



Finnish Center Association

# FCA News

FOR MEMBERS OF THE FINNISH CENTER ASSOCIATION

APRIL 2024

## CO-CHAIR CORNER

The spring solstice is upon us. The vernal equinox. The beginning of spring.

After the first day of spring the northern hemisphere experiences more daylight than darkness in each 24-hour period. The amount of daylight each day will continue to increase until the summer solstice in June, during which the longest period of daylight occurs. Interestingly, the spring and fall equinoxes are the only two times each year that the sun rises due east and sets due west for all of us on Earth! It's a time to celebrate light, wonder, and unity.

The change of seasons is a powerful and spiritual time. The longer daylight makes many of us happy and productive. It is the dawning of a new growing year, not only for the plants, trees and flowers around us, but for our own selves.

We are creatures all living in eternal spring. Never ripe, forever ripening. ~ Ellis Felker

What will we do with the season ahead? So many answers can be found in the rhythm and flow of nature's forward motion. These longer days of light as we head toward the summer solstice are sublime. In Finland and throughout the northern hemisphere, the spring equinox is also one of the best times to see the Northern Lights.

These are the "make hay while the sun shines" days of the year.

With gratitude,

Roger Wanttaja  
Christine Manninen  
Co-chairs, Board of Trustees



Northern Lights art credit: Kristine Cooper

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### APRIL

Tuesday, April 2	Fundraising Committee 11:00 am
Friday, April 5	Friday Buffet 4:30-7:30 pm
Wednesday, April 10	FCA Board Meeting 7:00 pm
Thursday, April 11	FCA Bakers 9:30 am
Friday, April 12	Flea Market Set Up 12:00-7:00 pm
Saturday, April 13	Flea Market 9:00 am-3:00 pm
Sunday, April 14	Brunch 10:00 am-1:00 pm
Sunday, April 14	Meet Up 1:00-2:30 pm
Tuesday, April 16	Restaurant Kickback @ George's Senate
	Coney Island 4:00-6:00 pm
Friday, April 19	<b>NO</b> Buffet
Friday, April 19	8 Mile Road Cleanup
Saturday, April 20	8 Mile Road Cleanup
Sunday, April 21	FASM Concert at Emmanuel Lutheran Church 2:00 pm
Saturday, April 27	VAPPU 5:00-11:00 pm
Sunday, April 28	Nordic Heritage Folk Dance 2:00-5:00 pm

**Reservations are recommended for all events.**

### MAY

Thursday, May 2	Rental
Friday, May 3	Friday Buffet 4:30-7:30 pm
Sunday, May 5	Scholarship Reception 1:00 pm
Sunday, May 5	Ships in the Keweenaw 2:00 pm
Wednesday, May 8	FCA Board Meeting 7:00 pm
Sunday, May 12	Mothers Day Brunch 11:00 am-2:00 pm
Sunday, May 19	Meetup 1:00-2:00 pm
Sunday, May 19	Nordic Heritage Folk Dance 2:00-5:00 pm
Thursday, May 23	Charity Poker 10:00 am-6:00 pm
Friday, May 24	Charity Poker 10:00 am-6:00 pm
Friday, May 24	Rental
Saturday, May 25	Charity Poker 6:30 pm-2:00 am
Sunday, May 26	Charity Poker 6:30 pm-2:00 am

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## VAPPU PARTY CELEBRATION OF SPRING

Saturday, April 27, 2024  
5 pm - 11:00 pm

at

Finnish Center Association  
35200 West Eight Mile Road  
Farmington Hills, MI

Fun Programs for Adults and Children  
Admission \$15.00 Students and Seniors \$5.00  
Children Free

**KARAOKE**  
**PHOTO BOOTH**

**POTLUCK**  
A-M: Dessert  
N-Z: Appetizer or Salad  
Main Course Provided  
Cash Bar (Beer & Wine)

Bring the whole family  
Bring a friend

If you have questions you can call (248) 478-6939  
or email: [finnishcenter@gmail.com](mailto:finnishcenter@gmail.com)



### FCA BAKERS

FCA Bakers measuring ingredients for pulls/nisu on February 22. From left to right: Nancy McCle-nahan, Sandy Gersky, Chris Martin, Tom Buchan-an, Louise Hartung, Bonnie Swindell and Dee Aebersold. Not pictured Peggy Burns. Photo by Paul Rajala.



