

Friends of Suomi Hall, Finlandia Foundation Astoria Chapter

Founded December 6, 1886, as a non-profit, non-political organization

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Dear Members,

Did you Lakslooda? If you didn't you really missed out! What a great event. What great volunteers! What great food! I personally missed it because I was ill, but I got to sample some a few days later....yum!

Let's help wish Karen a HAPPY BIRTHDAY! 70 Strong! Angie's address: 39845 Deerhorn Rd., Springfield, OR 97478.

We have lots of upcoming events happening.

In November our "lodge" meetings move to Sunday Afternoons. So, mark your calendar for November 12, 1 pm with desserts and beverages. There will not be a Thanksgiving Potluck

Our December meeting will also be in the afternoon on December 10. On that day we will have a meal, quick meeting, and special entertainment from the Skamokawa Swamp Opera! Free for those who attend the meeting, and a charge for those coming just for the concert! We hope to see you all there.

Our Board of Directors officially voted that their title would be the Board of Trustees. We want transparency with the members, our meetings are open to members and we will post the agenda at the lodge prior to meetings. Our next Board of Trustees meeting will be November 6, and then December 11. We meet at 9:30 in the morning at the lodge.

Our Princess Committee has been busy making sure we have a new Junior and Senior Miss Finland. They will be introduced along with the entire 2024 court at the Sankta Lucia Festival at Astoria High School

on November 24 @ 7pm. Come enjoy this traditional evening of opening the Christmas Season.

In December we will also have the Finnish Independence Day at the Astoria Nordic Park. We are looking for someone to Spearhead this committee, please reach out to Leila if you are interested.

December also has a very special event at the Astoria Nordic Heritage Park called Light in the Darkness. On Friday, December 15 there will be a very special event to honor those who have passed. It's a tradition in several Nordic countries to light candles on the graves of loved ones to honor/remember them at Christmas.

Also coming up is an Anniversary Luncheon on Sunday, November 5 from 1:00-3:00 for the Aberdeen Lodge! Please see the advertisement inside this newsletter!

Thank you to our amazing Auxillary for all their work recently. From Lakslooda to prune tarts they are a very busy group! Thank you to those who have helped with events at the hall, and who have joined in and done anything at all to keep our lodge humming along! I'm honored to be a part of this group! Kittos Paljon teille kaikille! Many thank you to those who donated time, food, energy and food preparation skills!!

Respectfully Submitted,
Leila Collier, Vice President (503.791.1139)
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LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

5-8 pm at the Astoria Nordic Heritage Park

Friday, December 15 (Stormy Weather Alternate Date: December 20)

Light in the Darkness is a new event sponsored by the Astoria Scandinavian Heritage Association to remember those who have passed but are still in our memories at Christmas time. It's also a fundraiser for Astoria Nordic Heritage Park and an opportunity to experience the park and community at nighttime.

Fifty memorial candles donated by Finn Ware will be lit in honor of those who are missing this Christmas season. Their names will be read during a brief ceremony that will include some music, poetry and song. VASA Swedish Lodge and Friends of Suomi Hall will supply coffee, tea, hot chocolate and cookies.

To have your loved one's name be part of this ceremony and to assist the Astoria Scandinavian Heritage Association with maintenance and ongoing expenses at the Astoria Nordic Heritage Park, mail the name of the person(s) you are honoring and check made out to ASHA with a minimum donation fo \$25 to Light in the Darkness, ASHA, PO Box 34, Astoria, OR 97103. It is also possible to donate online at www.AstoriaNordicPark.org on the Contribute page.



ABERDEEN LODGE ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON

Sunday, November 5

Montesano Community Center

314 South Main Street

Montesano, WA

1:00-3:00

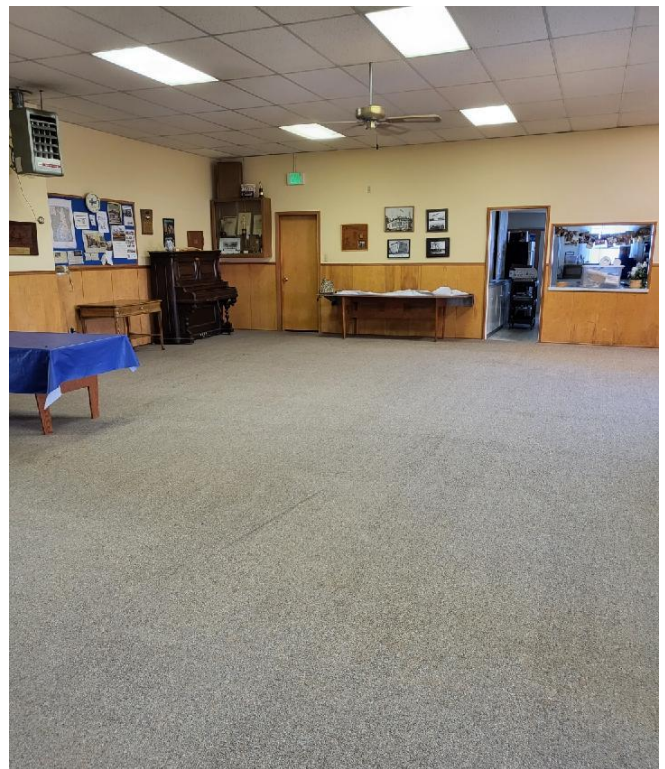
Friends and Family are welcome, no membership required to attend.

There will be a brief program including awards of 25-year and 50-year pins.

RSVP to: Kristopher.koski@gmail.com



**Have you noticed how clean the carpet is!
It looks like it's almost brand new!!!
Check it out!**



LAKSLODA 2023



2023 Calendar for November/December

NOVEMBER

Monday, November 6, Board of Trustees. 9:30 AM

Monday, November 6, Auxiliary Meeting 10:00 AM
coffee, 10:30 Meeting

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

December

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

Wednesday, December 6. Finnish Independence Day,
Astoria Nordic Heritage Park. Time TBA

Sunday, December 10 . Friends of Suomi Hall Annual
Meeting 1:00 PM, Entertainment 2:00 PM

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