

Friends of Suomi Hall, Finlandia Foundation Astoria Chapter

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KAHDEN UUTISET**President's Message**

Summer greetings to all,

Hope everyone enjoyed the 2022 Astoria Scandinavian Festival. It was great to be back at the fairgrounds visiting with old friends and new. Congratulations to Miss Finland Olivia Esnard who now takes on her role as 2022 Miss Scandinavia. Great job to both Olivia and Ila Canessa, Junior Miss Finland.



The rice pudding and fruit soup booth was very successful. Each day they sold out the allotted amount. The prune tarts were a big hit. Thank you to all the volunteers. It was wonderful to see so many new members and old members that we don't see often helping out. Thanks to the shoppers, rice cookers, rice haulers, booth workers, setup and

tear down crew, the cleanup crew and of course our Auxiliary. Congratulations for another successful festival. Thanks to Auxiliary President Dea Helligso and Chairperson Chris Lynn Taylor for another great event.

The 2022 Miss Finland Tea held on May 7th was well attended and a lot of fun. Greg Jacobs entertained us with a Astoria Lodge trivia quiz and our Auxiliary provided an array of wonderful tea treats. Thank you also to those who donated prizes for the raffle, especially Finnware, (everyone's favorite store) and Astoria Riverwalk Inn who donated accommodations for two nights over Festival. Thank you also to the Auxiliary for donating Rice pudding and Prune Tarts and the Lodge for providing admission and parking for the raffle.

See you Saturday May 6th, next year for the 2023 Miss Finland Tea.

For the May Lodge meeting we welcomed the 2022 Midsummer Festival Court for their speeches. Strawberry shortcake was prepared and served by the men of the Lodge and all members of the court gave excellent speeches. A great job was done by Eric Williams, Mike Duncan, Wes Ginther, Lloyd

bowler, Alan Robitsch, and Alan Oja. Thank you all.

Registration forms for Suomi Summer School are starting to arrive. There are still openings. The school is August 8-12 at Suomi Hall from 9:00 am to 12 noon. The committee has some fun and educational activities planned. Please contact me for more information.

The annual Lodge picnic is Sunday, August 14 at Cullaby Lake south shelter at 12 noon.

Members are asked to bring a appetizer, salad or dessert. The Lodge will provide chicken and water.

The Friends of Suomi Directors have hired Joel Bergman to begin work on the foundation of the hall. We anticipate the work to begin in late summer early fall.

Thank you Leila Collier for Helping with the newsletter.

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2022 Scandinavian Court Visits!

On Monday, May 9th, the Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Court visited our lodge! What a wonderful group of young people representing their countries with pride!

The men of the lodge served their traditional strawberry short cakes, and these were enjoyed by all. Then

the court, as honored guests gave their speeches and showed off their beautiful costumes. The lodge also presented them with presents which they graciously accepted!

At festival our very own Miss Finland, Olivia Esnard was crowned Miss Scandinavia 2022! She will have a busy year ahead of her.



2022 Festival Court



Opening Presents



Our Amazing Kitchen Crew





Congratulations

2022 Lodge Scholarship Recipients

Andrew Moberly.
Kentridge High School. Kent, Wa.

Dylan Lister. Springfield High School.

Alexis Whiteside. Knappa High School.

2022 Princess Tea

We were able to have our Princess Tea once again! How much fun it was to see those who have been on the past courts and to visit with them and reacquaint ourselves again. It was a wonderful way to honor those present, those couldn't attend, and sadly, those

whom we have lost. Our second annual tea was well attended, and the food was amazing! The organizers of this event and those who worked in the kitchen did a wonderful job! We are looking forward to 2023's tea!



Suomi Koulu!

Our dream of having Suomi Koulu has come true! Thanks to a grant from the Oregon Cultural Trust it is a reality! The school will take place the week of August 8 through August 12, from 9-12 noon each day! The committee is busy putting together the final schedule, themes for the day, activities, and treats! Registrations have been coming in, but there are still spaces available. Please contact Karen VanCleave for documents and registration information! The hope is that this will become an annual event!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 5, Tuesday. Auxiliary. 10:00 am coffee. 10:30 am Business Meeting.

July 11, Monday. Rice Pudding Fruit Soup 6:00 pm. Members Meeting 7:00 pm.

July 29, 30, 31. Naselle Finnish American Folk Festival. Auxiliary will be selling Prune Tarts.

August 1, Monday. Auxiliary. 10:00 am coffee. 10:30 Business Meeting.

August 8 – 12. Suomi Summer School. 9:00 am – 11 noon. Suomi Hall.

August 14 Sunday. Annual Lodge Picnic. 12 noon. Cullaby Lake South Shelter.

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**August 13, Saturday, We have been invited to walk with the Portland Viking Ship during the Regatta Parade!
Come and join if you are able and willing.**

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