Left: Loaves of pulla/nisu fresh from the oven.



**TUESDAY  
APRIL  
16**

**4PM  
TO  
6PM**



**Roof  
Fundraiser**

**GEORGE'S SENATE CONEY**

**39430 DUN ROVIN DR.  
NORTHVILLE, MI 48168**

**BUFFET  
DINNER**

**\$20 PER  
PERSON**

**CHICKEN  
MEATBALLS  
MOSTACCIOLI  
GREEN BEANS  
GREEK SALAD  
GREEK BREAD  
DESSERT  
NON-ALC DRINKS**

**50% OF  
PROFITS  
FOR FCA  
ROOF**

**EAT THE BUFFET AT SENATE AT THIS DATE/TIME. PAY YOUR BILL AND MENTION TO CASHIER THAT YOU ARE SUPPORTING THE FINNISH CENTER ASSOCIATION (FCA).**

**JOB AVAILABLE: RENTAL COORDINATOR  
(Part time, paid)**

The Finnish Center Association (FCA) seeks a part-time Rental Coordinator. The position requires strong administrative, organizational and communication skills, and demonstrated ability to multi-task and meet deadlines. The candidate's qualifications should include MS Office applications, internet and email access, and proven experience with event planning and management. This is a hybrid position. Some of the tasks can be done from home, however, setup, teardown and chaperoning events requires onsite time at FCA. The position is best-suited for a person capable of working independently and who can easily travel to/from FCA. The Rental Coordinator will coordinate with FCA office volunteers and, ultimately, report to the FCA Board of Trustees. Up to 40 hours/month, \$20/hour.

**To apply: Email cover letter and resume to [finnishcenter@gmail.com](mailto:finnishcenter@gmail.com) with subject line "FCA job application." **Application deadline: April 1, 2024.** No phone calls, please.**

### SPRING FLEA MARKET

April 13, 2024 9 am - 3 pm



We hope you are looking forward to the spring flea market. It is always a fun time to meet up with friends and make new ones. We know there will be something that you can't resist purchasing.

We will be preparing lunch to satisfy your hunger needs, a bake sale for your sweet tooth, pulla and frozen pasties will be available for purchase.

However, we will **not** be accepting donations of goods for sale at the FCAtable.



Contact Katy Koskela - [kakoskela@hotmail.com](mailto:kakoskela@hotmail.com)

Nancy Rajala - [njrajala@comcast.net](mailto:njrajala@comcast.net)

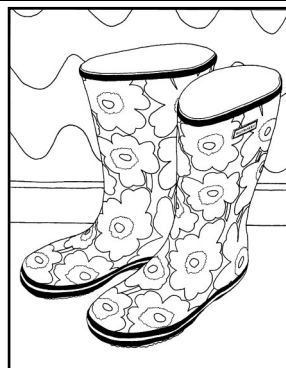
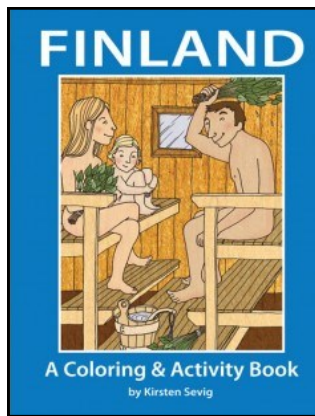
### GIFT SHOP

Much more than a coloring book, this fun-filled activity book brings Finland to life with crafts, recipe's, songs and information about Finnish holidays and traditions. Coloring pages feature famous people, places and things from Finland. Forty-eight pages in paperback. I think it's appropriate for grades 1-5 or anyone who likes to color. Place your order by April 15 by calling the Finnish Center and leaving a message on the Gift Shop extension. The cost is \$8.95. Below are two samples of pages to color.

