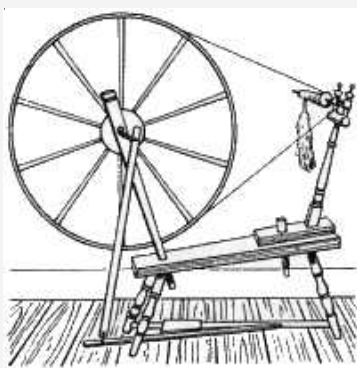




## NEWSLETTER OF THE FINNISH AMERICAN CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, INC.

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### Laskiainen Celebration!

By Floyd Niskanen

For our February program we are going to have a *Laskiainen* celebration as we have had in the past few years. We will have a pea soup/pot luck buffet, music, and a short talk about *Laskiainen* traditions at the International Institute. An outdoor event with sliding, which is usually part of the custom, is difficult to coordinate with food, elderly attendees, etc. and the weather doesn't always cooperate with snow, so it will be an indoor event.

We are fortunate to have the Finn Hall music group in our area and they have agreed to entertain with their music at this event. They will provide music for us while we are preparing for the buffet and again after the meal. There will be room for dancing for those who would like to dance.

Also our long time members, Kathy Jackson and Marge Stewart will give a short talk about *Laskiainen* traditions. They have been involved with the *Laskiainen* winter celebrations in Palo, Minnesota for many years.

The pot luck buffet will consist of some traditional *Laskiainen* food, pea soup and *Laskiais Pulla* made by the board members. Others are encouraged to bring a dish or dessert to contribute to the pot luck table. However, if you are unable to bring something, don't let that stop you from coming. Please come and enjoy the evening of food, music and *Laskiainen* traditions.

#### FACA PROGRAM

**Laskiainen Celebration**  
**Friday, February 18**  
**7:30 p.m.**  
**International Institute**  
**1694 Como Ave., St. Paul**  
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*at 612-374-2718*

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## President's Message

*By Alan Norgard*

January was quite a month – cold weather, snow storms, January thaws, owl invasions (up north, that is), a visit from the Lahti Symphony, meetings, etc. It all went by too fast. As most of you know, our membership meeting was held during the latest snowstorm and we had only a few brave souls show up. I almost didn't make it as I had to drive out to Alexandria and back that day for work and the going was pretty slow. Unfortunately our program presenter Pauliina Raento couldn't make it due to a minor fender bender on the way to the meeting. We were lucky that Bob Schermerhorn, a local stamp collector whose collection includes a lot of Finnish stamps, came to hear the program and was willing to share his hobby with us. He did a very good job and we enjoyed his program. We hope to be able to reschedule Pauliina for a program later this spring. This spring there will be a first for Finns in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area. The members of the Suomi Koulu have asked FACA and other Finnish organizations in town to help them put on a Vappu celebration (May Day) to be held on April 30<sup>th</sup> in St. Paul. The FACA board has accepted their invitation and I have gone to the first organizational meeting. There will be a lot more details published in the weeks to come but from what we know now it will be a family oriented event with games and programs for every age. We are hoping to be able to have typical Vappu foods, music, and possibly dancing, and other programs. Mark your calendars now—it should be a fun event for everyone.



Another Festival of Nations is coming up soon—April 21<sup>st</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup>. This year FACA will have a café and exhibit, but not the bazaar since we have not had very good luck there in recent years. The Kisarit folkdancers will also be performing. We (the board) are looking for volunteers to plan and build an exhibit booth/display that will reflect this year's theme —"Celebrating Ethnic Traditions." We have had great success in the last couple of years with our exhibit winning the Festival's Award of Excellence due to the imagination and energy of our members. Let's hope we can continue! Please let me or another board member know if you are interested. You don't have to do it all, just be a part of the fun. Also, Pam and Urho Rahkola are going to coordinate the café; but they also can't do it all by themselves. I'm sure many of you will be working in the booth again as usual and also volunteering for baking days. This year Pam and Urho have mentioned that they would like to retire as the café coordinators so if you are interested in possibly taking the reins next year, this would be the year we could train a new person/ persons for next year. Talk to Pam or myself to volunteer.

