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November–December/Marraskuu–Joulukuu 2014

Silvercocoon Design Tia Salmela Keobounpheng

This month, we welcome Tia Salmela Keobounpheng, daughter of renowned Finnish American architect David Salmela and co-founder of Silvercocoon, a Minneapolis-based design studio. She will talk about Silvercocoon's approach to design projects of varying scales, show examples of their work, and discuss the experiences, influences, and inspirations that have helped mold her design lens. A selection of her jewelry will be available for viewing and purchase after her presentation.

Tia was born in 1977 on the Iron Range to parents with 100% Finnish heritage. She earned a BA degree in Architecture from the University of Minnesota in 2000 and, with 14 years working in the design work, she has spent much of her life exploring the connections between art, design, craft, and architecture.



She co-founded Silvercocoon in 2001 with her husband as an outlet for working on small design projects across disciplines. Their design approach encompasses everything they do, from how they garden to how they shovel and ultimately how they create and design. You could say that Silvercocoon is their life's work. Residential design, art installations, products and graphic work blend into family life with their two young sons, Silo and Veli. They work collaboratively on some projects and pursue others alone.

Program In Brief

Silvercocoon Design
Tia Salmela Keobounpheng

November 21, 7:30 p.m.
International Institute
1694 Como Ave., St. Paul
*For help finding a ride to the program:
call any of the board members*

Her line of jewelry, which debuted in a solo trunk show at the Walker Art Center shop in November 2007, embodies a simple, organic and playful style that celebrates to the modern woman at every age. "I believe in using your best set of dishes every day. I'm also a fan of comfortable shoes. Keeping these notions in mind when designing jewelry, my collection turns every day into a special occasion."

She and her work have been featured in numerous local, regional and national publications including *Minnesota Monthly*, *Midwest HOME*, *Minneapolis St Paul Magazine*, *Metro*, *Architecture MN*, *Nordic Reach*, and *Ready Made*. Her jewelry is carried in museum shops and design stores across the United States and in Panama.

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President's Message

By *Gene Ollila*

Outside my study window, the stunning yellows, reds and oranges of the maples, elms and the hackberry are stunning. Flocks of robins are invading and flying around here. Yesterday we were birding in Isanti county and were amazed by the many large oaks turning to red/brown. I have always thought it wonderful how tamaracks just "light up" the air around their grove with their yellow. We saw bluebirds and pileated woodpeckers. This truly has been a remarkable fall.



Our last FACA program was entertaining, with Larry Saukko teaching everyone the pronunciation of the Finnish alphabet. I am looking forward to the coming months, especially to bringing my 6- and 8-year old grandchildren to *Juonlu—A Magical Finnish Christmas* and its *Pikkujoulu* in December. They both are sponges for learning.

As you read this *Untiset*, the Nordic American Thanksgiving Breakfast is coming up on Tuesday morning, November 25. This year the Breakfast is sponsored by the Swedes, and it will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Bloomington. If you don't have tickets yet, please get in touch with our Finnish Honorary Consul, Marianne Wargelin, at (612) 374-2718. We had a good sale at the last FACA program, but there still are tickets available.

We need some help: Can you remove old financial data from an ancient computer (a Mac) we plan to recycle? The program can't be used any more, but some of the information is still helpful. Contact our treasurer, Janie Ahola.

A concern of mine relating to computerization is our apparent need to be "connected" 24/7, no matter what we are doing. Those of us who grew up in an era without continuous connections have a hard time understanding this. One of my work partners walked three blocks from her car to the office, continuously speaking on her cell phone every day, even if I was walking next to her. I have almost run into individuals who weren't looking where they were walking.

Please note: We will rely on WCCO radio and television to post notices of FACA cancellations in case of bad weather. A good use of technology!

I have been encouraged by good discussions at FACA board meetings, and look forward to more, perhaps about the part the board can play in determining FACA's role in this community.

Board Notes *By Ruth Erkkila*



L-R: Front: John Rova, Ruth Erkkila, Janie Ahola, Back: Gene Ollila, Dennis Halme, Richard Harju.

The meeting was called to order on October 14 at 6:42 at Bakers Square on Ford Parkway in St. Paul. Present: president Gene Ollila, vice president Dennis Halme, treasurer Janie Ahola, secretary Ruth Erkkila, hospitality chair Richard Harju, membership chair John Rova and past president Bob Berry.

The minutes of the previous board meeting were accepted.

Janie reported that she has all financial records and access to the post office box and checking account. She complimented Edie Boos for immaculate records and the smooth transition. She will keep the FACA records in Excel spreadsheets (as of September 2014).

