

NEWSLETTER OF THE FINNISH AMERICAN CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, INC. March/Maaliskuu 2005



HISTORIC COMMUNITY LANDMARKS

Presented by Doug Ohman

Over the past 10 years, Doug Ohman has been photographing historic community landmarks including churches and farms. His photographs have been seen in magazines, brochures, newspapers, and books. His collection covers both urban and rural landscapes and architecture and the photos have been in demand by those who value local images in their projects.

Doug presents slide programs for a variety of groups throughout the state on subjects ranging from historic churches to barns. His photography has recently been featured in the book, "Minnesota Treasures." He is also working with the Minnesota Historical Society on a series of five books, ("Minnesota Byways") which will be available in April of 2005.

In the March program (March 18, 7:30 p.m.), "Historic Community Landmarks," Doug will feature many historic landmarks from around the state, many of which are endangered. He will share history, stories, and personal experiences on his journey of photography to all corners of the state. He will include a variety of Finnish landmarks, including churches. Doug lives in New Hope and works as an independent photographer and public speaker.

Come enjoy a great presentation and great refreshments.

FACA PROGRAM

Historic Landmarks
Doug Ohman
Friday, March 18
7:30 p.m.
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President's Message

By Alan Norgard



This last month we lost two active and long time members in Natalie Gallagher and Leroy Salmey. I got to know Leroy better when I started serving on the board and took over his duties as treasurer. His willingness to help, and dedication to the job were well appreciated when I was learning the job. After I got to know him I also started noticing all the other things he did for FACA, such as working in the café during the Festival of Nations or setting up for our regular membership meetings. He was always there with a ready smile and his friendly manner. I knew Natalie a little longer as she and I were members of the Kisarit folkdancers for many years. She was our announcer at many performances and I will always remember her from our first trip to Finland. Her love of education came through in her descriptions of the histories of the dances we performed as they were always well thought out and delivered in a very entertaining manner. When she was our narrator for the *Purppuri* (wedding dance) she helped audiences gain a good perspective of what we were doing and how all the dances related to one another. I'm sure others in FACA remember both Leroy and Natalie in their respective roles and have many other stories to tell. I hope you can share them with others in the future.

As I reported during the last meeting we are still looking for board members and we now have three positions open. Actually, we need to find five people for the board by this May as Luella Zibell and I should be leaving this year as we have been on the board for three years now. Serving on the board is a great way to get to know your fellow members and I recommend it highly as a way to do that. It isn't hard work—everyone pitches in and does their job and you help each other be successful. Give it a try!

Laskiainen was a success this year thanks to all who attended. The food was terrific (as usual), and the music by Finn Hall and the folklore talks by Kathy and Marge were great. Programs that allow lots of time for everyone to talk and mingle always seem to be our most popular—and with good reason. FACA has always been a good place to learn about Finnish culture, but it is the relationships amongst the members that keep us coming back.

Just a reminder that the Festival of Nations is coming up again (April 21–24) and we will again need the help of as many volunteers as possible to do the pre-festival baking on April 16. And then we will again be manning the Café and Exhibit booths during the Festival. Please try to set aside some time during these days to help out if you can.

See you next month!

Finn Hall Performs at St. Urho's Day Concert

Finn Hall will perform at a St. Urho's Day Concert and Dance at the Grand Event Center in Northfield, Minnesota, Wednesday, March 16. There is a full bar at the Grand and buffet-style appetizers will also be provided at no charge. Admission to the concert and dance is \$5, with 15 and under free with adult. The concert starts at 7 p.m. and doors will open at 6:30 p.m.

The address of the Grand Event Center is 316 Washington St., Northfield. Take 35W south to exit 69/Hwy 19. Proceed about 7 miles east to first stoplight (Hwy 3) and continue across river to 3rd stop sign. Turn left onto Washington St. and go 1 block to corner of 4th and Washington.

For more details, see the website at www.thegrandnorthfield.com or email Ralph Tuttila at raulit@msn.com.



The Sauna Bucket Winner Speaks

by *Ernie Banttari*

First, I want to convey my "thanks" to FACA members and that I am honored to have been selected for the 2004 Sauna Bucket Award. I also recognize that much of what we accomplish is due to the assistance of FACA Board Members, as well as FACA members. I especially want to thank Lou Zibell for providing accurate secretarial services, a meeting place and refreshments for FACA monthly board meetings; to Tiina Watts, our reliable and patient editor of the FACA Newsletter; and to Urho Rahkola, who has kept records of FACA Memberships and provided reliable mailing of the FACA Newsletter, along with his wife, Pam.

