



# Uutiset

## NEWSLETTER OF THE FINNISH AMERICAN CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, INC.

Lokakuu/October 2013

### **FinnFest USA 2014: Honoring the 150th Anniversary of Modern Finnish Immigration to North America**

#### **K. Marianne Wargelin - Honorary Consul of Fin- land in the Twin Cities and President of FinnFest USA**

Join us at our October program as Marianne Wargelin talks about FinnFest 2014 and the implementation of a new way of organizing FinnFest USA. It will be the first festival organized by a new 501(c)3 corporation, FinnFest USA Events. Support Marianne and volunteers by bringing your questions and new ideas.

FinnFest USA is returning to the Twin Cities for its annual festival, August 8-10, 2014. FinnFest events in Helsinki and a Russian River Cruise including Karelia are also being planned.

FinnFest USA will honor the 150th anniversary of the start of Modern Finnish Immigration to North America, reflecting on the past while celebrating the contemporary flair we have spun



#### **Program In Brief**

**FinnFest 2014  
Marianne Wargelin**

**October 18, 7:30 p.m.  
International Institute  
1694 Como Ave., St. Paul  
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to things Finnish in the U.S. So far, a kick-off event in Cokato (where those first modern Finnish immigrants settled) and events in the Twin Cities coinciding with major art exhibits and musical events are in the works.

Although traditional festival activities won't be ignored, FinnFest 2014 hopes to focus on contemporary Finland and encourage fresh, creative experiences to attract our youth and others interested in Finland. Volunteers will still provide the inspiration, energy, and creativity, but the new format will no longer be a massive series of events that overwhelm the local volunteers.

Marianne Wargelin is the Honorary Consul for the Republic of Finland in the Twin Cities and President of FinnFest USA since 2004. She has been involved in many local and national  
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## President's Message

By *Bud Berry*

We began another season for FACA with our September 2013 program at the International Institute of Minnesota.

Jouko Sipila, president of Finnish American Chamber of Commerce–Minnesota and a member of FACA, talked about the contributions of this organization to connections between businesses in Finland and Minnesota. I felt that Jouko presented a living checklist of Finnish and American organizations that can help Finnish and Minnesota companies shorten the time needed to successfully begin a new business or expand new products.

Board members who were present at the meeting were introduced. Feel free to call them with your comments and ideas.

The growth of FACA is dependent on new members. FACA has interesting programs that are open to all. Please consider inviting neighbors, relatives, and friends who show an interest in Finnish or Finnish-American matters. People do not have to have a Finnish heritage. Please risk success and invite them!

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## Wargelin, from cover

organizations and projects. Marianne free lances as an instructor, researcher, lecturer and writer, specializing in the study of small cultures within Western Culture, particularly Finnish America and Finland. Currently a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Tampere in Finland, her dissertation studies the changing identity of the Finnish American community.

A social hour with coffee and treats will follow the presentation.

## Reminder: Finnish American Chamber of Commerce Social Hour and Hockey Game

Minnesota Wild vs. Florida Panthers. Friday, November 15, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. Social hour at 5:00 p.m. Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul.

Act now to secure tickets. We may be able to accept later signups, but group seating is not guaranteed.

Our seats will be in the lower bowl, Section 125-126.

To register, go to <http://wildfinns.eventbrite.com>  
To pay by check, email Jouko and mail check payable to FACC-MN to:

Jouko Sipila  
Finnish-American Chamber of Commerce Minnesota  
5780 Providence Curve,  
Independence, MN 55359



## Board Notes

By Ruth Erkkila

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. Sept. 18 by President Bud Berry in Perkins restaurant, Roseville. All Board members were present.

Minutes of the last meeting were accepted. Treasurer Edith Boos reported the balance, projected income, and projected expenses. There is a likely deficit due to no projected income from the Finnish cafe at the Festival of Nations.

President Bud Berry reported that a Christmas celebration for members of all Twin Cities Finnish groups and guests will be December 14 at Christ Church Lutheran. The event is free; the luncheon buffet will cost \$28/person. Dan Salin is chair of an ad hoc committee planning the event.

Nominations for the FACA Sauna Bucket Award will be accepted October 1 through December. Contact any Board member to make a nomination.

John Rova will chair the membership committee.

Vice President Janie Ahola talked about possible future programs. Since February is *Laskiainen*, a speaker may not be required.