Dennis reported that the program on Friday by Lauri Saukko will be Essential Finnish. Richard needs four more volunteers later in the year. FACA provides coffee, juice, cups, napkins and plates. The volunteers need only bring the treats.

John will have FACA brochures at the sign-in table for members to pick up and use to recruit new members. Moved, seconded, and passed: speakers will receive a complimentary one-year FACA membership.

Old business: *Joulu—Magical Finnish Christmas* will be December 13 at Christ Church Lutheran. Information is in the *Untiset*. Ruth will write a short article for the next *Finnish American Reporter (FAR)* and include *Joulu* information.

New business: Gene has scheduled meetings with Marianne Wargelin, the honorary Finnish American Counsel, and Betsy Norgard of

Finlandia Foundation to discuss the relationship of these organizations with FACA.

The Nordic American Thanksgiving Breakfast tickets will be available at the FACA program for \$25 each, \$20 for students.

Salolampi Scholarship: FACA has not yet pledged money for the scholarship fund. Gene will invite Marlene Bantari and Kathy Jackson to our next meeting to discuss scholarships.

Membership: Richard Harju suggested a survey as a way to get members' opinions about making FACA a more effective organization and attractive to people of various ages.

Archiving: Beth Jarvis has the more recent *Untiset* archived on our internet server. John Rova said that the IHRC is not interested in FACA meeting minutes because they are short of space. Ruth will contact *FAR* and the archive in Hancock, MI. John Rova is a member of the IHRC Board and would like to represent the FACA Board. There would be a \$40 fee for this. He will confirm the amount.

Moved, seconded and passed: The FACA Friday events will be called the FACA "program," not "meeting."

We need to confirm our bad weather policy before the coming winter.

Sauna Bucket nominations are now open. Members can submit a nomination to any Board Member. The nominations will be accepted until December 31, 2014.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

The next board meeting will be 6:30 p.m., November 18, at Bakers Square, Highland Park, St. Paul.

In case of bad weather, FACA will place a CANCEL notice on WCCO (TV, radio and/or website).

Welcome, New Member!
Weldon Makela of Shoreview
Tervetuloa!

Wonderful Support for Finnish Language Village

By Linda Warpula Davis and Ruthann Rintala Swanson, Co-chairs of Salolampi Foundation's Scholarship Phonathon

The Phonathon Committee says “*Paljon kiitoksia, paljon kiitoksia*” to the many FACA members who helped this year's fund raising be a success. We are grateful to all the volunteers who took time out of their busy lives.

Again this year, FACA volunteers have been the backbone of our effort. They have called from the Thrivent Building, where InFaith (Thrivent renamed) has its offices, or from home. They have been tireless workers at dealing with all the subsequent paperwork.

On-site callers: Marlene Banttari, Edith Boos, Ken Daniels, Linda Warpula Davis, Frank Hanson, John Hanson, Curt Jackson, Robert Katvala, Gil Kinnunen, Lila Koivisto, Ove Lilja, Judy Mikola, Carol Pesola, Bette Ruskanen, Dan and Delores Salin, Seija Stratton, and Ruthann Rintala Swanson.

Off-site callers from FACA: Stella Arola, Elsie Barnaby, Bud Berry, Marcia Chess, Evelyn Eskeli, Pat Grimes, Marilyn Harma, Urho Rahkola, Virgene Routhe, Mauno and Elaine Silpila, and Tiina Watts.

Administrative aides: Kathy Chambless, Jeanne Swope, Adrian Swanson, Ruthann Rintala Swanson and Luella Zibell.

Many former Salolampi Adult Week attendees who live all over the nation put in many hours to support the Language Village they have enjoyed.

The annual Salolampi Foundation Phonathon is for the sole purpose of raising funds for scholarships that enable children to experience the unique and special place that is Salolampi Language Village. Readers who would like to contribute to the scholarship fund can send gifts to: Salolampi Foundation, P.O. Box 14480, Minneapolis, MN 55414-0480. Donations are also accepted at the secure website, www.salolampi.org

Nordic American Thanksgiving Breakfast

Looking for tickets to sit at one of the Finnish tables at the Nordic American Thanksgiving Breakfast on Tuesday, November 25? Call Marianne Wargelin at (612) 374-2718.

The breakfast is held at DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, 7800 Normandale Boulevard, Bloomington. Seating starts at 6:30 a.m., program at 7:00 a.m. Tickets are \$25/person or \$22.50 if part of a table of 10.

