

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,

I Hope everyone is having a wonderful holiday season enjoying friends and family. 2023 was another great year at our Suomi Hall. We had well attended events, great food and plenty of members stepping forward to volunteer.

A successful Nordic Market in February, Karl Marlantes entertaining us in March at our St. Urhos Potluck and the 3rd Annual Miss Finland Tea in May. The Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Court visited during our May Lodge meeting with great presentations and the men of the Lodge served delicious strawberry shortcake.

Thank you, great Job and congratulations to our Lodge members on the 2023 Court. Miss Scandinavia Olivia Esnard, Senior Miss Finland Eliza Allen, Junior Miss Finland Maci Thomas and the Chaperones Emmi Collier and Tami Stelzig.

Getting ready for the festival the kitchen was filled with members making prune tarts, rice pudding and fruit soup. Thank you to everyone who helped out.

Another successful Suomi Summer School In August with ideas already being discussed for next year. Our annual Lodge picnic was well attended. The Summer school kids entertained and there was lots of yummy dishes and games with prizes for the kids. Thank you to Nick and Madeline Matson for chairing this event. Laksloda was a great event. Comments were heard that the food was the best ever!

December was our Annual Meeting for our non-profit. The meal was delicious. We voted in our newest board members, Jane Hill and Madeline Matson. Board members Carole Lynstad and Mike Wagenblast, whose terms were expiring, agreed to another three year term. Julie Overby stepped off the Board. Thank you to Julie

and all our hard working Board members. We also welcomed our youngest new member AveryHoyer, past Junior Miss Finland. We were then entertained by the very talented members of the Skamokawa Swamp Opera.

This is my last Presidents Message. It has been an honor serving as president of our Lodge. Thank you for all the support and I hope we continue to try new events and listen to new ideas. A special thank you to Vice President Leila Collier for stepping in for me when I could not be there and thank you to the hard working Auxiliary, the Board and all of you that volunteered and attended our events.

Kiitos and Happy New Year!

Karen Van Cleave

Remembering our members who passed in 2023

Otamme osaa suruunne – Our deepest condolences

Thelma Rose.

Born in 1947. Passed February 6th, 2023.
Joined the Lodge in 1999.

William Meyer.

Born in 1927. Passed at the age of 95.
Joined the Lodge in 1993.

Diane Piippo Kinney.

Born in 1940. Passed April 4, 2023. Joined the Lodge in 1993

Joseph Barnes.

Born in 1944. Passed April 22, 2023.
Joined the Lodge in 2001.

Mike Duncan.

Born in 1952. Passed April 26, 2023.
Joined the Lodge in 2018.

Mary Cornell.

Born in 1929. Passed May 21, 2023. Joined the Lodge in 2000.

Kristina Berney.

Born in 1941. Passed November 24, 2023.
Joined the Lodge in 1993



2024 PRINCESSES

We have new court members! They were introduced at the Sankta Lucia Festival in November.



Senior Finland is Riley Phillips.

Junior Miss Finland is Aspen Barendse.

They will be introduced in their Costumes in February or March! Stay tuned. We can't wait to see you in your beautiful costumes and hear your speeches. Congratulations.

Friends of Suomi Hall Board of Trustees and their Terms:

- Peggy Nikkila
- Jane Hill
- Helen Pitkanen
- Leila Collier

Expires in 2024

- Marvin Hautala
- Faith Swanson
- Eric Williams
- Karen Van Cleave

Expires in 2025

- Carole Lynsgstad
- Mike Wagenblast
- Katie Ryding
- Madeline Matson

Expires in 2026

NORDIC WINTER MARKET

SUOMI HALL
244 W. MARINE DRIVE, ASTORIA, OR
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2024
10:00 AM TO 3:00 PM

VENDORS WANTED

Rental tables for Vendors are \$20.00.

Please contact: Katie Ryding at 541.912.5586 or katieryding@gmail.com

A delicious traditional Pannukakku Breakfast will be served that day from
10:00AM to 1:00 PM

RESERVED FOR AUXILIARY

2024 ASTORIA FINNISH LODGE EVENT CALENDAR**JANUARY:**

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

Tuesday, January 2, Board of Trustees Meeting. 9:00 AM

Sunday, January 7, Members Meeting. 1:00 PM Coffee Time, 2:00 PM Meeting

FEBRUARY:

Monday, February 5, Board of Trustees, 9:30 AM

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

Sunday, February 11, Members Meeting, 1:00 Pea Soup/bread luncheon, 2:00 PM Meeting

Saturday, February 17, Nordic Winter Market. 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

MARCH:

Monday, March 4, Board of Trustees Meeting 9:30 AM

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

Sunday, March 10, Members Meeting. 1:00 PM Coffee Time, 2:00 PM Meeting

APRIL:

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

Monday, April 8, Board of Trustees Meeting 9:30 AM

Monday, April 8, Members Meeting, 6 PM Coffee. 7:00 PM Business Meeting (*Note switch to Summer Schedule*)

MAY:

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

Saturday May 11, Miss Finland Tea 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Monday, May 13, Board of Trustees Meeting, 9:30 AM

Monday, May 13, Scandinavian Festival Court Visit. 6:00 PM Strawberry Shortcake Prepared and Served by the men of the Lodge

JUNE:

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

Monday, June 10, Board of Trustees, 9:30 AM

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

Fri-Sun, June 21, 22, 23 Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival

JULY:

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

Monday, July 8, Board of Trustees, 9:30 AM

Monday, July 8, Members Meeting, 6 PM Coffee. 7:00 PM Business Meeting

AUGUST:

August 5-9, Suomi School, 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

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

Sunday, August 11, NOON, Astoria Finnish Lodge Picnic, Fort Stevens State Park, Exact location will be announced later

Monday, August 12, Board of Trustees, 9:30 AM

SEPTEMBER:

Tuesday, September 3, Auxiliary Meeting, 10:00 AM Coffee. 10:30 AM Business Meeting

Monday, September 9, Board of Trustees, 9:30 AM

Monday, September 9, Members Meeting, 6 PM Coffee. 7:00 PM Business Meeting

OCTOBER:

Monday, October 7, Auxiliary Meeting, 10:00 AM Coffee. 10:30 AM Business Meeting

Saturday, October 12, Laksloda Luncheon, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Monday, October 14, Board of Trustees, 9:30 AM

Monday, October 14, Members Meeting, 6:00 PM Coffee, 7:00 PM Business Meeting

NOVEMBER:

Monday, November 4, Board of Trustees, 9:30 AM

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

Sunday, November 10, Members Meeting, **Thanksgiving Potluck** 1:00 PM, 2:00 PM Business Meeting

DECEMBER:

Monday, December 2 Board of Trustees, 9:30 AM

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

Friday, December 6, Finnish Independence Dy, Astoria Heritage Nordic Park, Time, TBD

Sunday, December 8, Friends of Suomi Hall Annual Meeting 1:00 PM, followed by **Pikku Joulu Celebration**