

Friends of Suomi Hall, Finlandia Foundation Astoria Chapter

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President’s message

Dear Members,

Here it is September! This summer sure whizzed by.

It was a busy summer starting with the Naselle Finnish American Folk Festival at the end of July. What a great event enjoyed by so many. Congratulations to all the hardworking people that put this festival together. And congratulations to our Auxiliary who sold out of Prune Tarts both days. Thank you Auxiliary and to all the volunteers.

Our Suomi Summer School was amazing! 26 children enthusiastically showed up every morning. By the end of the week, they were singing Maamme, speaking some Finnish words, doing the Schottische (Jenkka) and Chicken Dance, had snacked on Finnish treats and completed some incredible art projects. A big thank you to the core planning group of Leila Collier, Tami Stelzig, Peggy Nikkila, Helen Stevenson, and Kerry Farmer. Leila and Tami kept the kids engaged teaching them the songs, dances, Finnish words, and games while Peggy and her team did some wonderful art projects. Helen, Kerry and Sirpa Duoos presented special programs about foraging and Finnish fashion. Each day Dea and her Auxiliary team provided Finnish snacks and on Friday parents were invited to a makkara lunch prepared by Auxiliary members and a program by the students. The school students also participated in the Regatta Kids Parade, the Regatta Grand Land Parade with the Viking Boat from Portland and came to our Lodge Picnic to share some of what they had learned.

Thank you to FinnWare who generously provided custom t-shirts, Finnish flags, and a book for each student. Thank you to all the volunteers, the parents, the students and to the Clatsop County Cultural Coalition and Oregon Cultural Trust for the grant to make our Finnish Summer School a reality.

The rest of the year has some great events in the planning stages. The Laksloda Luncheon is Saturday, October 15 from 11:30 – 1:30. The Auxiliary is planning for an inside

Hall luncheon after the last two years of drive by. To volunteer contact Dea at 503 741-6317 or come to an Auxiliary Meeting. Next meetings are September 6 and October 3. Usually on the first Monday of the month with coffee at 10, meeting follows at 10:30. All are welcome.

Our next Lodge meetings are September 12th and October 10th with coffee at 6 pm and meetings at 7:00 pm. In November our meetings will switch to Sundays for the winter. Coffee or meals will begin at 1:00 pm with the meeting starting at 2:00 pm. The November meeting will be out traditional Thanksgiving Potluck with the lodge providing turkey and members accompanying dishes. Greg Jacob will join us and share his interesting, and enlightening presentation on the Kalevala. Sunday, December 11th is the Friends of Suomi Hall Annual Membership Meeting.

Please join us for a meal and updates on projects completed or going on within Suomi Hall. If you are interested in serving on the Friends of Suomi Hall Board of Directors, please contact me or any board member.









It is with great sadness that we learned of the death of Paul Koski from the Aberdeen Lodge. He was working on his property and had a terrible accident. Paul was very involved with Grand Lodge in addition to the Aberdeen Lodge. Our condolences to this family and lodge members.

Congratulations to Madeline and Nic Matson on the birth of their son, August Veljo.

Kiitos,

Karen Van Cleave

503 791-7805. Email: kvanleave53@gmail.com

Festival Princess Applications are due to the lodge by October 15. Applications can be requested from Karen at the phone or email address listed above. Who will be our next Junior and Senior Mss Finland?        



The kids! Teachers and some of the helpers!



Learning with Tami and Leila



Costume Show with Sirpa Duoos and crew



How long can they keep the ball in the air?



Project time



Crafts with Peggy



Foraging with Helen/Kerry



Makkara for anyone? Yum, Yum!!!



Dea with Yummy Treats!



SUNDAY PICNIC Performance at Cullaby Lake



Crafting Time!



Regatta Kids Parade at the Warrenton City Park!



A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL YOU HELPED, VOLUNTEERED, BAKED, COOKED, PREPARED, SERVED, TAUGHT, PLANNED, CLEANED, ORGANIZED, ATTENDED, AND JUST SUPPORTED! WE COULD NOT HAVE DONE THIS WITHOUT ANY OF YOU! A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE OREGON CULTURAL TRUST FOR HELPING FUND THIS ENDEAVOR AND TO FINNWARE (SAARA MATHEWS) FOR ALL THEIR SUPPORT! THANK YOU TO ALL THE KIDS AND FAMILIES! SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!



Saturday Regatta Parade

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ASTORIA NORDIC PARK

Dear Nordic Supporter,

Now that the Nordic Heritage Park is open, we need volunteer docents to help guide park visitors and others to just check in on the conditions of the park. Our guests may have questions or want help with their park experience. We have a fun filled fact sheet and talking point sheets available, so you don't know need to memorize any of the information about the park. The priority is that you are there welcoming ANHP visitors. If you are wearing a traditional costume or a Nordic inspired Sweatshirt or shirt this will help show you are available for questions. Our online SignUp system that has slots for what we consider the priority times, but you are welcome to sign up or just show up for any other times or days you are available. To see the priority slots Go to: <https://signup.com/go/ubLNyeM> If you can't work the entire suggested two hour plus shift then we still need you! Sign up for what you can work.

OR -you can contact me directly with any shifts you are able to work: Wbechtolt@gmail.com Here's how SignUp works in 3 easy steps: 1) Click this link to see our SignUp on [SignUp.com](https://signup.com/go/ubLNyeM): <https://signup.com/go/ubLNyeM> 2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like. 3) Sign up! It's Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on [SignUp.com](https://signup.com). Note: [SignUp.com](https://signup.com) does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact wbechtolt@gmail.com and I can sign you up manually. For further questions about the ANHP volunteer docent program please contact Warren Bechtolt Jr. by email. Wbechtolt@gmail.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER CALENDAR

September 6, Tuesday. Auxiliary. 10:00 am coffee. 10:30 am Business Meeting.

September 12, Monday. Coffee Time. 6:00 pm. Member Meeting 7:00 pm.

September Birthdays bring treats to share

September 26, Monday. Friends of Suomi Hall Director Meeting 9:30 am.

October 3, Monday. Auxiliary. 10:00 am coffee. 10:30 Business Meeting.

October 10, Monday. Coffee Time. 6:00 pm. Member Meeting 7:00 pm.

October 15, Saturday. LAKSLODA LUNCHEON. 11:30 – 1:30.

October 15, Jr/Sr Miss Finland Applications DUE

Prune Tart making days: Mondays. 9:00 am. October 24, 31, November 14, 28.

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