This year the breakfast is sponsored by the Swedes and Bruce Karstad, Honorary Consul of Sweden and CEO of ASI. Speakers include Andrew Zimmern, Kevin Kling, and the Reverend Ruth MacKenzie. Emcee is Don Shelby, and we will hear the Gustavus Adolphus College Choir directed by Dr. Gregory Aune.

Celebrate Finland's Independence Day

Saturday, December 6, 3:00 p.m.
Christ Church Lutheran,
3244 34th Ave. S., Minneapolis



Join Finlandia Foundation-Twin Cities to celebrate Finland's Independence Day on Saturday, December 6, at Christ Church Lutheran, with an afternoon program at 3:00 p.m. Matti Jutila, the University of Minnesota's Government of Finland/David and Nancy Speer Visiting Assistant Professor in Political Science, will speak about Finland, Ukraine and European security.

There will be music, along with the reading of traditional greetings and singing of the national anthem. A reception and coffee will follow the program. A free-will donation is requested. For information, call (651) 270-9784.

Sara Pajunen to Perform with VocalEssence

Sara Pajunen will perform in *A VocalEssence Scandinavian and Nordic Christmas* with carols from Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Finland. Included in the event is a new Christmas cantata, *A Light in the Stable* by Alan Bullard, with Katherine Ferrand as narrator, and two premieres of contest-winning Welcome Christmas carols accompanied by folk fiddler Sara Pajunen. Performances are December 5, 6, 7, 13 and 14. For locations and times, see <http://www.vocalescence.org/event/welcome-christmas/>

All the information about *Joulu*—*Magical Finnish Christmas*

The third annual *Joulu—Magical Finnish Christmas* will take place on Saturday, December 13, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at Christ Church Lutheran, 3244 34th Ave., S., in Minneapolis. Street parking is available. If weather is a question, call (612) 460-1573 on the day of the event.

Please tell others and bring family and friends; they do not have to be Finnish!

The centerpiece of *Joulu* is the elegant buffet served by Soile Anderson, from noon to 2:00 p.m. The menu offers the traditional Christmas delicacies enjoyed at *Pikkujoulu*—Christmas pork roast; traditional carrot and rutabaga casseroles; herring, cucumber, and other salads; breads; and Scandinavian strawberry torte. Buffet ticket costs are \$32 for adults, and \$15 for children ages 5-15; children 4 and under are free. Tickets can be purchased either online at <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/holiday-christmas-buffet-at-joulu-magical-finnish-christmas-tickets-13372478443?aff=eac2> or by calling Johanna Lorbach at (612) 460-1573. The deadline to purchase tickets is Friday, Dec. 5.

Other activities at *Joulu* are:

- 3 p.m.—at *Kauneimmat Joululaulut* (“the most beautiful Christmas songs”)—Sing the familiar and new songs of Christmas that also will be sung across Finland in December. Music from *Ameriikan Poijat*, Harvey Gustafson on organ, and Sara Pajunen. Performance of the *Tiernapojat* (“Starboys”, traditional musical play about the Three Magi.
- *Joulutori*/Marketplace—shop for gifts, crafts, books, music, etc.
- Finnish Christmas films playing during the afternoon.
- Children’s activities.
- Wreath Design Contest—bring a wreath (4'x 4' max.) by noon, decorated to the *Joulu* theme.
- The Finnish Café—offering Christmas tarts; *pulla* (cardamom bread); Christmas cookies and torte; coffee, tea, and juice.

If you are able, please help beforehand with chairs and set-up or at *Joulu* as greeters, guides, ticket takers, etc. Contact John Rova at (612) 729-1585 or Dan Salin at (763) 544-1441.

Please consider a donation to help support the Finnish community with the expenses of this event.

More: www.joulumn.org or call (651) 270-9784.

Finnish Wind Turbine Workshop in St. Paul

FACC-MN Newsletter

Moventas, a Finland-based manufacturer of wind turbine gearboxes, plans to open a facility in St. Paul, where it is expected to create 20 jobs initially and grow its workforce to 60 within five years. The company plans to open its gearbox services workshop by February 1, 2015.

"Moventas is an international leader in the alternative energy production field and we're absolutely thrilled that this Finnish company has chosen St. Paul's East Side for their facility," St. Paul Port Authority President Louis Jambois said in a statement.

This will be Moventas's first service facility in the Midwest, where many other wind industry manufacturers are located. The company provides service for Moventas-brand gearboxes, as well as other brands on the market. It has similar service workshops in Texas, Oregon and Ontario.

