



# FCA News

FOR MEMBERS OF THE FINNISH CENTER ASSOCIATION

September 2009

**THE FCA NEEDS YOUR HELP IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:**

- Opening and Closing
- Cleaning
- Inventory
- General Office
- Bartending
- Hall/Lounge Set up
- Proofreading
- Sound
- Plumbers
- Electrical

**HELP - HELP - HELP**

## CHAIRMANS CORNER

Well folks this past month has been relatively quiet in the office but the Center has otherwise been a beehive of activity. Carl Aebersold has been busy preparing the Main Hall and facilities for the ISHA Yoga group that has been renting the hall for one week. He also has been working on the audio system in preparation for a college reunion party. Pearl Wanttaja and her "Open House" crew had over fifty people at the July Open House. Paul Rajala and Hilikka Ketola have painted the coat room and touched up the walls in the Main Hall. Frank Gottberg and Gene Belttari completed painting the exterior facade. Gayle Gullen, Dave Sharpe and their Garden Club crew are busy maintaining the grounds. Lila Ball has volunteers cleaning up Eight Mile Road. Even though this is usually our slack period we are still very busy. Get primed for the busy season. See you at the Center.

Tickets for the August 30th raffle continue to come in. So far we have a 27% response to the 840 requests mailed to members.

Norb Leppanen

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### NOTICE

Your last opportunity to see a theatre presentation of the "Kalevala: Land of Heroes"

When: Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>

11:00 am matinee and 7:00 pm evening performance

Where: Loon Lake Finn Camp, 2524 Loon Lake Road, Wixom, MI

Price: \$12 for adults, \$8 for children (17 years and younger)

\$15 for adults at the door and \$10 for children at the door

Tickets can be purchased at the FCA Office or call Norb Leppanen.248-474-3907.

# CALENDAR

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### **Finnish American Singers**

Mondays 7 to 9 pm

### **Library**

Open Mondays 9 to 2 pm

### **NikkarinTalo**

Mondays 9 am

## BI-WEEKLY EVENT

### **Blood Pressure Readings**

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday

11 am to 2 pm

## MONTHLY EVENTS

### **Gift Shop—Meeting**

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 1:00 pm

### **Stamp Club**

Last Sunday of month 2-4 pm

### **Weavers**

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month 10-2 pm

### **Card and Game Party**

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 11-4 pm

### **Finnish Conversation**

2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month 10 am

### **Book Club**

Day of Fish Fry 3:30pm

## AUGUST

- 13 Board Meeting 6:30 pm  
Rental - Shaklee 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm
- 15 Ceiling repair in lobby & waiting room
- 21 Pasty preparation for Finn Camp
- 22 Pasty making for Finn Camp  
Play at Finn Camp
- 30 Open House with Raffle

## SEPTEMBER

- 5 CLOSED
- 6 CLOSED
- 7 CLOSED
- 9 Danish Bros. dinner 6:30 pm
- 10 Joint Board meeting 6:30 pm
- 11 Rental - Wedding 6:30 pm
- 12 Rental - Wedding - 6:30 pm
- 16 101st luncheon 11:00 am
- 18 Rental - Wedding 6:30 pm
- 19 FAHS meeting 2:00 pm  
SACC crayfish dinner 3:00 pm  
20 Laurel Premo concert
- 23 Danish Bros. meeting 6:30 pm
- 24 Taste of the Farm 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
- 25 Fish Fry 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Pasty sale preparation
- 25 Independence Day Planning meeting - 6:30pm
- 26 Pasty sale

27 Open House 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

## OCTOBER

- 3 Rental - shower
- 8 Flea Market set-up 12 noon - 4:00 pm
- Board meeting 6:30 pm
- 9 Flea Market 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
- 10 Flea Market 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
- 11 Finnish Breakfast 12 noon - 2:00 pm
- 14 Danish Bros. dinner - 6:30 pm
- 15 Livonia Exchange Club
- 16 Fish Fry 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- 21 101<sup>st</sup> luncheon 11:00 am
- 24 Rental - SK events
- 25 Open House 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- 28 Pulla/Nisu bake 9:45 am  
Danish Bros. meeting 6:30 pm  
30 Rental - Wedding 6:00 pm

## WE NEED YOU!

Volunteers skilled in electrical, carpentry, and painting are needed to help maintain the Finnish Center. Contact Frank Gottberg or Paul Rajala from the buildings and ground committee.