Thanks to FACA Board members, as well as other FACA members, for their participation in so many successful activities in the Festival of Nations, FinnFest, Laskiainen, Pikkujoulu, and our monthly programs. Our presence in these activities is an indication of the vitality of our organization. I encourage FACA members to volunteer for FACA Board positions. This means some work, of course, but there is a great deal of satisfaction in our diverse and interesting programs. Kiitos ja Hyvää Jatkoa!

Board Notes

By *Luella Zibell*



Luella Zibell, Andreas Ostenso, Alan Norgard, Floyd Niskanen

The February 18th meeting covered a long agenda following the regular reports of the Secretary and Treasurer. We took action on a proposal for a Finlandia Foundation grant to publish a manuscript about Finnish-Americans in Minnesota. A "Survey of Finnish-Americans" questionnaire was prepared by a professor at Turku University—FACA will encourage our members to complete the survey.

The Salolampi Scholarship this year totals \$500. FACA has received memorials directed to this fund as well.

Details of our participation in the Festival of Nations were discussed: Al Norgard serves as General Chair; Pam and Urho Rahkola will chair the Café; and we will have an exhibit.

FACA will participate in a *Vappu* celebration May 1 in conjunction with Suomi Koulu. There will be food and entertainment at this event.

Upcoming programs were finalized. Floyd Niskanen announced his wish to resign from the board—his schedule precludes regular attendance at meetings.

The next meeting of the board is scheduled for March 15 at The Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Roseville. All FACA members are invited to attend board meetings!

Festival of Nations Finnish Café and Baking Day

We still need many volunteers for the Festival of Nations baking day that will be held on Saturday, April 16th at the White Bear High School South Campus kitchen (3551 McKnight Ave in White Bear Lake). There will be the usual two shifts: 8:00am to 12:00 noon and 12:00 to around 4:00. Hopefully, with a good morning crew we should be able to finish by early afternoon, (and we won't have to pay the janitor extra!). We will again be baking cakes, cookies and the *Karjalan Paisti*.

The Festival of Nations runs April 21 - 24, with set-up day on Wednesday, April 20. The sign-up sheet was passed around at the February FACA program, but there are still many 'blanks' to fill in. Please consider volunteering for more than one 4 hour shift. You will receive an admission ticket to the Festival, plus directions to a \$2 parking space with free shuttle service to the RiverCentre in downtown St Paul. Normally, several volunteers on a shift work out front selling and the other half work in back to prepare the items for sale.

Shift hours will start approximately 1½ hours before the doors open and will end approximately 1 hour after they close. The hours of the 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. The International Institute requires all servers to wear some sort of ethnic costume. There will be the usual aprons and scarves available for the women. Men, please wear dark pants plus a light-colored, band-collar shirt, suspenders, vest or suspenders, and a fisherman type hat, if possible. T-shirts with Finnish sayings cannot be worn by the servers.

We are again looking for someone to volunteer to take over supervising the booth after the initial set-up on Friday and Saturday. Urho and I would handle the set-up, and make sure everything is running OK on those days (i.e. the first shift), and then we would like to turn it over to someone else. We would be available by phone for questions and would return before closing 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 (and bodies)! Please call Pam Rahkola (651) 429-3319 to volunteer.

Diane Jarvi to Perform

The *Sisu* coffee and tea house presents an evening with Diane Jarvi joined by Ralph Tuttila on Friday, March 18th, from 6 to 8 pm.

Diane, well-known Finnish American recording artist, singer, musician, composer and writer, sings a variety of music from various countries (with much Finnish of course) in her unique folk style. Come join her in this intimate setting.

The *Sisu* coffee and tea serves fine Finnish house-baked specialties and pastries; soups, salads and sandwiches as well as outstanding coffee and tea, of course. They are located at 649 Snelling Ave. S. St. Paul, phone 651-695-1960.



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.

Karelian Ensemble Performs Music with 15 Instruments and 3 Voices

The Karelian Folk Music Ensemble will be playing at Kramarczuk's on 215 E. Hennepin in Minneapolis from 6:30–8:30 p.m., Saturday, March 12.