See you in February for our Laskiainen celebration!

# Board Notes

By Luella Zibell



*Luella Zibell, Andreas Ostenso, Alan Norgard, Floyd Niskanen*

At the January 18th Board meeting, discussion and decisions on upcoming events formed the bulk of the agenda. The regular reports were reviewed and approved. The FACA website was reviewed and discussed in order to update the content--we need more pictures and an up-to-date calendar of events.

FACA will participate in the Festival of Nations to be held April 21-24 this year. The deposits for the cafe and license fees have been made. Volunteers are needed to staff the cafe, and our Exhibit needs to be designed and built.

Plans are being formulated for a Vappu celebration. The Suomi Koulu has invited FACA to be a partner in setting up this event to be held in one of St. Paul's parks.

The February meeting of FACA will be a Laskiainen themed program and potluck supper.



## Laskiaispullat

1 package active dry yeast  
½ c. warm water  
2 c. milk, scalded and cooled to lukewarm  
1 c. (or less) sugar  
1 tsp. salt  
7-8 whole cardamom pods, seeded and crushed, (about 1 tsp.)  
4 eggs, beaten  
8-9 c. sifted white flour  
½ c. melted butter

1 egg, beaten  
sugar

### Filling:

½ c. butter  
1 c. sugar  
1 c. heavy cream  
1 c. ground almonds  
confectioners sugar

Dissolve the yeast in the warm water. Stir in the milk, sugar, salt, cardamom, eggs, and enough flour to make a batter (about 2 c). Beat until the dough is smooth and elastic. Add about 3 c. of the flour and beat well; the dough should be quite smooth and glossy in appearance. Add the melted butter and stir in well. Beat again until the dough looks glossy. Stir in the remaining flour until a stiff dough forms.

Turn out onto lightly floured board and cover with an inverted mixing bowl. Let the dough rest 15 minutes. Knead until smooth and satiny. Place in a lightly greased mixing bowl, turn the dough to grease the top, cover lightly and let rise in a warm place (about 85 degrees F) until doubled in bulk (about 1 hr.) Punch down and let rise again until almost doubled (about 30 minutes).

Shape pulla dough into buns, using about ½ c. of the dough (a piece the size of a large egg) for each bun. Place the buns, smooth side up, on a lightly greased baking sheet and let rise for 15-20 minutes in a warm place. Brush with the egg and sprinkle with a few grains of sugar. Bake in a hot oven (400 degrees F) for 15 minutes or until golden brown.

Meanwhile, prepare the filling. Cream together the butter and the sugar until light and fluffy. Add the almonds and mix well. In another bowl, whip the cream until stiff. When the buns are cool, slice about ½ inch off the tops. Pull out a small amount of the inside and fill the cavity with about 1 tablespoon of the ground almond mixture. Top with a dab of whipped cream. Cap with the cut off piece of bun and dust with the confectioners sugar. Serve with coffee. Makes about 36 buns.

*from: The Finnish Cookbook, Beatrice Ojakangas*

## 2005 FESTIVAL OF NATIONS FINNISH CAFÉ

FACA will again be staffing a FINNISH CAFÉ booth at the Festival of Nations, April 21–24. The menu this year will consist of: egg coffee, fruit punch, *pulla*, lemon cookies, strawberry shortcake, herring/flatbread, and hot *Karjalan paisti* (roasted beef and pork served on mashed potatoes).

The baking day will be held on Saturday, April 16th, at the White Bear High School South Campus kitchen (3551 McKnight Ave in White Bear Lake). We will provide directions for everyone. There will be the usual two shifts: 8:00 a.m.–12:00 noon and 12:00–4:00 p.m.. We will again be baking cakes, cookies and the *Karjalan paisti*. We'd especially like to have a lot of volunteers for the 8:00 shift. Hopefully, with a good morning crew we should be able to finish by early afternoon.