The Finnish Center Association  
35200 W. Eight Mile Rd.  
Farmington Hills, MI

Presents a

## Scandinavian Bazaar

Saturday  
November 14, 2009  
10:00 am – 4:00 pm

\$1 donation @ the door  
Public Welcome

Featuring:  
Imports,  
Ethnic Foods,  
Music,  
Cooking demonstration

FCA Address  
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## OFFICERS

Norbert Leppanen, Chairman  
Cortland Book, Vice Chairman  
Kristine Copeland, Secretary

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1 Year  
Maria Hill, Gerald Malstrom,  
Paul Rajala

2 Year

Cortland Book, Norbert Leppanen,  
George Koskimaki

3 Year

Kristine Copeland, Tarja Virtanen, Christine Johnson

## ALTERNATES

Norman McCue

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

Neil Manley, Jr., Dagmar Malstrom

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Christine Johnson

## COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

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[www.fcaseniorhousing.org](http://www.fcaseniorhousing.org)

## OVER ON FINN DRIVE

### “Taste of the Farms”

Check out the best from the menus from many of the Farmington area’s top restaurants when the “Taste of the Farms” fundraiser is hosted here at the Finnish Center. Purchasing a \$20.00 ticket allows you to sample from the fares of all of the 15 participating restaurants. The date is Thursday, September 24 from 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. The FCA will provide the cash bar. Rub shoulders with local business, civic, political, and school leaders, as well as citizens just out for some good eats. A few of the many participating restaurants are Pages Dining and Spirits, Western Golf and Country Club, Tim Hortons, and Armitage Catering. Proceeds from the event go to the Farmington Youth Assistance program summer camp program. Visit their website for more information, [www.farmingtonyouthassistance.org](http://www.farmingtonyouthassistance.org) or see the flyers in the FCA lobby.

## SENIOR LUNCHEON

Wednesday, September 30, 2009  
11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

**\$8.00**

Please make reservations no later than Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup>.

## WOMEN'S CLUB BAKERS

We'll begin the Pulla/Nisu baking season on Wed., Sept. 23, from 9:45-2:00 p.m. Hoping to see our regular bakers and some new ones. On this day, we'll bake for the Finnish Breakfast, mainly. We can accept orders for only 24 loaves, so call early to get your order on the list.

Thanks,  
Ilene

## GARDEN CLUB

### News From Finlandia Gardens

Firstly, we wish to thank our garden associates, FCA members, and friends for their support of our gardens during these difficult economic times. We have been able to continue building our gardens and we hope you will stop by and notice our improvements.

Eight cherub statues have been added to the Wedding Circle across the bridge. We have added a cacti garden at the side of the garage and a mini-pergola near the wetland.

Our vegetable gardens are doing well despite the incursion of a number of groundhogs. Two have been taken to “greener pastures” if that is possible, but “big mama” continues to enjoy our goodies.

We are extending the stone surface in the West Gardens making walking easier and improving the overall appearance of the gardens. A rain garden has been added near the front to absorb excess water that accumulates in rainy weather.

The stone path between the front parking areas has been completed adding a finishing touch to the adjoining gardens.

We have been enjoying the tree swallows that nested at the rear of the property as well as the goldfinches and killdeer. A number of desirable wild flowers are seen in our wetland areas which provide seed for our many birds. One evening we noted a flock of goldfinch swoop in and feast on thistle seed.

Please come to the gardens and enjoy this FCA treasure.