Coming from the land of the Kalevala, ancient land of forests, lakes, small villages and epic songs, the Karelian Folk Music Ensemble is a lively and entertaining trio from the Russian Republic of Karelia, on the Finnish border. Their music ranges from ancient epic songs accompanied by Finnish harps to a capella Russian village songs; from old shepherd melodies on wooden trumpet and flutes to Finnish dances on accordions; and from scythe accompaniment to church bells. The members of the group are Igor Arhkipoff, Alexander "Sasha" Bykadoroff and Arto Rinne.

The ensemble has toured the US previously, including performances at the Millennium Stage at the Kennedy Center, the Finnish Embassy in Washington DC, the Cedar Cultural Centre in Minneapolis, and the Nordic Heritage Museum in Seattle. In addition to concert tours, the Karelian Folk Music Ensemble was a featured group in the Christmas Revels Northlands show; a theatrical show based on traditional songs, music and dances from Scandinavia and Karelia.

Recordings include *Winds of the Past* and *From the Land of the Kalevala*. These recordings include a mix of instrumental and vocal pieces and Finnish, Russian and Karelian languages. Previous recordings on *Gadfly Records*, and with the University of Petrozavodsk's folk music ensemble *Toive* are *The Karelian Folk Music Ensemble* and *Ingrian Folk Songs*.

Please join the Karelians for an entertaining evening of great music and great food, with no cover charge. For more information, contact Ralph Tuttila at raulit@msn.com, 651-578-0156, or call Kramarczuk's at 612-379-3018.

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

Finn Grand Fest 2005 Registration Available

Registration for Finn Grand Fest 2005 is now available. People interested in registering for the festival, scheduled for August 10-14, 2005, have several registration options: online through the www.finngrandfest2005.com or by calling for a registration packet. Festival goers are encouraged to register early in order to obtain tickets to preferred events. The quickest and least costly method of registration is through the online system.

Registration fees for adults start at \$50 per person for the four-day event (with per-day options also available) and includes access to the marketplace for all four days and many of the lectures. There are also dozens of entertainment and athletic events, tours, banquets, and plays that will require additional ticket orders. With so many options, online registrants are encouraged to review the entire registration form before submitting. Payment on-line can be made by credit card through a secure web site. If the registrant would like to pay by check, the registration form will be held for ten days and made official once the check has been received. The online system is designed so that up to six people can be registered in a single transaction. The system also allows for completing the registration over several online sessions. When a registrant starts the process, the system creates a unique registrant ID code that should be remembered for future use.

Festival registrants also have the option of downloading all needed registration materials from the site in a PDF format and mailing them in. The very first link on the web site's registration page takes the user to a page where all the forms can be downloaded. Organizers of Finn Grand Fest 2005 are excited about the quality of programs planned including 17 athletic events, a marketplace in the Superior Dome, a gala concert, pre-event tours, the world's largest sauna, the opening ceremony and parade, the banquet, over 30 performers and choral groups, the Finn Hall variety show, a mini-Salolampi language village, two plays, worship services, the closing ceremony, and 2005 blue and white chairs!

For more information on Finn Grand Fest 2005 or to request a registration packet, visit www.finngrandfest2005.com or call the Finn Grand Fest phone numbers: 1-800-222-FINN or 1-906-222-FINN.

In Memory of Natalie S. Gallagher

Natalie S. Gallagher, age 82, of St. Paul and Lake Vermilion died on Jan. 30. She was preceded in death by her husband Robert and sister Ethel Brown. She is survived by her children, Jean Ruotsinoja, Colleen (Robert) Junnila and Dehl (Donna) Gallagher; and grandchildren Evan (Joelle), Natalie, Brian, Brad and Andrew.

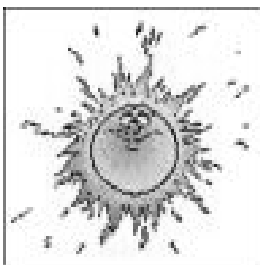
Natalie was a faithful member of FACA, MFAHS (FACA's predecessor), and Kisarit for many years. She and her husband worked many times at the Festival of Nations Café, with Bob making the famous egg coffee. Recently, Natalie and others organized many years worth of MFAHS and FACA records she had saved and took them to the Immigration History Center at the University of Minnesota. The history went back to the inception of MFAHS in the early 1940's. Natalie's life was full of the four "F's": family, friends, fun and Finnish culture!