Janet Suomi  
Gift Shop Coordinator



Sami man in traditional clothing



Marimekko rain boots

### NOTES ON SPRING

An early spring resulted in vernal bulbs emerging during winter months. For those who eagerly await the first signs of spring, this has been both hopeful as well as disquieting, as Michigan weather has often provided surprising changes, not anticipated. Spring activities have begun in Finlandia Gardens and volunteers are requested, as we develop, redesign, and extend gardens in our six acre landscape. The beauty of spring is awe-inspiring as each day we observe the exciting evolution in the gardens as plants emerge.

This year we have been contacted by the sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha, who are interested in planting trees in our gardens for Arbor Day. As we assess our landscape for possible choices, we consider pollination needs and flora that provide food for local wildlife.

Two new sitting areas have been developed for viewing the gardens. Each includes a glider for providing a pleasant sitting experience. One is located in the Memorial Garden in the front area of our landscape and the other provides a panoramic view of the West Gardens from the area near the Vegetable Gardens.

Our three Little Free Libraries are being updated and new reading selections will be appearing on a regular basis.

We hope you are enjoying the spring season and will be able to spend some time in Finlandia Gardens in the coming months.

David Sharpe

## MEMORIALS

In memory of FCA life member **Eleanor Martin (2/6/24)** donations have been made by Liisa Hanninen Danner & Donald Danner, Deborah & Lee Panoushek, Tina Budziak, Gail & Gary Burke, Peggy Hanninen, Darlene & Curtis Keskinen, Deborah McCabe, Patti & Jim McCabe, Patti & Kevin McGuire, Sharon & Arvo Parkila, Carol & James Taylor, Robin & Larry Mosher and Brenda & Mike Sinclair.

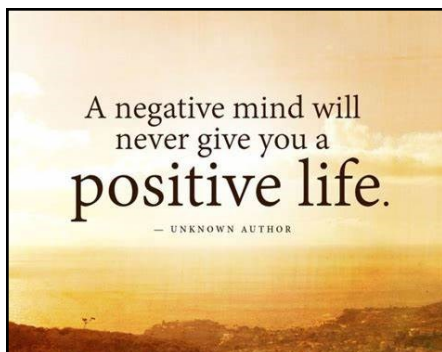
In memory of FCA life members **Eva Koskimaki (10/28/2003)** and **George Koskimaki (2/6/2016)** a donation has been made by their daughter Christine Koskimaki Attalai.

When making a memorial donation, you may direct it toward a specific fund. The funds available are: FCA General Fund, Library, Scholarship, Nordic Heritage Folk Dancers, Drama Club, Finn Weavers, Garden Club, 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. Memorial donations can now be made online on our revised FCA website, [finnishcenter.org](http://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.



## 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

## CEMETERY LOTS FOR SALE

Finnish Center Association has received a generous donation of two cemetery lots at Parkview Memorial Cemetery, 34205 Five Mile Road, Livonia MI 48154. The donation was made by Elizabeth Maki in memory of long time Finnish Center members Allie (her mother) and Emil Porkka. The lots are located in Garden of Hours, section 895, graves 1 & 2. Each grave can hold one full body burial along with two cremains or just 3 cremains per grave. If you are interested in purchasing them, please give a call to Finnish Center for more information. Telephone (248) 478-6939 or email: [finnishcenter@gmail.com](mailto:finnishcenter@gmail.com)

## SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE



The FCA will award scholarships for individuals studying in colleges or universities in the academic year 2024-2025. Applicant needs to demonstrate a direct relationship to FCA or the Finnish culture in general. Furthermore, the Scholarship Committee awards funds for Finnish language or culture study, for example at Salolampi. The deadline for applications is April 15, 2024 at 3 pm.

The application will be available on the FCA website, [www.finnishcenter.org](http://www.finnishcenter.org) The Scholarship Committee will hold a reception for the new recipient(s) on Sunday, May 5, 2024 at 1 pm.



## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN DONORS

We are most appreciative of these generous donors to our three-year capital campaign, which commenced in June 2023 and will conclude in June 2026. Donations to this campaign are financing major refurbishments to our beautiful cultural center including a new roof and much-needed repairs to the masonry and entryway. You can view progress in meeting our \$300,000 goal on a fundraising thermometer in the FCA lobby. Kiitos to all!

