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Kahden Uutiset

Friends of Suomi Hall, Finlandia Foundation Astoria Chapter
Founded December 6, 1886, as a non-profit, non-political organization

President's Message:

Hauskaa Kevät aikaa kaikille. Happy Spring everyone!

My sincere apologies for no newsletter in March/April! We'll get back on board thanks to some help from some wonderful volunteer(s) who stepped up! The lodge has had some busy days! And some busy and exciting days are coming up!

In March and April we saw a wonderful turn out for the St. Urho's Day feast! And we even had a St. Urho thanks to Wes Ginther! He did a wonderful job as did the Auxiliary in putting this wonderful annual event together!

Also in February we had the annual Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Princess Introduction as the Astoria High School commons area! Our wonderful representatives did a fabulous job as did the entire court! We can't wait to see them here on May 13 with our annual Strawberry Shortcake dessert and I hear we'll have some live entertainment that evening!

Our Suomi School Team is getting ready to get the applications ready for Suomi School 2024! This will be Year 3! Wow! It will be held August 5-9! Please contact Leila Collier for an application. mlcollier62@gmail.com or 503.791.1139. Applications will be mailed out, and accepted in order received. We only have 25 spots available so don't hesitate with those applications.

The Auxillary has been VERY busy! Can you believe they've already had several Tart making days! AND, they had some help (not that they needed it) from a visitor from Finland. Heli, a visitor from Finland, stopped in and gave them some torttu making lessons. If you'd like to help, they meet at the hall every Monday morning. Come learn how these tarts are made. (Heli picture below on the left)



For the festival the auxiliary will also need helpers for the booth, strong sturdy people to help carry the rice pudding and fruit soup, cooks, cleaners, please contact Beth Kandoll to sign up. bethkandoll@hotmail.com.

As you can see we are busy!

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Ameriikan Poijat

The Ameriikan Poijat will be in the Astoria area during the dates in the calendar provided! Please try to attend one of their amazing events and support their trip to the Pacific Northwest!

From their website: “Ameriikan Poijat (Boys of America), Finnish American Brass Septet, was founded in 1990. They’ve been asked to play performances in some rather unusual settings, such as in an ice arena, in fishing boats on the Perhojoki river, on a raft in an abandoned mine, at Finnish border defense installations, at a McDonnell-Douglas military aircraft plant, in a Wisconsin cow pasture, on a Florida beach, at an instrument museum, in a barn, and in a one room school house. It’s not that they have exclusively sought out bizarre venues, but the a seven-piece group is very mobile, and the Finnish brass music we celebrate seems to have drawn us off the beaten path.

Made up of Midwestern musicians, some of Finnish descent, we have been sharing the charm of the old Finnish brass band music and have also performed the newer compositions for septet that have proliferated recently. Our main inspiration has been from our brass playing colleagues and friends in Finland who

The Finnish brass septet repertoire is meaningful ethnic art, and also has an inherent musicality that is attractive to many listeners.”

Thursday, August 1

2PM - Astoria Victorian Flavel Museum

Friday August 2

7 PM - Peace First Lutheran

Saturday August 3

11 AM - Long Beach Pavilion
3914 Pacific Way, Seaview, WA

4 PM - The Naselle Finnish American Folk festival association at the Naselle Community Center

Sunday August 4

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM - Church Services.
Peace First Lutheran

3 PM - Nordic Park - Astoria

Monday August 5

1 PM - Director Park - Portland, OR

have also been keeping the tradition alive and generously sharing their experience with us about this music.

SAVE THE DATE!

The Brownsmead flats are playing their anniversary concert at the Suomi Hall on July 13 from 2-4. Save the date and stay tuned for more information.