Gayle Gullen and David Sharpe

## FINLAND TODAY

First, Finland's President Tarja Halonen received a video phone call from the International Space Station. Making the call was astronaut Timothy Kopra. Kopra is the "Finnish" astronaut. The American astronaut Kopra's grandparents had emigrated from Finland to the U.S. During the 14 minute call, President Halonen asked Kopra about saunas. said Kopra to President Halonen: "It would be a wonderful extension to have a sauna aboard....I miss sauna and my family, but it is a great experience."

In a study done at the University of Kuopio in Finland and the Kaiser Permanente in California, elevated cholesterol levels in midlife, even levels considered borderline, significantly increase the risk of Alzheimer's disease and vascular dementia later in life. The study was four decades long with 9,844 men and women taking part. People with high cholesterol levels had 66% increase in Alzheimer's later in life. Even borderline cholesterol in midlife increased the risk of vascular dementia by 52%. The study was published in the Dementia and Geriatric Cognitive Disorder Journal.

The Finnish Kone Corp has acquired the Bridgeport, Connecticut based Brown Elevator Inc. Brown installs and repairs elevators. Its employees will be transferred to other Kone locations in Connecticut.

The number of church weddings continues to decrease in Finland. As recent as 2000, 80% of all weddings took place in churches. But by 2007 it had dropped to 60%, and last year it was down to 57%.

At the Finland Rally Championship, held in Jyvaskyla, it was the "hometown boy", also the "birthday boy", Mikko Hirvonen (29), who came in first place. It was Hirvonen's third straight victory, placing him three points ahead of Sebastian Loeb of France in the overall points total. Another Finn was also on the podium at Jyvaskyla as Jari-Matti Latvala came in third. As a matter of fact, there were five Finns in the top ten. It was also a big day for the Ford Focus team as it placed five cars in the top ten, including Hirvonen and Latvala. Formula One World Champion Kimi Raikkonen making his World Rally Championship debut, crashed his car on the final stage of the race. At the time he was in 15th place.

Helsinki was the last stop for the New Zealand basketball team on its European tour. Despite being out rebounded 38-13, Finland beat New Zealand 102--91. One of the problems New Zealand had was turnovers. They had 24 to Finland's 10.

At the World Masters Track and Field Championships held in Lahti, Finland, the men's ages 45--49 group 100 meter champion was Nnamdi Anuim of Finland. Anuim was born in Nigeria.

The Finnish national sport, pesapallo, or Finnish baseball, has enjoyed a big revival this summer. So far this summer at the major league level, attendance is about 42% higher than last year at the same time. The Finnish "major league" teams are not just in large cities like here in the U.S., but also in small towns. The last time that I checked the standings in the Superpesis League, Vimpelin Veto was in second place. Vimpeli is a town of about 3,500 inhabitants.

In the currency exchange: one Euro is worth \$1.41.

And finally, a couple of "Senior " personal ads in a Florida newspaper.

Serenity Now:

"I'm into solitude, long walks, surprises, the ocean, yoga, and meditation. If you are the silent type, lets get together, take our hearing aids out and enjoy quiet times."

Memories:

"I can usually remember Monday through Thursday. If you can remember Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, lets put our two heads together."

Mint Condition:

"Male, 1932, high mileage, good condition, some hair, many new parts including hip, knee, cornea, valves. Isn't in running condition, but walks well."

Markku Ketola

marketola@yahoo.com

### Flea Market Donations

Any small items that you wish to donate to the FCA table, please bring to the FCA during regular business hours.

Your Flea Market Coordinator

**HAPPINESS FUND**

In honor of Laina Lampi's 95<sup>th</sup>. Birthday, a donation was made by Sandra and David Scheel.

**GIFT SHOP**

**Needs  
volunteer  
salespeople.**

Please call  
248-478-6939

**FINN FACTS**



Send me your Finn facts. They can be from Finland or from America, but must be about Finnish people and their ways.

Send them to:  
fcacenter@sbcglobal.net  
Attn: Glenn - Finn Facts.