### Tiimanti/Diamond (\$10,000+)

Knights of Kaleva

### Kulta/Gold (\$1,001-\$4,999)

Allan Tuomaala

### Perhe/Family (\$1,000)

Marilyn Clark  
Marlene Johnson  
Allan Tuomaala

### Hopea/Silver (\$500-\$999)

Fidelity Charitable  
Jeffrey L. Fritz  
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Kurt Haveri  
James Leinonen  
Yvonne Lockwood  
Cheryl Steele

### Pronsi/Bronze (\$100-\$499)

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Anonymous Donor  
William Dolkey  
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Betty Tanner  
Ann Tomlinson  
Karen Tracy  
Karen Vance  
Christopher Varilone

For the period between December 1, 2023 - February 29, 2024

## ANNUAL ADOPT-A-ROAD LITTER PICK UP APRIL 19 & 20



FCA is proud to play a part in cleaning up our local community as part of the Wayne County Adopt-a-Road Program. Each spring FCA volunteers pick up trash on the stretch of Eight Mile Road between I-275 and Farmington Road. This year's pickup is April 19-20, starting at 10:00 am each day. Bags and trash pickers/grabbers will be provided in the FCA entrance area. Please bring your own gloves, snacks and water. Bags are left on side of road as they are filled and Wayne County picks them up. Everyone is welcome to help. Bring a friend! Together, we can make a big difference.



## FINNISH CULTURAL CENTER TURNS 50 IN 2024 – PART 8

In the September, 2023 issue of the FCA News we noted that our Cultural Center Building will be turning 50 in September of 2024. In this issue the eighth group of sponsors from the 1974 dedication ceremony is listed below. Sponsorship helped the building project cross the finish line with their monetary donations.

Great care is taken to assure that the names reported in these lists are exactly as printed in the Finnish Cultural Center's dedication program. However, we received a call from Joanne McNabb, the daughter of Fred and Ethel Putkela, noting that her father was not known at the Center as "Fred", but rather "Fritz." (In fact, the Lounge at the building has been named for her father.) Joanne also noted that her mother's name was spelled incorrectly. Those of us that have been at the Finnish Cultural Center for some time know that Fritz and Ethel Putkela were outstanding members for decades after the opening in 1974. You may read more about Fritz and Ethel in the May 2017 issue of the FCA News. [2017-05- FCA newsletter.pdf \(finnishcenter.org\)](https://www.finnishcenter.org/2017-05-fca-newsletter.pdf)



Please review the table below and if you know of any current FCA members that are on this month's list, or are children or grandchildren of them please contact the FCA, [finnishcenter@gmail.com](mailto:finnishcenter@gmail.com), (248) 478-6939, or me personally, [prajala@comcast.net](mailto:prajala@comcast.net).

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Rashid, John and Kirsti	Rider, Frederick H. and Ellen	Reilly, Hilda K.
Ring, Agnes I.	Rosberg, Irene H.	Rousseau, George and Milly
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Saari, Walfred M. and Gladys I.	Saarinen, Olaf and Sylvia	Sachs, Aina
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Sully, Edward J. and Sandra L.		

## NORDIC HERITAGE FOLK DANCE PRACTICE

The Nordic Heritage Folk Dance group welcomes both children and adults to come and learn basic steps like polka, waltz and schottische and simple-to-intermediate folk dances depending on the dancer. Our goal is to have fun while keeping the culture of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden alive through folk dancing.

All practices begin at 2:00 pm with a 'family-style' practice where both children and adults learn folk dancing together for the first hour. We want to ensure folk dancing continues for generations. The next hour or longer is for adults where the folk dances can become more challenging depending on the participants. We hope to see you at one of our practices! We plan on practicing once a month except in the summer. Future dates will be announced later.

Location: Finnish Center Association  
 Sunday, April 28, 2024 2-5 pm  
 Sunday, May 19, 2024 2-5 pm

If you have any questions please email Glendene Thornbloom at [gathorn4@gmail.com](mailto:gathorn4@gmail.com) or the FCA at [finnishcenter@gmail.com](mailto:finnishcenter@gmail.com)





## PASTY-MAKING REPORT

The FCA Pasty crew has been very busy in 2024. We conducted one pasty bake in late January where we made more than 900, and then another in early March where we made 500+, many of which were sold at the March Craft Show. Now the freezer is stocked with enough to sell at the April 13 Flea Market.