Meet Our Princesses



These lovely ladies are our court members this year from the lodge! Our Junior and Senior Princesses: Aspen Barendse and Riley Philips

May 11, 1-3, Princess Tea

Come one and all! If you are a past princess from the lodge come join us for a fun afternoon of reconnecting and fun games! We'd love to have you attend. Invites have gone out. Please RSVP to friendsofsuomihall@gmail.com or mlcollier62@gmail.com or Leila Collier at 503.791.1139

Otamme osaa suruunne – Our deepest condolences. Remembering our members who have passed.

**Astoria
Scandinavian
Midsummer**

~ Craig Wisti ~

Festival Concert

**Arrival & Gaslighter Tickets Available
NOW!**

Songs of The Dixie Chicks and Canada's
Tribute to ABBA

Saturday, June 22

7:30 pm (Doors: 7 pm)

First five rows: \$40 (\$45 at the door)

Rows F-O: \$30 (\$35 at the door)

General Admission: \$20 (\$25 at the door)

[Tickets Available Here](#)

Historic Lindgren Cabin

WARRENTON -On April 5, 2018 ownership of the Lindgren Cabin passed into the hands of the Finlandia foundation, Columbia-Pacific Chapter when Greg Jacob, president of FFCPC, signed the papers. It will be FFCPC's responsibility to maintain the cabin, and to open its grounds to visitors on the weekends from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

"It is the agency's good fortune to join up with FFCPC and the Clatsop County Parks Program," Paul Koreiva of the Oregon Department of Forestry said. "Thank you all for your stewardship of a very significant example of Oregon's history."

In the early 1900's the Erik and Joanna Lindgren, immigrants from Southwest Finland, bought land in 1907 in the Soapstone Lake area near the Nehalem River and built an ax-hewn home out of old growth cedar logs. Erik and a neighbor, William Merila, finished the construction in 1928, obtained title in 1934, but six years later the property was foreclosed by Clatsop County after nonpayment of property taxes.

In 1955, the property was transferred from Clatsop County to the Board of Forestry. In 1968, there was an informal agreement between the Oregon Department of Forestry and Clatsop County to relocate the cabin to Cullaby Lake Park. Hiram Johnson, a Clatsop County commissioner, organized a crew to save the historic building, and by 1973 the structure was reassembled and open for public viewing. The Finnish-American Historical Society of the West cared for the cabin until the membership was absorbed by Finlandia Foundation. Columbia-Pacific Chapter, November 2017.

News From the Auxiliary

The Friends of Suomi Hall auxiliary meets the 1st Monday of each month and welcomes all members. Come at 10 AM for coffee and treats, and stay for a short meeting starting at 10:30 led by our current president, Anne Stickel. If you have joined us for Laksloda, St. Urho's luncheon, the November annual dinner, Nordic Market pannukakku, Scandinavian Midsummer Festival booth, Princess tea, Scandinavian Court visit, etc., then you are enjoying what the auxiliary does to make these happen.

Currently, we are making 200 dozen prune tarts which will be baked and sold at the Midsummer Festival in June. Two special guests from Finland joined us recently. Heli Isohookana and Eija Kaija were in town visiting extended family and doing research on great aunts who came to Astoria over 100 years ago.

Be sure to visit the Finnish Lodge booth at the Midsummer Festival and save room for rice pudding/fruit soup and prune tarts. Let us know if you would like to help in any lodge activities.

Order your Suomi Hall T-shirts now!



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We are having Suomi Hall T-shirts printed, and now is your chance to order one!
Orders are due May 15th.

We will have them available for pick-up at the hall before the weekend of the
Scandinavian Festival.

You will pay for your shirt when you pick it up.

The shirts are 100% heavyweight cotton.
They can be purchased with either long or short sleeves.
The sizing is unisex (S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL).

The prices are:

\$15.00 Short Sleeved

\$20.00 Long Sleeved

If you would like a shirt send an email to Melissa Powell (melbpowell@msn.com), and put T-Shirt Order in the subject line. Thank you!

Include the following in your email:

Your name and phone number

of shirts

long or short sleeved

sizes

Upcoming Calendar

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

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