A memorial service was held Saturday, Feb. 5, at St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Roseville. Memorials may be sent to the University of MN, School of Human Ecology, Natalie S. Gallagher Scholarship Fund.

Summer Calendar Deadline: May 22

Please send items for the FACA Summer Calendar to Tiina Watts, tiiwatts@usfamily.net— Finnish concerts, exhibits, festivals, lectures, classes, meetings, etc. are welcome. Send pictures to Beth Jarvis, brjarvis@umn.edu.

Summer is not too far away!



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.

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.

FACA Membership

A one-year membership provides you with eight issues of this newsletter for \$25. To subscribe or renew, complete this form and mail with your check to FACA, P.O. Box 580708, Minneapolis, MN 55458-0708. (Check mailing label for membership expiration date.)

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More calendar items:

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.

May 8–14 Salolampi Finnish Language Village Spring Adult Week. See 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

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.

June 20–25 Salolampi Finnish Language Village youth session for ages 7–14. Enjoy language classes for all levels, cultural presentations, lots of music, great counselors from Finland and the U.S., Finnish crafts, food, games, sports, and lots of great friends. Many scholarships available. Early bird scholarship deadline is April 1st. Call 800-222-4750 or see the website at www.salolampi.org for more information or to get an application.

June 27–July 9 Salolampi 2 week youth session for ages 11–18. See entry for June 20.

July 11–23 Salolampi 2 week youth session for ages 8–13. See entry for June 20.

June 27–July 23 Salolampi 4 week credit session for High School students. See entry for June 20.

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. To contact the committee, email info@finngrandfest2005.com.

Pieniä Paloja

- A chilly spell in Finland may delay the arrival of migrating birds to Finland this spring. There have been no new observations of the first migrant birds—six whooper swans—who headed for Central Finland from Turku a couple of weeks ago. However, the birds are capable of surviving in the frosty weather. They can survive without food for as long as a week. They may, however, have turned back to the South to look for open water. The proper spring migration of birds is not expected to start for awhile yet. Traditionally, the first migrating birds are larks, stock doves, and black crows, followed by lapwings, starlings, and curlews.

- A new Porsche model to be launched this year is expected to improve employment prospects at the Valmet Automotive plant in Uusikaupunki on Finland's West Coast. Porsche issued an announcement about the new car on Wednesday, and confirmed that the majority of the new hardtop Cayman models would be built in Uusikaupunki. Last autumn the second generation of the Porsche Boxster sports convertible was taken into the Valmet Automotive production program.

- An American film crew has begun filming a documentary in Finland on the Winter War. This war, largely unknown to Americans, tells a story of bravery against an overwhelming enemy as Finland fought to maintain her freedom against Russia from 1939 to 1940. Ben Strout, writer and producer, got the idea for the film from American-Finnish friends in his home state of Indiana. Finnish-American groups also found the funding for the project. The film crew would have liked to film the war scenes at the authentic Winter War sites in Russian Karelia, but it proved to be easier to bring Russian actors to Finland than to take an American film crew to Russia.



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Finnish American Cultural Activities, Inc. is an organization dedicated to preserving and promoting the cross-cultural heritage of Americans with Finnish ancestry.

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FACA CALENDAR

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March 12, Sat. Deadline for applying for FACA and Kisarit sponsored Salolampi scholarships. Contact Kathy Jackson at 651-739-3101. (See p. 6)

March 15, Tues. FACA Board Meeting at the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Roseville. All FACA members welcome. Contact a FACA board member for details.

March 16, Wed. St. Urho's Day concert at the Grand Event Center, 316 Washington St., Northfield, MN. See www.thegrandnorthfield.com. (See p. 3)

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March 19, Sat. Finn Hall plays on 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Kramarczuk's deli and sausage co., 215 E. Hennepin, Mpls, 612-379-3018. Great food, dance space, no cover charge. Contact Ralph Tuttila at raulit@msn.com for more information or check out schedule at www.finnhall.com.

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)

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.). To help with the exhibit, call a member of the FACA Board (see p. 2). For info on the Festival of Nations, see www.iimn.org or call 651-647-0191.