

KAHDEN UUTISET

President's message

Happy New Year Members!

Looking back on the past year there were so many great events and accomplishments. A huge thank you to all the members who volunteered and generously donated to support our events and the continuation and growth of our organization.

Looking forward to next year, we are excited for our traditional events plus new events and ideas proposed. A 2023 calendar listing meeting and event dates is included in this newsletter.

Join us for our Sunday afternoon Winter Lodge meetings. We will have a program at the January, February, and March meetings. In January, Arnie Hummasti will show a video interview with an uncle, who with other family members caught the Karelian fever and migrated to Soviet Karelia in search of better living conditions. In February, Sirpa Duoos will talk about Finnish Folk wear and History. In March, we welcome Karl Marlantes, author of the epic tale Deep River. Bring the kids because fun and games are offered during presentations. Coffee Time at 1:00 pm with the meeting and presentation to follow at 2:00 pm.

We have welcomed many new members over the past several years. Saturday, January 28th the Board will host a New Member Reception

at 3:00 pm at the Hall. Bring your ideas, your questions, your comments. We want to hear from you. Board members will provide Lodge history, the structure of the organization, traditional yearly events and how you can get involved. It will be a very casual conversation. All members and perspective members are welcome, and refreshments will be served.

The Winter Nordic Market will return this year on Saturday, February 18th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Reserve your table today by calling or texting Dena at 503 791-2401 or email mcneeldena@gmail.com. Tables are \$20 each and limited. Auxiliary will be serving a Pannukakku Breakfast during the event.

Prune Tarts were a huge success again this year. Congratulations to the Auxiliary and thank you to all the members who were involved in that production. Thank you to the Auxiliary for all they do for our organization. A special thank you to Dea Helligso for leading the Auxiliary for many years and congratulations to Dena McNeel who will fill the President position.

Hope to see you soon at Suomi Hall.

Kiitos,

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REMEMBERING OUR MEMBERS WHO PASSED IN 2022

Otamme osaa suruunne - Our deepest condolences

Viola Leonhardt. Born 1928. Passed February 2nd

Phillip (Abbie) James Blair. Born 1926. Passed May 5th

Janice Joy Ihander. Born 1931. Passed May 26th

Margaret Thompson. Born 1928. Passed August 15th

Elli Riutta. Born 1940. Passed September 2nd



**Friends of Suomi Hall Board of Directors
and their Terms**



Carole Lyngstad
Julie Overby
Mike Wagenblast
Katie Ryding
Expires 2023

Peggy Nikkila
Mike Duncan
Helen Pitkanen
Leila Collier
Expires 2024

Marvin Hautala
Faith Swanson
Eric Williams
Karen Van Cleave
Expires 2025

~2022 Turkey Dinner Potluck~

Great friendship/fellowship/and FOOD!!! Yum!



TART MAKING: Sharon, from Eugene was visiting Astoria and stopped in at Suomi Hall on a tart day.

She discovered from DNA that she has some Finnish.

We put her to work, welcomed her as a new member,

fed her some prune tarts and recommended her next stop. Finnware.

THANK YOU so much to our wonderful tart makers!

KIITOS, yum, yum!!



Annual Friends of Suomi Hall Lodge Meeting 2022

On December 11, we had our Annual Friends of Suomi Hall Lodge Meeting! We were honored to have the Nordic/Viking/Scandia Dancers perform as well as our Suomi School Students from Summer 2022. Our students performed Oi Maamme and then we were entertained by the marvelous dance group under the direction of Kevin and Bern Ladd! They were marvelous! The school students then performed their Christmas Tonttujen Jouluyö (elves Christmas night). They did a marvelous job. The audience then also got to join in on the fun with the Finnish version of heads/shoulders/knees and toes. Fun was had by all. Our current and former Scandinavian Court Royalty were introduced. A marvelous meal was enjoyed by all thanks to our amazing Auxillary, and we had a short business meeting which Karen shared highlights of in her President's Message.