Conversational Finnish Class

Tuesdays, 4:00-5:25 p.m.

St. Anthony Library

Corner of Como and Carter Ave.

St. Paul

Everyone is welcome.

For more information, please call

Urho Rahkola at (651) 429-3319

FACA Membership

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October Program Recap

By Dennis Halme

For our October program, Larry Saukko talked about essential Finnish. Larry is truly a good-humored and gifted teacher who makes learning fun. We heard many things about the language, but the concentration was on pronunciation, *ääntäminen*. The audience bravely and pretty successfully repeated Larry's examples of Finnish sounds.

First thing to know, said Larry: The stress in Finnish is always on the first syllable, even in multisyllabic words, even if the word contains long vowel sounds.

Finnish is an easy language to read and write. Once you know how each sound is spelled, you can read any word you see. If you hear a word, you can spell it. Each letter has only one sound and each sound has only one possible spelling.

At the end, Larry played a song about potatoes on his accordion and the group sang along.

The evening went extremely well, with plenty of conversation and questions during the coffee time.

I hope he has inspired some of us to attend *Oppitunti* conversation group on Tuesdays, or Spring or Fall Adult Week at Salolampi, where he still teaches.

If you would like a copy of Larry's presentation, he is willing to email it to anyone who contacts him. Email is larry.saukko@gmail.com.



Requested Recipe

At a spring FACA meeting, Marlene Banttari brought this delicious cake. Now you can have it at home! It will be just as fine as part of your winter coffee table.

BLUEBERRY COFFEE CAKE

2 cups sugar
1/2 cup butter (1 stick)
4 oz. cream cheese
3 eggs
1 egg white
3 cups all-purpose flour
2 cups (1 pint) fresh blueberries (frozen work)
1 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. baking soda
1/2 tsp. salt
8 oz. vanilla or lemon yogurt
2 tsp. pure vanilla extract

Glaze:

1/2 cup powdered sugar
4 Tsp. fresh lemon juice

Or double recipe if a thicker glaze is desired.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour a large fluted tube pan or Bundt pan and set aside.

In a mixing bowl, beat together the sugar, butter, and cream cheese until blended. Add the eggs and egg white and beat well. Measure the flour into a separate bowl. Remove 2 Tbsp. of the flour and toss with the blueberries in a small bowl. Add the baking powder, baking soda and salt to the bowl with the flour. Mix. Start adding the flour mixture into the butter mixture alternating with yogurt.

When all the flour and yogurt are added, add the vanilla and then carefully fold in the blueberries. Pour the batter into the pan and bake for 65–70 minutes, until browned, risen and toothpick comes out clean. Cool the cake in the pan for 15 minutes and then remove from the pan.

If desired, glaze the cake with glaze made with 4 tsp. lemon juice mixed with 1/2 cup sifted powdered sugar. Drizzle over cooled cake before serving. Serves 16–20.

Recipe adapted from Winter 2014, Penzey's Spices magazine.

Events Calendar

Nov. 16 Finn Hall hosts an evening dance. Minneapolis Eagles' Club, 2507 E. 25th St., Minneapolis, 6:00–9:00 p.m. Enjoy an evening of live music and dance.

Nov. 16 6:00 p.m. Finnish Culture through Movies group, Christ Church Lutheran, 3244 34th Ave South, Minneapolis. *Leijonasydän*, finnkinno.fi/eng/Event/299745/. More information: Minnesotafinnish.org; click on Suomi-koulu, then Groups, then Finnish Culture through Movies or call (651) 428-3155.

Nov. 21 November FACA program, 7:30 p.m. International Institute of Minnesota.

Nov. 22 Annual Finnish Genealogy Group-Minnesota Research Day. Learn about searching for family history, or bring your questions! All-day event, 9:30 to 3:00 p.m. Includes potluck lunch. Plymouth Apostolic Church, 11015 Old County Road 15. Driving directions or changes/cancellations: minnesotafinnish.org; click on left menu, Finnish Genealogy Group

Nov. 23 Diane Jarvi CD release concert. Cedar Cultural Center, 416 Cedar Ave. S., Minneapolis, 7:30 p.m. More information: <http://www.thecedar.org/events/>

Nov. 25 Nordic American Thanksgiving Breakfast. DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, 7800 Normandale Blvd, Bloomington. Seating starts 6:30 a.m.; program 7:00 a.m. Tickets \$25/person or \$22.50 if part of a table of 10. Call Marianne Wargelin at (612) 374-2718.