**Armitage Catering**

Located at the FCA, we cater any event, big or small:

- Weddings/Showers**
- Anniversaries**
- Memorial Services**
- Business Events**
- Graduation Parties**

Off site catering is also available  
248-921-7561

This could be a space for your ad.

Call the Finnish Center to advertise in the newsletter.

**FINNISH AMERICAN SINGERS**

FINNISH-AMERICAN SINGERS RESUME REHEARSALS ON MON., SEPT. 14

From 7-9 p.m. we'll meet to sing in preparation for Ithaca, and to begin Christmas music for our Christmas Concert on Sun., Dec. 20. The need for ALTOS is strong! If you are an alto, or can get any altos to come, we would be very appreciative! Sopranos, tenors, and basses are all very welcome to come also. We are a friendly group that has coffee and treats after each rehearsal. We also plan special performances in various places as invited. Hope to see some new singers!

**Genealogy group to form!**

All those interested please come to the Finnish Center on Saturday Sept 12 at noon.

This will be an informal meeting to get started. Come join us!

Questions? You can email me at omkinross@gmail.com.

Hope to see you there! Fran

**SAVE THE DATE**

**The Gala Ball**

A Celebration of the  
92nd year of Finnish Independence

Dec 5, 2009

Speaker: Professor Arnold Alanen  
Finlandia Foundation lecturer of the Year

Music: Paul Finkbeiner's band.

More information to follow in the next  
Newsletter

# MEMORIAL FUND

When making a memorial donation, you may direct it toward a specific fund.

The funds available are: FCA General Fund, Library, Scholarship, Hoijakat Folk Dancers, Drama Club, Finn Weavers, Garden Club, Soittoniekat Folk Musicians and Finnish American Singers.

If a donation is undesignated, it goes to the general fund for expenses of the Center.

The family of the deceased may direct undesignated donations toward a specific fund (up to one year after date of death).

**Please make your check out to the Finnish Center Association and send donations to: the FCA, 35200 West Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48335. Deadline is the last day of every month.**

You may also direct your donation toward the Elders' Housing but then your check must be made out to FCA Senior Housing Corp.

Please include full name (with middle initial), address, dates of death and birth of the deceased; also the name and address of the next of kin to whom the acknowledgement card is to be mailed.

If you know of a member, parent or child of a member who has passed away, **please call the FCA at (248) 478-6939.**

**NOTE: Effective immediately, all memorial donations MUST BE MAILED TO THE FINNISH CENTER by the last day of the month.**

Donations to the Memorial Fund since the August newsletter are as follows:

Memorials Received Directly by the U. S. Mail to the FCA Address in July, 2009

In memory of FCA Life Member Helen Gilbert (6-11-09) donations have been made by Ruth Kaarlela, Rudolph & Victoria Perttunen, Edith Raski, and David Sharpe.

In memory of Bernard Heikkinen (5-31-09) a donation has been made by Lillian Heikkinen.

In memory of Mildred Aho Kaipio (3-19-09) a donation has been made by Edwin & Anne Paulson.

In memory of FCA Life Member Aino Katajamaki (6-25-09) donations have been made by James R. Jackson, Laina Lampi, Robert Makie, Eva Miner, Ruben & Grace Nayback, Sandra & David Scheel, the Smart Chicks, Cecilia Spayd, and Eugene & Eleanor Tauriainen.

In memory of FCA member Victor Kimler (6-09-09) a donation was made by Charlotte Lytikainen.

In memory of Nora Lahti (2-5-09) a donation has been made by Rudolph & Victoria Perttunen.

In memory of FCA Life Member Helen Lampi (5-4-09) donations have been made by Linda Oja Jacobs and Helvi Wertheimer.

In memory of FCA Life Member Mary Lou Laurilla (7-4-09) a donation has been made by Genevieve Snearly.

In memory of FCA Life Member Elna Reinholm (5-12-09) a donation has been made by Erick Kyro.