Below are pictures from Finland's Independence Day on December 6 at the Astoria Nordic Heritage Park and Make and Take Ornaments at the Lodge in November.



Thank you to everyone who helped with both events! Without your help they would not have happened

2023 ASTORIA FINNISH LODGE EVENT CALENDAR**JANUARY**

Monday, January 2. Auxiliary Meeting. 10:00 AM Coffee. 10:30 AM Business Meeting.

Sunday, January 8. Members Meeting. 1:00 PM Coffee Time. 2:00 PM Meeting.

Arnie Hummasti will speak and present a video interview with one of his uncles about their family's journey and experiences traveling to Soviet Karelia in the 1930's.

Monday, January 23. Friends of Suomi Hall Directors Meeting. 9:30 AM.

FEBRUARY

Monday, February 6 . Auxiliary Meeting. 10:00 AM Coffee. 10:30 AM Business Meeting.

Sunday, February 12. Members Meeting. 1:00 PM Coffee time. 2:00 PM meeting.

Sirpa Duoos will speak on traditional Finnish Costumes and History.

Saturday, February 18. Nordic Winter Market. 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

Monday, February 20. Friends of Suomi Hall Director's Meeting. 9:30 AM

MARCH

Monday, March 6. Auxiliary Meeting. 10:00 AM Coffee. 10:30 AM Business Meeting.

Sunday, March 12. Saint Urho's Potluck. 1:00 PM. 2:00 PM Meeting.

Karl Marlantes will speak and answer questions about his epic novel DEEP RIVER.

APRIL

Monday, April 3. Auxiliary Meeting. 10:00 AM Coffee. 10:30 AM Business Meeting.

Monday, April 10. Members Meeting. 6:00 PM Coffee. 7:00 PM Business Meeting.

(Note switch to Summer schedule)

MAY

Monday, May 1. Auxiliary Meeting. 10:00 AM Coffee. 10:30 AM Business Meeting.

Monday, May 8. Scandinavian Festival Court Visit. 6:00 PM. Strawberry Shortcake

Prepared and served by the men of the Lodge.

Saturday, May 13. Miss Finland Tea. 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM.

JUNE

Monday, June 5. Auxiliary Meeting. 10:00 AM Coffee. 10:30 AM Business Meeting.

Monday, June 12. Members Meeting. 6:00 PM Coffee. 7:00 PM Meeting.

June 16, 17, 18. Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival.

JULY

Monday, July 3. Auxiliary Meeting. 10:00 AM Coffee. 10:30 AM Business Meeting.

Monday, July 10. Members Meeting. 6:00 PM Coffee. 7:00 PM Meeting.

AUGUST

TBD Auxiliary Meeting. 10:00 AM Coffee. 10:30 AM Business Meeting.

August 7 – 11. Suomi Summer School. 9:00 AM – 12 Noon.

Sunday, August 13. Astoria Finnish Lodge Picnic. 12 Noon. Cullaby Lake South Shelter.

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday, September 5. Auxiliary Meeting. 10:00 AM Coffee. 10:30 AM. Business

Monday, September 11. Member Meeting. 6:00 PM Coffee. 7:00 PM Meeting.

OCTOBER

Monday, October 2. Auxiliary Meeting. 10:00 AM Coffee. 10:30 AM Business Meeting.

Monday, October 9. Member Meeting. 6:00 PM Coffee. 7:00 PM Meeting.

Saturday, October 14. Laksloda Luncheon. 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM.

NOVEMBER

Monday, November 5. Auxiliary Meeting. 10:00 AM Coffee. 10:30 AM Business Meeting.

Sunday, November 12. Thanksgiving Potluck 1:00 PM. 2:00 PM Meeting.

Friday, November 24. Sankta Lucia Festival. 7:00 PM. Astoria High School.

DECEMBER

Monday, December 4. Auxiliary Meeting. 10:00AM Coffee. 10:30 AM Business Meeting.

Wednesday, December 6. Finnish Independence Day. Astoria Nordic Park.

Sunday, December 10. Friends of Suomi Hall Annual Meeting. 1:00 PM.