

Friends of Suomi Hall, Finlandia Foundation Astoria Chapter

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KAHDEN UUTISET

President's message

Dear Members,

Hope everyone is well and looking forward to the arrival of Spring. As your Board met in January, we looked back on 2022. It was a good year. Great events, enthusiastic volunteers and we welcomed twenty-one new members.

Thank you to our very generous members donating to our Lodge. Not only donating time and skills but also cash donations totaling over \$7,000.00 last year. Thank you, members, for your support.

Board officers elected for 2023 are President Karen Van Cleave, Vice President Leila Collier, Treasurer Faith Swanson, Financial Secretary Katie Ryding and Corporate Secretary Mike Duncan. We welcome new Board members Leila Collier and Helen Pitkanen and our thanks to Dena McNeel for her past service on the board.

Our past winter Sunday afternoon membership meetings have been interesting with programs and entertainment offered. Thanks to Greg Jacob, the Astoria Scandinavian Dancers, Arnie Hummasti and Sirpa Duoos. Also thank you to Liz Jolley who entertained the children so parents were able to enjoy the programs. The March meeting will be our St Urho's Potluck with the Lodge providing Corned Beef and Cabbage on Sunday, March 12th starting at 1:00 pm. Members are invited to bring a favorite dish to share. Karl Marlantes, author of the novel Deep River will be our speaker.

Naimi Koskelo celebrated her 100th birthday on February 9th. We were there to help her celebrate with prune tarts made by Dea Heligso, cardamom bread made by Leila Collier and Helen Pitkanen presented Naimi with a colorful throw. Leila sang

Naimi a Finnish song, and I had the honor to present Naimi with her seventy year pin of membership in our lodge and a certificate from Veikko Valli, Honorary Consul of Finland. Happy Birthday Naimi!

Congratulations to Finlandia Foundation Columbia Pacific Chapter for the award of \$1000.00 from the Clatsop County Cultural Coalition to winterize and perform some much-needed cleanup and maintenance on the historic Lindgren Cabin at Cullaby Lake. Saturday, May 20th from 10 to 3 will be the spring cleanup at the cabin. Put on your work clothes, grab some gloves and let's help the Portland Columbia Pacific Chapter get this done. "Many Hands Make Light Work." Start thinking about volunteering on a Saturday or Sunday this summer hosting at the cabin. It's a great place to hang out plus a good opportunity to share our history and meet people.

The Winter Nordic Market held February 18th was a great success. Very well attended, vendors were happy with sales and the Pannukakku Breakfast was yummy. We even got five applications for membership during the event. Thank you to Dena McNeel and MaryAnn Mattila for chairing. Thank you to the Auxiliary crew of cooks, servers and cleanup. Great job!

If you have a graduating high school senior this year, applications for our scholarship will be available soon. Applications will be available at local high schools or you may contact me and we will mail or email you an application.

Hope to see you soon at Suomi Hall.

Kiitos, Karen Van Cleave.

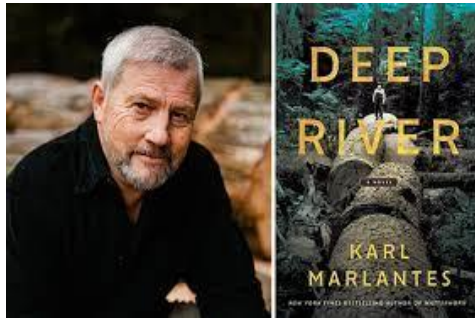
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March 12, 2023

Guest Speaker will be Karl Marlantes!

Karl grew up in Seaside and has written not only DEEP RIVER but also MATTERHORN and WHAT IT IS LIKE TO GO TO WAR.

Come hear him speak about DEEP RIVER and the Finnish immigrants in our local area.



What do you know about your Kansallispuku?

Sirpa Duoos gave us a very informative program on Finnish National Costumes! From fabric to design they are all beautiful and unique! Sirpa gave us wonderful information and we are so ready to see the Native Wear style show in June at the Scandinavian Midsummer Festival! Here is a great website to some research on your National Costume.

<http://www.kansallispuku.fi>



Do you know when and where you can wear your costume? Festivals, weddings, confirmations, Finnish Independence Day, national and school parties, and more.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO NAIMI KOSKELO

AND CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR 70 YEARS OF MEMBERSHIP WITH THE LODGE!



NORDIC MARKET

Did you attend the Nordic Market in February? If you did then you got to enjoy a wonderful pannukakku meal and purchase some amazing “finds”. There was everything from vintage littala, vintage Swedish glass, beautiful wooden racks, clothing, pulla, crafts, scarves and on and on and on! Can’t wait until next year!



ST. URHO'S DAY! Do you know the history of St. Urho's Day? He was the invention of Richard Mattson, a Finnish American, in Minnesota. It was done because a co-worker asked him why there wasn't a patron saint in Finland like St. Patrick in Ireland. Strangely enough, the friend, Gene McCavic, wrote the "Ode to St. Urho". St. Urho's Day was originally March 24, but was changed to the day before St. Patrick's Day, March 16! Here's the first verse of the Ode.

Ooksi kooksi coolama vee

Santia Urho is ta poy for me!

He sase out ta hoppers as pig as pirds.

Neffer peefor haff I hurd tose words!



2023 ASTORIA FINNISH LODGE EVENT CALENDAR

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)

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