Our volunteers for only the January Friday peeling and dicing party were Dee Aebersold, Jon Call, Karen Call, Joann Coobatis, Ben Koepke, Sandy Reidenbaugh, and Mary Wood. Those Friday workers that were there in both January and March included Peggy Burns, Larry Gersky, Jess Hatten, Peggy Hanninen, Irene Lamanen, Bruce Mikko, Fred Page, Sharon Parkila, Paul Rajala, and David Sharpe.

For the Saturday crew in January only we thank Kedra Dinsdale, Kim Everett, Kathryn Hill, Yvonne Lockwood and John Saarinen. Those working Saturday only in March were Sue Mannisto and Frank Gottberg.

This final list is for the Saturday workers in both January and March: Bette Clary, Bryant Clary, Ramona Dixon, Karen Gasinski, Helena Hatten, John Hookana, Nancy Jacobs, David Koskela, Katy Koskela, Margaret Laurila, Christine Manninen, Neil Manley, Nancy McClenahan, Nancy Rajala, Paul Rajala, Brian Winkler, and John Welsh.

These forty individuals gave up their valuable time for the benefit of the Finnish Center and the Finnish American Singers. Each and every one deserves a big "kiitos" for their contribution to the success of the Craft Show, the Flea Market, the Capital Campaign (Roof Replacement) and the on-going operation of the FCA and the FASM.

Paul Rajala



## SOCIAL NEWS

This year I have a committee working with me to provide new and interesting events for all ages to enjoy. I look forward to seeing you at these gatherings.

The St Urho's celebration was great fun. There was a wonderful fish dinner and then the party began. FinnFolk made the evening a special night with music to liven up the festivities. A new king was crowned and a proclamation was made that he needed helpers and helpers he got. A parafe followed with music and a lot of laughter. Adding to the fun were jokes told by the royal helpers followed by a balloon game.



King Moogie Fawaz



The March 23rd **Easter Craft Show** was a fun event. Twenty-nine crafters participated to display their crafts. The bake sale provided delicious baked goods. Also included were pulla and pasties. Lunch of hot dogs and sloppy joes was also available.

### Meetup

The theme of the March 24 meetup was "Growing Up Finnish" and after a short video we heard stories from members that took everyone on a journey back to the past. Great stories and great memories.

April 14 will be the next Meetup right after the Sunday Brunch at 1:00 pm. The theme for April will be Finnish Glass focusing on Iittala. If you have a piece of Iittala that you would like to show the group, please feel free to bring it along. A bit of history of glass in Finland promises to be an interesting topic. Mark your calendars for the May 19 Meetup that will focus on Finnish foods.

### Vappu

Join us for Vappu on April 27. Ramona Dixon is planning an exciting evening. More information can be found in the flyer in this newsletter.

Mary O'Brien  
Social Chairman

## MEET KARJALA

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Karelia\\_\(historical\\_province\\_of\\_Finland\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Karelia_(historical_province_of_Finland))

In the past, this author has introduced you to individual Finnish American Singers of Michigan members, relating especially their backgrounds in the Finnish culture and/or their history with the choir. Today I would like to highlight one of the songs the choir will be singing in our spring concert, **Say It With Music, Karjalan Kunnaila (On the Hills of Karjala).**

**Now blossoms a tree on the lands of Karelia  
Now thickens up the birch forests of Karelia,  
“cuckoo cuckoos” there and it’s spring,  
Take my endless longing to there.**

**I know your hilly forests and mountain belts,  
And the smoke of your swiddens and the slumbering nights,  
And the untouched trees of your forests,  
And your looming straits and the mouths of your fjords.**

[Swiddens are areas cleared by burning]

Typically Finnish, the beauty of the land with its mountains, trees, and lakes, is the main focus of the song.

Where is Finnish Karelia? What makes it a distinctive place? Why is it special?