Hospitality Chair Richard Harju reminded Board members we bring the lunch for the Sept. program on Friday.

The Board voted to donate \$200 to Salolampi.

The next Board meeting will be Tuesday, October 14 at 6:30 pm at the Hamline Library. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

### Condolences

Woodrow Arola, brother of Harvey Arola, passed away, Sept. 11, 2013. at the age of 86. He lived in Evergreen Township, Becker County, MN.

### 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

## Research Day at Finnish Genealogy Group-Minnesota

The Finnish Genealogy Group will hold its October meeting on Saturday, October 19, the third Saturday. This is the annual Research Day and potluck luncheon.

This will be an all-day research/workshop meeting, 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Members will provide a potluck luncheon at noon. FGG members who have special knowledge in specific areas of Finnish and/or American genealogy research will host at stations.

Topics include all the major online resources, Finnish, Swedish, and Norwegian records, Minnesota Historical Society, Migration Institute, 23 and Me, and Ancestry.com. Members and guests can move about from station to station to learn more about their areas of interest.

This is a great opportunity to invite guests who would like to learn some of the "how to's" of Finnish and Finnish American research, or help on how to proceed when hitting a "brick wall."

The Research Day meeting will be held at the Plymouth Apostolic Church, 11015 Old County Road 15.

From I-394: Turn North on Hennepin County Rd 73 (Hopkins Crossroad). This turns into Zachary Lane. Follow to Sunset Trail North (veer right). Church is located at intersection of Sunset Trail North and Old County Rd. 15, on the right.

From Highway 55: South on Hennepin County Rd 73 (road is named South Shore Drive to the North). Continue on 73 through the curve and turn right at the stop sign (intersection of Sunset Trail North and Old County Rd. 15). Church is on the left.

The date of the meeting was changed from the usual fourth Saturday meeting so FGG members and friends could attend the annual Family History Fair at the Minneapolis Central Library on the fourth Saturday. (See article on page 6.)

## **Joulu—Magical Finnish Christmas Second Annual Finnish Christmas Celebration**

Saturday, December 14—11 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Christ Church Lutheran, 3244 34th Ave. S., Min-  
neapolis

By *Betsy Norgard*

The Finnish and Finnish American community of the Twin Cities is again planning the celebration *Joulu—Magical Finnish Christmas*. Mark your calendars and invite out-of-town relatives and friends. Watch for the November *Uutiset* for updates to this information.

Traditional Holiday Christmas Buffet, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.—Finnish chef Soile Anderson continues the *Pikkujoulu* dinner tradition with her Holiday Christmas Buffet. Deco Catering will offer a sumptuous and elegant selection of Finnish delicacies. Featured in the Christmas buffet will be herbal roasted wild Alaskan salmon with cucumber dill sauce and Christmas ham, accompanied by breads; a variety of herrings, cheese, and lox salmon; pea, red beet, and cucumber salads; holiday rutabaga, carrot, and liver casseroles; and Scandinavian strawberry torte for dessert. Join other families to continue this years-old *Pikkujoulu* tradition. The cost for the Christmas buffet is \$28 for adults; \$15 for children ages 5-12; and free for children age 4 and under. See details for tickets and reservations in the November newsletter.

*Kauneimmat Joululaulut*, 3 p.m.—Following the buffet, enjoy Finland's popular Christmas sing-along of carols and holiday music in the beautiful Christ Church Lutheran sanctuary. With music from the Finnish Language School of Minnesota children. More details to come.



*Tiernapojat* (Starboys), 12:30 p.m.—This traditional musical play has its roots in medieval depictions of the Three Magi story. In Finland, the boys' procession originated in Oulu and also includes non-biblical elements. More details to come.

Wreath Design Contest—Create your own wreaths with the theme “Magical Finnish Christmas” to bring for decoration during the afternoon at Joulu and to take home. Judging will take place with prizes awarded during the event. The maximum size is 4 feet by 4 feet; bring decorated wreaths to the event by noon.



*Joulutori* (Marketplace), 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.—The *Joulutori* will be a great place to do some Christmas shopping for Finnish imports, crafts, books, CDs, and tasty treats, featuring FinnStyle and local vendors and craftspeople.

Finnish Christmas films—Watch Finnish Christmas films all during the afternoon.