We will also need many volunteers to work in the Café during the Festival. Shift hours will start approximately 1½ hours before the doors open and will end approximately 1 hour after they close. The hours of the 2005 Festival are:

Student hours: Thursday, 4/21, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Friday, 4/22, 9:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

General public: Friday, 4/22, 4:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m.

Saturday, 4/23, 10:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m.

Sunday, 4/24, 11:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

Each shift is approximately 4 hours in length. We're encouraging everyone to volunteer for more than one shift. Normally, several of the volunteers on a shift work out front selling and the other half work in back to prepare the items for sale (ice cookies, slice strawberries, peel potatoes, etc.). We will also need volunteers for the setup day, Wednesday, April 20th, during the afternoon, and for clean up on Sunday, April 24th, after 7 p.m.

The International Institute requires all servers (out front) to wear some sort of Ethnic costume. There will be the usual aprons and scarves available for the women and girls. Men and boys are asked to wear dark pants plus a bandcollar shirt, suspenders, vest or sash, and a fisherman type hat. Please let us know if you need or are unsure about a costume.

We are again looking for someone to volunteer to take over supervising the booth after the initial setup on Friday and Saturday. Urho and I would handle the setup and make sure everything is running on those days (e.g. the first shift), and then we would like to turn it over to someone else. It can be one person in charge or a couple of responsible people working together. We would be available by phone for questions and would return before closing, each evening, to collect the money and make an inventory of items needed the following day. This will be the last year we will be chairing the Café, so this would be a good opportunity for anyone interested in taking over to get a feel for what it would be like. We need some fresh ideas! Please call me if you might be interested, and we can talk about it. Thanks.

Please call Pam Rahkola (651) 429-3319 to volunteer. We need everyone's help to try to make the Finnish Café successful again this year.  
KIITOKSIA PALJON!!!



### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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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Return to FACA, P.O. Box 580708, Minneapolis, MN 55458-0708 or bring to the next program.

## Parade of Homes Features Scandinavian Style Decor

By Liisa Ojala

We would like to invite all FACA members to review a new project. Dawn Terrizzi, a designer from *Casa Bella Designs*, asked me to participate in the most prestigious Parade of Homes house, the *Dream Home*. It began as a vision of Mark Finholt of Birch River, bringing on board the architects from Albertson and Hansen. The address of the home is 1 Windy Ridge (Hwy 110 and Hwy 13), on the bluffs of the Mississippi. This is a contemporary home and suitable for our Scandinavian ideals of beauty and function. *Finnstyle*, particularly Elina Ruppert, has provided the furnishings for a large children's room and the dishes for the kitchen and much more. Dawn and I have collaborated on the general ideas and the furniture. The art is all from artists whom I represent. The Parade of Homes will open on February 12th, and runs for six weeks. We do not have the hours yet, but the Parade of Homes books will be at Holiday gas stations soon. There will be a \$5 charge for a youth charity. All the art and furnishings are available to the public. If you have any questions, please call Dawn at 763-552-0073 or Liisa at 651-455-8805 or email [liisaojala@comcast.net](mailto:liisaojala@comcast.net), [www.ojaladesign.net](http://www.ojaladesign.net).

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## In Memory of LeRoy Arthur Salmey

LeRoy Salmey, long time FACA member and past FACA treasurer, died Monday, January 31, at the age of 70. Beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend he is survived by his wife, Shirley; children, Gerald (Janet), Karen (Lori) and Jeffrey (Amy); grandchildren, Amy, Daniel, Alexander, Nicholas and Catherine; special family friend, Poodie; sister, Mildred Wuollet; brother, Roger (Kathy) Wertanen and many other relatives & friends. *Sisu* and his faith helped him through a courageous battle with nonHodgkins lymphoma. He was a member of Boilermakers #647. His funeral was Thursday, Feb. 3, at Christ English Lutheran Church, 3210 Oliver Ave. Shirley says, "He enjoyed FACA so much, and the friendships we have made there. He was a proud Finlander." Pam Rahkola remembers LeRoy as "a very dedicated person. I know he enjoyed working at the Festival of Nations Cafe. He was always willing to do whatever needed to be done, and always with a smile and never a complaint. What a truly special person. We'll miss him greatly."