Dec 6 *Pikkujoulu* at Cokato Finnish American Historical Society. Meet at 3:30 p.m. for candle lighting at Finnish cemetery. Potluck supper at Cokato Township Hall, Country Road 3 and 30th St. SW, 4:30 p.m. More information: Harvey Barberg, heidibharveyb@gmail.com

Dec. 13 *Joulu—Magical Finnish Christmas*. Christ Church Lutheran, 3244 34th Ave., S., Minneapolis, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. See article on page 5. Even more information: www.joulumn.org or call (651) 270-9784.

Dec. 21 Finnish Culture through Movies group, Christ Church Lutheran, 3244 34th Ave South, Minneapolis. 6:00 p.m. *Niko 2: Lentäjäveljekset*. finnkinno.fi/eng/Event/299367/. More information: See Nov. 16, above.

Dec. 22 Deadline to submit articles for January *Untiset*. Send to facaeditor@gmail.com by midnight.

Jan. 16 January FACA program, 7:30 p.m. International Institute of Minnesota.

Jan. 18 Finnish Culture through Movies group, Christ Church Lutheran, 3244 34th Ave South, Minneapolis. 6:00 p.m. *Kekkonen tulee*, finnkinno.fi/Event/299695/. More information: See Nov. 16.

Tuesdays. Conversational Finnish group, St. Anthony Library, Corner of Como and Carter Ave., St. Paul, 4:00-5:25 p.m. Everyone welcome. Information: Urho Rahkola, (651) 429-3319.

Thursdays. The Kisarit Finnish American Folk Dancers Thursdays at the St. Sahag Armenian Church 203 N. Howell St., St. Paul (**new location**), 7:00 p.m. The group does not meet during holidays. New members welcome. Call Dan (763) 544-1441.

Fridays. Finlanders at the U of M conversation hour at Bordertown Coffee, 315 16th Ave. SE, Minneapolis. For more information or to check on meeting day/time: karvo001@umn.edu.

Condolences

Katherine (Kaisa) Maki Schultz, age 80, of Stillwater passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on October 8, 2014. Preceded in death by daughter, Carol Ann. Survived by husband Bill of 59 years; children, David (Diane), Linda and Rick (Paula); and grandchildren. Cards can be sent to: Bill Schultz and family, 1810 Nolan Ave. N., Stillwater, MN 55082-1731.

Donald G. Gullickson, Jr. age 55, on October 15, 2014. Donald is the son of long-time FACA members Donald, Sr. and Blossom Gullickson. Also survived by wife, Christine; son, Luke; sister, Lynn (Steve) Spencer; many other relatives and friends. Memorials to the family preferred.

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FACA needs your ideas and your helping hand. If you can help with any of the committees or events, please return this form. Thanks!

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Pieniä Paloja

- **Hospitality in October** was provided by Linda Warpula Davis, Ruthann Swanson and Bette Ruskanen. *Kiitos!*
- Almost **one of every hundred coffee beans in the world is imported to Finland**. When it comes to java, the Finns are in a league of their own. In Finland, the average price of a home-brewed cup of coffee is currently 5.75 cents. Could this be one of the reasons Finns drink so much of it? Finland is not number one (that's Lichtenstein). Finnish coffee and cocoa producer Paulig's marketing manager predicts that Finland's consumption simply can't grow any higher.
- Scientists know that the species of **blue-green algae that plagues Finland** can produce ethanol, hydrogen, butanol, isobutanol and potentially biodiesel in a laboratory setting. What still isn't known is whether this fuel could be produced on an industrial scale. Cyanobacterium is one of the oldest organisms on the planet and its longevity is explained by its ability to convert the sun's energy into chemical energy. The tiny microbes work like milk cows kept under perfect conditions so their udders never run dry.
- The Finnish Museums Association is planning to introduce a **multiple-entry museum card** that will allow the holder to visit all of the country's participating museums. The proposed one-card system will set visitors back 54 euros apiece. If the idea gets sufficient traction among member museums, the card will come into use next year. Visitors who take advantage of the multiple access cards stand to save up to 60 percent off the normal ticket price for each museum visit.
- A Kiekko Vantaa game in October saw the historic debut of **Noora Rätty** in the second-tier Mestis league. Rätty saved 31 shots as her team fell to SaPKo 5-1. Rätty has played for Finland and the University of Minnesota, but this year announced her retirement from the women's game after the Sochi Olympics, having grown tired of working full-time and training full-time to both earn a living and play elite hockey. Her switch to the men's game was intended to solve that dilemma.

Last four items from YLE