Children's activities, for kids of all ages, during the afternoon, led by the Finnish Language School of Minnesota.

Finnish Café, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.—Enjoy hot apple cider, and coffee with an assortment of Finnish soups, sandwiches, and light fares. More details to come.

Volunteers are needed to help host this community-wide event. If you are interested in helping beforehand with chairs and set-up or at Joulu as greeters, guides, ticket takers, etc., contact Dan Salin at (763)-544-1441.

*Joulu—Magical Finnish Christmas* is co-sponsored by Finlandia Foundation-Twin Cities, Finnish American Chamber of Commerce, Finnish American Cultural Activities, FinnStyle, the Finnish Language School of Minnesota and the Honorary Consulate of Finland.

## ***Boats and Saunas, Rag Rugs and Skis— Understanding Material Culture in Finnish America***

### **Lecture by Yvonne Lockwood**

Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2013  
6:30 p.m., American Swedish Institute, 2600 Park Ave. S., Minneapolis  
\$7 general; \$5 Finlandia Foundation-TC and ASI members. Sponsored by Finlandia Foundation-Twin Cities and American Swedish Institute

*By Betsey Norgard*

What are the special “things” you remember from your Finnish grandparents’ and other immigrants’ homes—rag rugs, birchbark baskets, Christmas foods, woodcarvings, etc.? What did the Finnish immigrants choose to bring with them from the old country?



Material culture—the tangible things crafted by a culture—tells a story about the community of people who created these objects and used them across time and space. Yvonne Lockwood, a retired curator of folk life, discusses the role of material culture in Finnish America, examining why and how it has changed or disappeared. For example, how have Finnish America’s and Finland’s rag rug traditions—once the same—deviated from each other over a century? She will explain this as well as discuss other traditional Finnish woodcrafts and foodways, also illustrating how the same methodology can apply to other ethnic populations in the U.S.

Yvonne Lockwood was curator of folk life at the Michigan State University Museum for nearly 30 years until her retirement in 2009. A Finnish American native of Michigan’s Upper Peninsula, Lockwood has researched and written on various aspects of Finnish America; currently she is comparing traditional material culture in Finnish America and in Finland. Her book, *Finnish American Rag Rugs: Art, Tradition, and Ethnic Continuity*, is the result of 20 years of research and interviews

with weavers and loommakers. She serves this year as the sixth Lecturer of the Year selected by Finlandia Foundation National.

For more information call (651) 270-9784.

### **Egg Cheese**

3 litres of whole milk (3.17 qts. or 12.68 cups)\*  
1 litre buttermilk (1.05 qt. or 4.23 cups)\*  
3 eggs  
1 tsp salt

Bring the milk almost to the boil in a saucepan, stirring from time to time. Beat the eggs slightly until the yolks and whites are blended, and mix with buttermilk. Pour the mixture into the hot milk in the saucepan. Switch off the stove and let the cheese mixture stay over the warm stove for about half an hour, until the curd and whey are separated.



Cover a wooden cheese mould or a coffee filter with a damp cheesecloth. Place the curds with a skimmer onto the mould. Add some salt. Cover the curds with a cheesecloth and set a weight on top of it. In a cool place, let the whey drip until the following day.

Unmould the cheese to serve it. The excess whey can be used for bread or roll dough.

The cheese lasts longer if it is brushed with eggs and baked until golden brown in an oven at 225°C (440F).

[http://www.foodfromfinland.com/recipes/starters/egg\\_cheese.410.shtml](http://www.foodfromfinland.com/recipes/starters/egg_cheese.410.shtml)

\* An American website reported using three quarts of homogenized milk and a quart of buttermilk, with 3 eggs, etc.

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## Fun Facts Learned at FinnFest

by Jeanne Swope

At a FinnFest 2013 session, attendees learned about Finns as some of the earliest American settlers. The New Sweden Colony, founded in the mid-1600s in the Delaware River area, New Sweden Colony in the mid-1600s, Delaware River area, was not only one of the first European settlements in the New World, but was FULL OF FINNS.

The Swedish king and his government encouraged Savo-Karelians to move to deep forests in central Sweden, because they had a unique profile that made them ideal to settle the area—they practiced *huubta*, a slash-and-burn form of agriculture that allowed them to quickly produce excellent rye crops, they were completely comfortable in the woods, they were flexible about moving anywhere and learning new languages.