## Nordic Pole Walking—New from Finland at Salolampi

A popular new sport in Finland has come to the Salolampi Finnish Language Village near Bemidji, Minnesota. A gift of ten pairs of Nordic walking poles from former Consul General of Finland, Jukka Leino, will enable children and youth of all sizes to enjoy this workout style. The sport is gaining a strong following in Finland and Europe. Doctors agree that Nordic walking is one of the most effective cardiovascular workouts because it works all major muscle groups in the body.

This form of power walking activity will encourage a new form of exercise for Salolampi villagers during the 2005 summer program. The schedule of sessions includes a popular Family Summer Session, June 13–18, offered for the second year for parents, grandparents and children ages 4 to 17. Ages 7 to 14 can attend the one-week session from June 20–25. Ages 11 to 18 will be offered a two-week session from June 27–July 9 and ages 8 to 13 come to the Village from July 11–July 23. A concentrated language credit session from June 27 to July 23 is held simultaneous to the shorter sessions and provides an opportunity to earn a high school language credit. The 40-acre Salolampi site on Turtle River Lake abounds with trails and paths with a traditional sauna on the lake. Adults can also try *sauvakävely* (Nordic pole walking) at the Spring and Fall Adult Week programs, May 8–14 and Sept. 10–16.

According to Salolampi Foundation President Evelyn Eskeli, "Families can find helpful information about scholarships available from the Salolampi Foundation and generous donors (as well as be able to download an application form) by visiting the website: [www.salolampi.org](http://www.salolampi.org) or [www.concordialanguagevillages.org](http://www.concordialanguagevillages.org)

### Conversational Finnish Class

Tuesdays  
4:30 to 6:00 p.m.  
St. Anthony Library  
Corner of Como and  
Carter Ave. in St. Paul  
Everyone is welcome.  
For more information,  
please call Floyd Niskanen  
at 763-540-0121.

## A Musical Celebration of Finland

By Tiina Watts



Tuesday, January 25, I wanted to give Osmo Vänskä a hug for the wonderful musical treat he served us at Orchestra Hall with the Lahti Symphony Orchestra. But being the reserved half-Finn that I am, I restrained myself. Instead I applauded until my hands were red, and cheered out loud with the thousands of other Finns and part-Finns and wannabe Finns in the audience. It was the most moving concert I have ever attended.

Rob Hubbard, a writer for the Pioneer Press wrote: "When the Minnesota Orchestra named Osmo Vänskä its music director two years ago, one of the most impressive highlights on his resume was having taken a relatively obscure regional orchestra from a small Finnish city--the Lahti Symphony Orchestra--and transformed it into an internationally acclaimed ensemble...Last year, Vänskä took the Minnesota Orchestra to Lahti to conclude its successful European tour. On Tuesday evening, he brought the Lahti Symphony stateside, opening a U.S. tour at Orchestra Hall in Minneapolis...While the Minnesota Orchestra displays a splendid sense of dynamics much of the time, the Lahti Symphony really spans the spectrum in that department. It's been some time since pianissimos so quiet have emanated from the Orchestra Hall stage, bringing the bold blasts of brass into even starker relief."

Michael Anthony of the Star Tribune wrote: "In an age when the world's orchestras sound more and more alike, the Lahti Symphony, of which Vänskä has been chief conductor since 1988, has managed to develop its own sound. Partly, it's that the orchestra is relatively small, about 70 players, which means that the strings don't dominate the way they do in larger groups. Add to this Vänskä's own predilection for de-romanticizing Sibelius' much-abused orchestral pieces, for letting their bleakness ring out, for delivering only what's in the score, as so few conductors do: all this, and you have quite a different approach to Sibelius."