Memorial for Elna Reinholm: from Louise Hartung, Jim Fostey, and Rosemary Hartung

## MEMORIALS TO THE SENIOR CITIZENS HOUSING CORPORATION

The Senior Citizen Housing Corporation thanks the following for their memorial donations to the Housing Corporation

In memory of Nora Lahti: Evelyn and Curtis Keskinen

In memory of Helen Lampi: Charlotte Lytikainen, Connie Fosness, Maria Hill.

In memory of Elna Reinholm: Charlotte Lytikainen, Connie Fosness, Maria Hill

In memory of Helen Gilbert: Allan and Linda Tuomaala

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## FINN FUN WEEKEND DEADLINE IS AUG 15

You may have read the posters graciously made by Nancy Rajala about this trip the Finnish-American Singers are making via Bianco bus to Ithaca, NY from Oct. 1-4. We have chorus members, plus 7 or 8 riders already, but would like to have more. Cost for the bus ride is \$195. The 2 nights at the Clarion Hotel in Ithaca which include 2 Finnish breakfasts and 2 banquet type meals is \$200. per person. This will be a scenic Fall trip with a wine tour with box lunch available at \$40. on Fri., Oct. 2. On Sat, the 3rd, various lectures, musical performances, and Finnish cultural events will be presented, including 1 or 2 concerts by our singers. The \$15. Registration Fee covers these. On the way home we will spend some time at Niagara Falls. If you want to accompany us for this fun time, please call Ilene Yanke at 248.887.3538 before Aug. 15. kiitos.

## GOING PLACES

### TRIP NOTES

Please be sure to get your deposits in! We need 30 to 36 deposits at least 30 days prior to the trip or we lose the bus. If you leave your car at the FCA while on a trip, please park at the north end of the property. If you park near the main or lounge entrances you are using spaces needed for other functions.

FOR BORDER CROSSING: The new requirements for proof of citizenship to cross the border to Canada are:

1. PASSPORT - Must be a valid passport.
2. PASSPORTCARD or the new PASSPORT DRIVERS LICENSE.
3. CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION accompanied by a valid passport and valid US. Re-Entry Permit.

Point Edward featuring Westview Orchards in Romeo - 1 day, Tuesday, August 25, \$31. We will have a tour of the orchards and you can pick yourself some peaches. On our return we will be served cider and a peach donut. At the casino \$15 in slot play is included. Be at FCA 8:00 am for 8:15 departure. Return about 6:15 pm. Don't forget proper I.D.

Saganin Eagle's Landing Casino in Standish - 1 day, Thursday, September 24, \$36. This is a brand-new, recently opened casino. Included is \$20 in premium play. Be at FCA at 8:00 am for 8:15 departure. Return about 6:45 pm. Coupon on flyer must be included with payment.

Frankenmuth & Color Tour - 1 day, Tuesday, October 20, \$55. Trip includes a city tour of Frankenmuth, lunch at Bavarian Inn, Pretzel dipping and shopping at Bronners. If Mother Nature cooperates the fall colors should be beautiful!! Be at FCA 8:30 am for 8:45 departure. Return about 5:00 pm.

Firekeepers Casino in Battle Creek - 1 day, Thursday, November 12, \$32. This is also a brand new casino. Included is \$20 slot credit and \$5 for food, slot play or gift shop. Be at FCA 8:45 for 9:00 am departure. Return about 4:45 pm. Coupon on flyer must be included with payment.

Turkeyville Dinner Theater - 1 day, Friday, December 4, \$69. Includes the funny musical "Grandma Cancels Christmas?" and Marjorie Cornwell's wonderful turkey buffet. Be at FCA 9:15 for 9:30 departure. Return about 6:30 pm.