They were also very uncomfortable neighbors for the Swedes, as it turns out, and when Sweden made its foray into the New World, these “Forest Finns” of Sweden were prime candidates to be sent on to do the hard, necessary work to establish the Swedish colony.

Researchers looking in Germany for antecedents to the American log cabin were stunned to find them—not at all in Germany, but in Finn-settled areas of Sweden and Norway and in the eastern Finnish area from which these people came.

Most of the information for this FinnFest session came from *The American Backwoods Frontier* by Terry G. Jordan and Matti Kaups, an examination of research, especially architectural, with fascinating facts and many footnotes for readers.

## Leiv Erickson International Festival

The Leiv Eriksson International Festival, a two-week celebration of Nordic heritage, “building a cultural bridge between the modern Nordic countries and the United States,” opened on Sunday, Sept. 29, with a worship service and the presentation of the Nordic flags. Kaarina Kotkavuori carried the Finnish flag in the procession. The event, which took place at Mindekirken, 924 E. 21st St., Minneapolis, included a guest pastor, Rev Andres Roberto Albertsen, representing Danish heritage, and music by Sarpsborg Frimurer Sangforening (Masonic choir) and featuring trumpeter Kai Robert Johansen, a LEIF favorite.

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*Leiv Erickson, cont.*

The closing ceremony on Sunday, October 13, also a worship service, will feature music by Saana Ensemble, including a *joik*.

For more details on the programs above and many events occurring between the two dates, consult the website, [http://www.leifmn.org/pdfs/Event\\_Schedule.pdf](http://www.leifmn.org/pdfs/Event_Schedule.pdf)

## Family History Fair 2013 at Minneapolis Central Library

Saturday, Oct. 26, 9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. in Pohlad Hall

Register online at <http://www.hclib.org/pub/events/Register.cfm?SessionNo=24857> or call (612) 543-8000.

Connect with genealogical experts and learn about state, local, and library resources, cemetery and religious records, census records, fun ways to share your family history and more. Visit resource tables, attend presentations, and learn how to start your family history using the exceptional resources in the Library. Books will be available for purchase. This event is free but registration is suggested. There is underground parking for a small fee.

The topics for this year’s presentations include

- Keynote: *Check It Out! Public Library "Musts" for Genealogists* presented by Paula Stuart-Warren
- *Faith of our Fathers: Using Religious Records in Genealogical Research* presented by Trudi Campbell
- *Fun Ways to Share Family History* presented by Linda Coffin
- *Going Beyond Online Databases* presented by Alice Eichholz
- *Finding Family in the Federal Census* presented by Lois Mackin
- *Digging up Clues in the Cemetery* presented by David Suddarth
- *Hello, My Name is FamilySearch.org, Have We Met?* presented by Kim Ashford

The Family History Fair will also include two research rooms available for a portion of the day with genealogy research volunteers available to assist the public with online resources.

Sponsored by Friends of the Minneapolis Central Library; Presented in collaboration with Minnesota Genealogical Society.

## Pieniä Paloja

- September coffee was served by the board. *Kiitos!*
- If you were in Helsinki this month, you might go shopping at the annual Herring Market, Oct. 7–13. Herring, herring, and still more herring! Held on Helsinki's Market Square, the annual Herring Market was first organized in 1743, making it the city's longest-running event.
- Or you could attend the Carnival of Light, Oct. 12–20, the season finale at Helsinki's Linnanmäki Amusement Park, with free music, performers, festive lights, and fireworks.
- If you aren't at the FACA program this month, maybe you are at the Helsinki International Horse Show, Oct 17–20. Horses, horses and still more horses! This event gathers top riders from 20 different countries, as well as Finnish stars and an audience of 40,000.
- In downtown Tampere this month, you might be there for Lost in Music, Oct. 16–19, an annual city festival presenting over 100 artists in clubs and venues. The festival showcases new up-and-coming pop, rock, indie, metal and hip hop bands as well as world music.
- At Tampere Illuminations, Oct. 27–Jan. 6, trumpets, fireworks and a fire show are all part of the program when this event kicks off on Oct 27 on Tampere's Central Square.
- In Finland, construction workers have had to wear a tax number badge since the start of this year in a measure brought in to fight the grey economy. The government is now looking to expand the scheme to other sectors, but faces resistance from the restaurant trade. The Finnish Tax Administration estimates that compulsory tax numbers in the building trade have already increased tax revenue and reduced off-the-books employment.
- You may have heard that Thai berry pickers are brought into Finland to harvest wild berries. In a wage dispute, Thai berry pickers who disagreed with the salary offered by Sotkamo company Ber-Ex have taken shelter in Helsinki, refusing to leave the country and asking for Finnish government intervention to settle the salary dispute. They submitted a letter to the government and requested that the matter be considered from the perspective of foreign employees under Finnish law. They also demanded that the berry company not deduct any costs from the salary of the employees while calculating the money.
- The Rovaniemi *Palloseura* (RoPS) won the Finn-

