Nonsense! As nice as spring and summer are, the best is yet to come as far as the gardens are concerned. Cooler days mean garden observation is more pleasant. Later seasonal blooms are beginning to display and these are impressive. You will see blooming natives that a homeowner would not choose due to their size and the misinformation about them including that may cause allergies. Our plethora of perennials is extensive and they are found throughout our landscape.

One must explore the many locations set aside for observing our environment to get a full understanding of the diversity of our biota. Every year we see additional wildlife as well as the new plants that choose our many different environs. We have local visitors that have come from around the world as well as those born in the USA. We have photographers who find much to encourage their artistic talents and we are pleased to be part of their inspiration. As an FCA member you should be proud that we are able to provide respite to so much nature.

David Sharpe, FCA Landscape Coordinator

FLEA MARKET CRAFT SHOW BAKE SALE

The indoor flea market and craft show is returning, **Saturday, September 10 from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm**. Please come out and join the fun. The Gift Shop will also be open for your shopping enjoyment.

If you are interested in a table, please email us at finnishcenter@gmail.com or call the center at (248) 478-6939 or Mary O'Brien at (248) 895-3231. If you are able to bake for the bake sale your contribution will be greatly appreciated. The bake sale is always a highlight of this event. We also need other volunteers. Any amount of time you have will be happily received and appreciated.

A new addition of a food truck will be parked outside for your convenience. Mike Grant of Michael's Touch of Class will be providing delicious hamburgers and hot dogs.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone after the long absence due to COVID. Come and enjoy the day!

Mary O'Brien

NEW FINNISH FLAG FLYING PROUDLY

Thank you to Jerry Collins. He replaced our old tattered Finnish flag from the south side of our building with a beautiful new flag.

Jerry plans to take our old flag to the American Legion in Dearborn for their next respectful flag burning ceremony.



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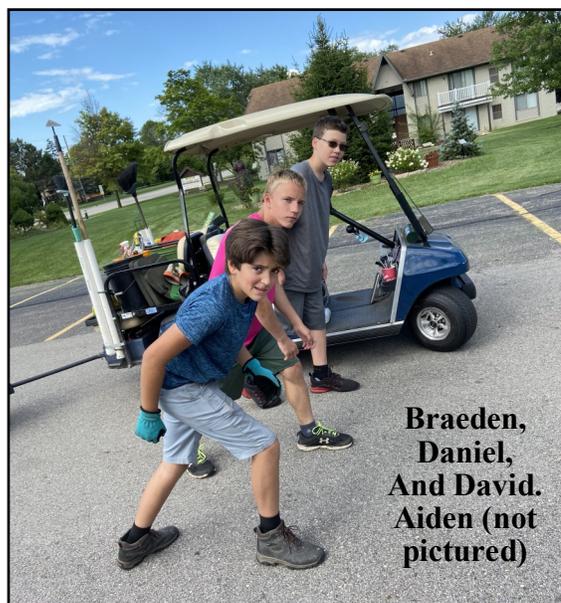
The FCA News is printed and mailed out to hundreds of members each issue. Perhaps you don't know that Ed O'Brien, our chairman of publicity and publications, sends out an electronic issue to all those who have elected to be on the FCA email list. We suspect that there are likely many of our readers that would enjoy receiving the newsletter via email. Please note that for those that do not have email we certainly do not wish to eliminate printed and mailed copies altogether.

There are three advantages of receiving only the electronic issue. First, you save the FCA the cost of printing and mailing. Second, you receive the newsletter a few days sooner. **But most importantly you will see the issue in vivid color.** (The gray scale printed issue just does not show the photos, flags, and flyers with the same brilliance as the color.)

If you would like to be included on the email list for the newsletter and other FCA happenings that may come up prior to the next issue of the FCA News, please contact us at finnishcenter@gmail.com. Let us know that you wish to have your postal address removed from the snail mail list for the newsletter and provide your email address.

SCOUT TROOP 263

Four Boy Scouts from Troop 263 volunteered in our gardens for conservation credit. The troop is known as "Action Troop" and that certainly proved to be true. Here the scouts are racing the garden cart.



**Braeden,
Daniel,
And David.
Aiden (not
pictured)**

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Signature _____ Are you of Finnish descent? _____

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

Amount enclosed _____

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