The evening started with an interesting contemporary piece from Joonas Kokkonen's 1975 opera, *The Last Temptations*, followed by Sibelius's *Symphony #3*, written shortly after moving his family to their secluded lakeside home at Järvenpää. The forests and trees of Finland came to life as we listened to this talented group of musicians bow and blow their leisurely, and not so leisurely, way through this beautiful "pastoral" piece. After the intermission--which was like a huge Finnish reunion, with Finns from all over Minnesota in attendance (even a bus-full from Hibbing and Virginia came down)--my favorite symphony, Sibelius's *Symphony #2*, began. It was perfect. From the strings playing and swaying gracefully and sometimes frantically; to the powerful blended blasts of trombones, trumpets and tuba; to the french horns playing so smoothly, so amazingly in unison; to the exciting and uplifting coos of the woodwinds--it was difficult not to hum along. And just as smooth, wild, and graceful as the orchestra, was its director, Osmo Vänskä.

As the orchestra finished its scheduled program, the audience applauded and applauded and applauded. After coming and going three times, Osmo conducted the first encore: *Cortège*, by Sibelius. At the end of this song, the audience once again applauded, even louder, with a few cheers, whistles and "bravos" thrown in. Osmo came and went three times again, and then conducted the delightful *Valse Triste*, by Sibelius. More cheers and applause, three more exits and entrances, and then the last encore--the one that we had been hoping for--began with its well-known notes. *Finlandia*, at last! We cheered. We smiled. And then we cried. As Michael Anthony wrote: "The last of these (encores), given all the Finns in the audience, ignited the hall...One can only say: Forever may that noble piece be played with the kind of almost heart-stopping fervor that the musicians of Lahti played it Tuesday night...Every concert should end that way."

When you're through reading this newsletter, share it with a friend!

## More Calendar Items

**Feb. 26, Sat.** The Rockford Laestadian Lutheran Church will have their pasty sale from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 13030 47th Ave. N., Plymouth.

**April 16, Sat.** Baking Day for the Festival of Nations at White Bear High School. To help bake cookies and other Finnish treats, contact Pam Rahkola at (651) 429-3319. (See p. 4)

**Apr. 14–16** Minnesota Orchestra, under the direction of Osmo Vänskä performs Sibelius's *Nightride and Sunrise*. Osmo will hold a question and answer session after the performance. Call (612) 371-5656 or 1-800-292-4141 or see: [www.minnesotaorchestra.org](http://www.minnesotaorchestra.org).

**April 21–24** FACA will run the Finnish Café at the Festival of Nations at the RiverCentre in St. Paul, as well as an exhibit booth. To volunteer for the café, call Pam Rahkola at (651) 429-3319 (see p. 4). To help with the exhibit, call a member of the FACA Board (see p. 2).

**May 8–14** Salolampi Finnish Language Village Spring Adult Week. See [www.salolampi.org](http://www.salolampi.org) or call 1-800-450-2214.

**June 11, Sat.** Finnish American Summer Festival, Timber Hall Embarrass, MN. Ethnic music, crafters, demonstrators, boot throwing, children's activities, storyteller, homestead tour. Admission is a donation. More info contact (218) 984-2552 or [awj@cpinternet.com](mailto:awj@cpinternet.com)

**June 13–18** Finnish Family Week will be held at Salolampi Finnish Language Village. Register early for this popular week. This week is designed to introduce villagers ages 4–10 and their parents and/or grandparents to the village. Older brothers and sisters are also welcome. Families participate in all Salolampi summer activities, learning Finnish language and culture through language groups, stories, games, crafts, meals and hikes. Some activities are offered just for children, some just for adults, and some for everyone. Call 1-800-450-2214 for details and registration forms, or see [www.salolampi.org](http://www.salolampi.org).