Please call if you have questions. Pearl Wanttaja 248-541-0054

## OUR FIRST JUHANNUS, A SUCCESS

On June 19, Cultural, the Garden Club, the Finnish American Singers, Soittoniekat, and Social worked well together to present an enjoyable evening. Armitage prepared an excellent Finnish cookout meal. Ruth Mannisto assisted in preparing some of the specialties. She also worked with David Sharpe and Norm McCue who constructed and mounted a beautiful new Maypole. Soittoniekat played, and a good number of singers sang Finnish songs and some American favorites, led by Kristen Kreiner. Char Lytikainen and Jerry Malstrom led a game created by David Sharpe about Finnish words. We had to quickly go outside when the thunderstorms ceased, briefly, to enjoy the Kokko, or bonfire. Carl Aebersold and Frank Gottberg constructed it, had it all covered with plastic, ready to light. They had set up chairs around it. It definitely was the highlight of the celebration! We had to wait to walk around the Maypole until the Garden Club's Open House, due to the weather on June 19.

Ilene Maki Yanke

## SOCIALLY SPEAKING

We have some dates in place and will tell you more about each event as the events approach. On Sun., Oct. 11, with Women's Club Bakers, we'll hold another traditional Finnish Breakfast beginning at noon. Plan to come for these tasty foods. On Wed., Nov. 18 we want to have our Annual Veterans Day Luncheon, perhaps joining George Koskimaki's Airborne group. On Fri., Dec. 11, we plan a Christmas Potluck meal at 3:00 p.m. for FCA members, family, and friends.

Looking forward to these pleasant times,

Ilene Maki Yanke  
(cont'd on page 6)

# FROM THE FCA LIBRARY

No visit to Finland is complete without a trip to the Seurasaari open-air museum in Helsinki. It will give you an idea of what Finland probably looked like when your grandparents or great-grandparents still lived there.

Long before Henry Ford conceived of the idea of Greenfield Village in Dearborn, Michigan, a professor in Finland by the name of Axel Olavi Heikil founded an open-air museum (ulkomuseo) on Seurasaari, an island on the outskirts of Helsinki. The idea of an open-air museum was quite new. In 1909; the Skansen Museum in Sweden preceded the Heikel concept and no doubt provided a model.

Heikel's plan was to bring to the island typical buildings from all over Finland in order to display folk architecture and show how people in earlier times lived.

The first buildings, the Niemelä tenant farmhouse and its surrounding outbuildings, were moved to the island in 1909 from Konginkangas. This farmstead dates to 1721 and was occupied by the same family for six generations. The original owner was Lasse Turpeinen. The main room of the farmhouse was chimneyless, a savupirtti or "smoke room". Whenever a fire was lit, smoke gathered in the upper part of the room and gradually escaped through an opening in the ceiling. The sauna was the oldest building on the farm and provided temporary shelter for the family before the other buildings were built. Other buildings include storehouses, a dairy, barns, and a boat house.

Ivar's farmstead, from Närpiö in southern Ostrobothnia, was built as a parsonage, and is an example of a genteel home of the mid-1700s. It was remodeled in 1819 for the visit of Czar Alexander I, for the building had been converted to an inn by this time. The entire upper story was renovated for the czar and his retinue.

The Kahiluoto manor, from the parish of Taivassalo, has fine examples of Dutch-tile fireplaces ("kaakeliuuni") and other elegant furniture typical of wealthy homes in the mid-eighteenth century.

The Antti farmstead with its enclosed farmyard, from Western Finland, is the scene of many folk dance presentations and plays. Inquire at the Helsinki City Tourist Office so you can schedule your visit to coincide with a presentation there.

In 1939 the museum acquired a Karelian farmhouse from Suojärvi in Border Karelia (presently in the Soviet Union.) This building provided shelter for both people and animals. This is typical of the large Karelian farmhouses which were often three stories, with animals, a root cellar and storerooms on the first floor, while people lived upstairs. The inhabitants were Greek Orthodox; reminders of their faith still remain.

Eight complete farmsteads are included in the island's almost-100 buildings.

The Seurasaari collection also includes several charming barns and granaries collected from throughout Finland. They are of typical log construction, many with an outside loft, which was used as sleeping quarters in the summer.

Lapland is also represented in the island's collection by a barn and turf-roof cottage as well as a "tree storehouse", a little house built atop a tall stump. Meat and fish were stored in the latter, keeping it safe from wild animals.