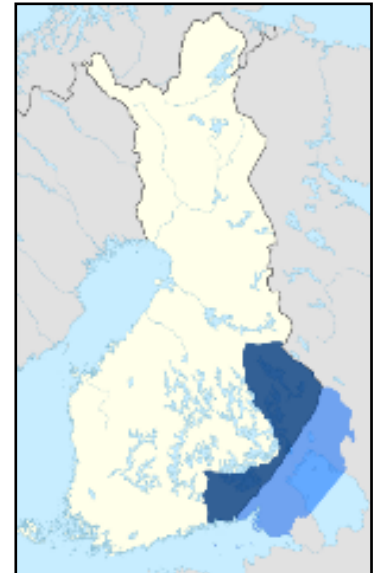
Wikipedia describes the area as an “ historical province of Finland, consisting of the modern-day Finnish regions of South Karelia and North Karelia plus the historical regions of Ladoga Karelia and the Karelian isthmus, which are now in Russia,” and explains, “A large part of Finnish Karelia was ceded by Finland to the Soviet Union in 1940 after the Soviet aggression known as the Winter War, when the new border was established close to that of 1721. (*Shown in the mid-shaded area on the map.*) More than 400,000 evacuees from the ceded territories then re-settled in various parts of Finland. During the Continuation War of 1941–44, most of the ceded area was liberated by Finnish troops, but in 1944 was occupied again by the Red Army. After the war, the remains of the Province of Viipuri were made into the Province of Kymi. In 1997 the province was incorporated within the province of Southern Finland. The Karelian question refers to the debate regarding the return of the ceded territory to Finland.” East Karelia has been under Russian control for a very long time and still remains in Russian Federation. With the upheaval over time in these areas, it is estimated the indigenous language is spoken only by about 5,000 people now.

Online, *Visit Finland* has a page devoted to North Karelia and their “captivating national parks and traditional culture.” Check it out to see places, history, or food to whet your interest and provide background information!  
<https://www.visitfinland.com/en/articles/north-karelia-region/>

Perhaps some of you have enjoyed a Karelian pie, karjalanpiirakka – a pastry originally from Eastern Karelia. Because wheat will not grow in the area (too far north), they are made from unleavened rye flour and filled with semolina, mashed potatoes, carrots, or possibly mushrooms, oats, fresh cheese or berries. Cooked until crispy and slathered with melted butter or served with egg butter, although not sweet are tasty. You be the judge! <https://www.saimaalive.com/recipe-finnish-karelian-pies/>

**Perhaps a choir baker will provide add karjalanpiirakka to our after-concert treats! Join us Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2:00 pm, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile Rd, Livonia, Michigan for our free concert to find out.**

Katy Koskela  
President, FASM



## The Finnish Center Association Presents:

# *Ships In The Keweenaw*

A Video and Pictorial Presentation by Roger Hewlett -Mariner – Engineer

**Sunday May 5, 2024 - 2:00 pm**



Freighters  
At Copper Range Coal Dock-1906



SS South American  
Visits Houghton -1959



Keweenaw Shipwreck Coast  
City of Bangor Wrecked – 1926

*Photos Courtesy :*

*Isle Royale National Park Service*

*Michigan Tech Archives*

*Mining Gazette – Bowling Green Sate U.*

*Rudy Maki –J.Kurtti -D.Metz-V.Kanthak-Others*



USNPS Ranger III  
Goes to Isle Royale -2023

*Videos Courtesy :*

*Georgian Bay Line-GLMI*

*National Park Service*

*Bruce Tomlinson - Others*

*Roger Hewlett – Jonene Eliasson*

**Including:**

*Copper Range > Mining > Milling > Smelting > Shipping*



Champion Mill – Freda



Quincy Smelter



Copper Range Railroad  
Hauling Copper Ore and Ingots

**Program Presentation at :**

***Finnish Cultural Center of Farmington Hills, Mi.  
35200 W. Eight Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48335***

***Benefit program for the roofing fund***

***\*Coffee and Pulla Will Be Served***

***Donations Greatly Appreciated***



FINNISH CENTER ASSOCIATION



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Current Resident or

FCA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR \_\_\_\_\_ RENEWAL

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant/Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

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)

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