**Aug. 10–14** Finn GrandFest in Marquette, Michigan. Joint Canadian-US Finnish festival. Aug. 10 will be the opening ceremonies and a parade. Aug. 11 will be *tori* (marketplace), programs, concerts, sporting events, and a gala concert featuring the world premiere of the Concerto for Orchestra and Double Bass by Finnish composer Jukka Linkola. Aug. 12 will be more programs, sports, concerts, and of course, a dance. Aug. 13 there will be the world's

largest sauna, along with the usual, and a banquet and dance in the evening. Aug. 14 will be morning worship services in Finnish and English, and the closing ceremonies. For more details and updates, see: [www.finngrandfest2005.com](http://www.finngrandfest2005.com). To contact the committee, email: [info@finngrandfest2005.com](mailto:info@finngrandfest2005.com).

## Pieniä Paloja

- Heidi Barberg from Cokato, MN is looking for a dress winter jacket that someone took by mistake from the Christmas Finnish Carols service at St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Roseville on Dec. 18. There is a similar jacket hanging on the rack close to the women's restroom. It is greenish with a fur trim around the hood and has a pair of red knit gloves in the pocket. Heidi's was a greenish polyester jacket with brass buttons and also a fur-trimmed hood, size 22, and has sentimental value. The church is saving the jacket hanging there. The church can be contacted by calling (651) 631-1510. Heidi can be contacted by calling 1-(320) 286-5823.

- A big *kiitos* to all 13 brave souls who ventured into the snowstorm and attended our January FACA program. And thanks to those who provided refreshments: Ruthann Rintala-Swanson, and Al and Betsey Norgard.

## Salolampi Scholarships from FACA and Kisarit

FACA and Kisarit will once again be providing scholarships for the 2005 Salolampi Finnish Language village youth sessions. Scholarships will be awarded for the 1, 2, and 4 week sessions for qualifying relatives and friends of FACA members. A point system based on years of membership, previous Salolampi attendance, and past scholarship funding, as well as participation in Finnish activities and the quality of the written essay will be used to determine the winners. Details of the scholarship requirements will be given in the applications forms which are available by calling Kathy Jackson at 651-739-3101. The deadline for return of the forms and essays is March 12, 2005.





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### Information

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## FACA CALENDAR

**Feb. 12–Mar. 26** Parade of Homes Scandinavian house on display at 1 Windy Ridge (Hwy 110 and Hwy 13) with Finnish furnishings and design. Call Liisa at 651-455-8805 or email [liisaojala@comcast.net](mailto:liisaojala@comcast.net) for details. (See p. 5)

**Feb. 16, Wed.** The *Moijakka Poijat* (Dick Rees on accordion, Ralph Tuttila on mandolin) play folk and ethnic tunes from the northern regions Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Sisu Coffee and Tea House, 649 Snelling Avenue South, St. Paul, (651) 695-1960. Enjoy fine Finnish house baked specialties and pastries; soups, salads and sandwiches plus outstanding coffee and tea, of course.

**Feb. 18, Fri.** FACA Monthly program at the International Institute of St. Paul, 1694 Como Ave. at 7:30 p.m. Come enjoy an evening learning about the Finnish celebration of Laskiainen and share a pot luck supper (featuring pea soup prepared by FACA Board members). (See p. 1)

**Feb. 18–21** Finnish Family Fun Weekend at Salolampi Finnish Language Village near Bemidji. Adults \$200, children \$75. Come enjoy lessons on Finnish culture, language, music, dance, crafts, cooking, and sports taught by experienced instructors. See [www.salolampi.org](http://www.salolampi.org) or call 1-800-450-2214.

**Feb. 23, Wed.** Deadline for articles for the March FACA newsletter. Email information to Tiina Watts and pictures to Beth Jarvis. (See p. 2 for contact information.)

**Feb. 26, Sat.** The Finnish Genealogy Group will meet the fourth Saturday of every month beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Minnesota Genealogy Center, 5768 Olson Mem. Highway, Golden Valley. From the junction of Hwy. 100 and 55, go west on 55 to Douglas Drive. Then go one block north on Douglas Dr., turn right, and follow the Frontage Road (E/S/E) to the building with the MGC signs in front. Parking is available in the back. For information contact Joan Dwyer: (612) 822-0743 or [dwyers@ties2.net](mailto:dwyers@ties2.net). (More calendar on pg. 7)