The Karuna Church, dating from 1686 and the oldest building in the museum, has an interesting history. A young officer, Arvid Horn, fell in love with his cousin, who was too closely related to be allowed to marry him. However, determined Arvid kidnapped a clergyman and held him hostage until he performed the ceremony. Since the legality of the marriage was considered questionable, the couple was not allowed to sit in the front pew of the church as had been their custom, nor receive communion. In time Horn built a church of his own, and sat where he pleased. The church was moved to Seurasaari in 1912, where it is a favorite site for weddings; church services are held there in the summer. Buried in the churchyard are Axel Heikil and his wife.

In 1913 the museum acquired the cottage of Aleksis Kivi, author of SEITSEMÄN VELJESTÄ (THE SEVEN BROTHERS). This cottage is a replica of the original, which burned when it was being reconstructed. Kivi spent the summer of 1863 in this cottage while he completed two plays, "Kullervo" and "Nummisuutarit" ("The Village Cobblers").

Finland's many lakes and rivers have served as transportation routes for centuries. Seurasaari has two examples of church boats used to transport folks to churches which were often quite some distance away. The larger one is from Virrat. It is 21.4 meters long, has 14 pairs of oars, and carried up to 100 people. It was built in 1897.

Also located on the grounds is a festival field, Juhlakenttä, which is the site of frequent concerts and celebrations, the most important being on the eve of Midsummer Day (Juhannus).

To get to Seurasaari from downtown Helsinki, take bus #24 from the Erottaja bus stop in front of the Swedish theater on Mannerheimintie. The three-mile ride takes about fifteen minutes. Cruises from the harbor also go to Seurasaari; inquire at the city tourist office for schedules. The island's buildings are open daily from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Wednesdays until 7:00. However, you may wander the island paths at any hour.

Lillian Lehto, Librarian



# GIFT SHOP

The Gift Shop also sells craft items, kanteles, song books and collector stamps.

The volunteers are here Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Stop in and keep us busy with your shopping.

Get your St. Urho cards, books and tee shirts. Gift certificates are always available.

## GIFT SHOP HOURS:

10 am - 4 pm Mondays, Wednesday, & Friday

10 am - 2 pm Saturdays

**Refer to the calendar for additional dates & times.**

## PASTY BAKE

The FCA will be baking pasties again on Saturday, September 26th. Call your order in early to the Finnish Center at 248-478-6939 or email to [fcacenter@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fcacenter@sbcglobal.net). Be sure to include your name, phone number, and the number of pasties you are ordering. The cost is \$5 per pasty and the proceeds help support the mission of the Finnish Center.

Orders are to be picked up at the FCA between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 26.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to help with the pasty bake on both Friday (Sept. 25) and Saturday (Sept. 26). Call Margaret at 248-478-6939.

### RETIRE TO FAIRFIELD GLADE, TENNESSEE

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**RETIREMENT LIVING FOR LESS**

# SOCIALLY SPEAKING

We have set some tentative dates for Social activities, for which we've not received formal approval yet. They are:

- Sun., Oct. 11, another traditional Finnish Breakfast from 12:00-2:00 p.m. featuring Puuro, Pirrakka, and Pulla.
- Wed., Nov. 18, a Veterans' Day Luncheon, serving at 12:00 noon.
- Fri., Dec. 11, a Christmas Potluck meal at 3:00 p.m., convenient for all who prefer to drive in the daytime.

Jot the dates down, and via the next Newsletter, we will tell you more.

Kiitos,

Ilene Maki Yanke, Social

## CONCERT

Please come and listen to Laurel Premo's concert/presentation of traditional music and instrument from Finnish on Sunday September, 20th at 2:00 PM. Light refreshments will follow.

Laurel Premo is a student in the Performing Arts Technology Department of the University of Michigan School of Music. She studied Finnish traditional music at the Department of Folk Music at Sibelius Academy in Helsinki, Finland during the fall 2008. You can learn more about Laurel and her music from her website [www.laurelpremo.com](http://www.laurelpremo.com).

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