ish Soccer Cup Championships final match 2-to-1 against the Kuopio team on Saturday night Sept. 28 in Helsinki.

- The EuroJackpot draw on late Friday evening, Sept. 27, created a new multimillionaire in Teuva, Southern Ostrobothnia. The winner entered her or his seven lucky numbers on the website of the Finnish state lottery company Veikkaus. The last time the European jackpot went to Finland was in January. That time too, the winner was in Southern Ostrobothnia, in the town of Seinäjoki.

Sources: YLE, *ThisIsFinland*

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promoting the cross-cultural heritage of  
Americans with Finnish ancestry.  
Information: (612) 374-2718, [www.finnfaca.org](http://www.finnfaca.org)

**Sept. 20 – Oct. 13** Leif Eriksson International Festival. For more information: <http://www.leifmn.org/>

**Oct. 13** Tapestry Folkdance Center continues the Scandinavian Dance class series. 5:30–9:00 p.m. For more information: Tapestry staff, [staff@tapestryfolkdance.org](mailto:staff@tapestryfolkdance.org), [www.tapestryfolkdance.org](http://www.tapestryfolkdance.org)

**Oct. 13** Finnish Culture through Movies group. Iron Sky ([www.youtube.com/watch?v=Py\\_IndUbcxc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Py_IndUbcxc)). Christ Church Lutheran, 3244 34th Ave S., Minneapolis. 6 p.m. For more information: [www.minnesotafinnish.org/suomiinfo](http://www.minnesotafinnish.org/suomiinfo) or (651) 428-3155.

**Oct 18** FACA program. 7:30 p.m. *See page 1.*

**Oct. 19** Finnish Genealogy Group-Minnesota Annual Research Day—an opportunity for members and guests to get one-on-one assistance from others. Plymouth Apostolic Church, 11015 Old County Road 15, Plymouth. 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. For driving directions or changes in meeting times and or places will be posted on our web pages: [www.minnesotafinnish.org](http://www.minnesotafinnish.org) (Select “Finnish Genealogy Group of Minnesota,” then “Meeting information”)

**Oct. 25** *Uutiset* copy deadline. Send copy to: [facaeditor@gmail.com](mailto:facaeditor@gmail.com)

**Nov 1** Finn Hall at Kramarczuk’s Deli, 6:30–9:00 p.m.

**Nov. 6** *Boats and Saunas, Rag Rugs and Skis—Understanding Material Culture in Finnish America.* American Swedish Institute, 2600 Park Ave. S., Minneapolis, 6:30 p.m. Lecture by Yvonne Lockwood, Finlandia Foundation National Lecturer of the Year. *See article on page 5.*

**Nov. 15** FACA program

**Nov. 15** Social Hour and Minnesota Wild hockey game sponsored by Finnish American Chamber of Commerce at the Excel Energy Center, St. Paul. Social hour at 5:00; game at 7 p.m. For more information, e-mail Jouko Sipila, [jsipila8@gmail.com](mailto:jsipila8@gmail.com). To register, go to <http://wildfinns.eventbrite.com>

**Fridays** Finlanders at the U of M conversation hour. Bordertown Coffee, 315 16th Ave SE, Minneapolis (very near Folwell Hall). 12:00–1:00 p.m. For more information: [karvo001@umn.edu](mailto:karvo001@umn.edu)

**Dec. 14** *Joulu*—Magical Finnish Christmas. 11:00 a.m.–4 p.m. Save the date: more information will be available about this event in November *Uutiset*.

**August 8-10** FinnFest 2014 Twin Cities