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NEWSLETTER OF THE FINNISH AMERICAN CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, INC.

November–December/Marraskuu–Joulukuu 2011

Finnish Rag Rugs: History and Technique Eeva Savolainen

FACA member Delores Salin recalls her great aunt Lilly's rag rug weaving with fondness. As a child she would watch her at work on her loom, melding pieces of household fabric into a new creation. Describing her great aunt's weaving, she said, "It was a wonderful mix of color and texture...and it was exciting to see the finished product come to life."

The rag rug has a special significance for many people of Finnish descent. The history of Finnish rag rug weaving is intertwined with the history of Finnish culture. Over time, the two have shaped each other.

FACA will welcome Eeva Savolainen as our guest speaker on the history and technique of Finnish rag rug weaving on November 18.

Ms. Savolainen, a native of Finland, has been living in the United States since 1995 and has been active within the Finnish and Finnish-American community since moving to Minneapolis in 1996. In addition to her weaving, Ms. Savolainen is also an accomplished singer. She received her Master of Music degree from Sibelius Academy and has been performing as a soprano all over the United States and Canada, promoting Finnish music whenever appropriate. She now works in the field of non-profit management, but continues to sing with Saana Ensemble, a vocal group of five Finnish women. Eeva started a hobby of weaving Finnish rag rugs and has been working on converting her hobby into a business. This is an important activity that will preserve our Finnish heritage.

Attendees at the November program are also invited to bring their favorite rag rugs for display and education.

Do you have a Finnish rag rug? Does your rag rug have a historic meaning to you? Please label your rug and if possible, list some information regarding its history and age. Perhaps some rugs will be over one hundred years old!

Making rag rugs may be a disappearing art form, because many charities are now available that accept clothing and other fabrics from homes. Eeva will cover the history, creation, and care of rag rugs. Join us on the 18th as we learn more about this quiet tradition that has continued through generations of Finnish Americans.



Program In Brief

Finnish rag rugs
Eeva Savolainen
Friday, November 18, 7:30 p.m.
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President's Message

By Kara Middleton

For those of you who were unable to attend the October program, we announced a subtraction and an addition to the FACA board of directors. David Breeden, who had been voted onto the board last May, had to resign in October due to family health issues. We accepted his resignation with regret and well wishes. Also in October, FACA member Harlan Stoehr volunteered to serve on the board. The directors voted Harlan onto the board to fill one of the remaining unexpired terms at the directors' meeting on October 19.



I know that all of you who joined us in October enjoyed a lovely evening listening to Diane Jarvi. Listening to the pretty, mysterious sound of the kantele that evening caused me to reminisce. During my teenage years, when my mother and I hardly agreed on any music, we both enjoyed the kantele records that we had gotten in Finland. I remember being severely jet-lagged after a summer trip to Finland and falling asleep on the sofa in the living room, lulled into a peaceful rest by the soft sound of the music playing in our house.

We played the music to extend the fond memories of our trip: memories of things like eating new potatoes with fresh dill, picking berries, evening saunas, and happy times with our relatives. On every trip there always seemed to be some error in communication, such as when cousin Annikki told us one evening that the soup we were eating contained "mouse flesh." Fortunately, it was actually moose meat! Then poor cousin Vilho protested that she had demeaned him from a mighty moose hunter to a creepy mouse catcher. Even when our conversations were not deep, the connection that we felt with our relatives was.

Years later, my mother learned to play the kantele. She learned quickly and enjoyed playing with the group, Koivun Kaiku, for a while. For me today, the sound of the kantele is mingled forever with memories of Finland and also with memories of my mother caring for my dad, my siblings and me at home in Minnesota with her adventuresome cooking, her creative work, and just through being there and loving us. The graceful kantele sounds like her graceful life.

Please take note that our *Pikkujoulu* celebration will occur on Saturday evening, December 3. Invitations with registration forms are on the FACA website and in the paper copy of this newsletter. We will enjoy the excellent food of Soile Anderson and Deco Catering, and the beautiful singing of the all-female Finnish vocal ensemble, Saana. There may even be a visit from *Joulupukki* if everyone is good!

I hope you'll join us for Eeva Savolainen's presentation on rag rugs this month. We will also display rag rugs brought by FACA members and enjoy coffee and treats afterward. If you have a favorite rag rug, please bring it to show it off.

Nähdään siellä!

Board Notes

By Harlan Stoehr

The board met Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2011, at Panera Bread, Roseville.

Kara Middleton, president; Bud Berry, vice president/program chairman; Edith Boos, treasurer/publicity; Glen Bay, member-at-large; and Harlan Stoehr were present. Middleton presided. The agenda was adopted as presented, minutes of the September 14 meeting were approved, and the treasurer's report was received and filed.

Plans for *Pikkujoulu* on December 3 were reviewed in detail and director duties assigned. Due to budget constraints, servers at *Pikkujoulu* 2011 will receive tickets at half price rather than complimentary. Nominations for the Sauna bucket award were discussed and placed on the November meeting agenda.

Concern for treats at future FACA meetings was noted; signup will be reviewed at the November meeting. Middleton reported the following: Attending the October 12 Finnish-American Chamber of Commerce Association meeting at the Danish American Center, Minneapolis; that Marlene Banttari will supervise decorating the 2011 Finnish Christmas Room at the Swedish Institute, with the theme Finnish crafts; and the Minneapolis/Kuopio sister city partnership will host an event at 5 p.m., November 2, at Mill City Museum, Minneapolis, with Kuopio Mayor Petteri Paronen present. Cost will be \$25.

Middleton reported that David Breeden, elected in May to serve as director/special events, has resigned due to family illness and that the position is open. The board accepted his resignation with regret. The position formerly held by Jane Olson also is open. The board elected Harlan Stoehr to fill the unexpired secretary term.

Potential guest speakers in 2012 were discussed. Festival of Nations 2012 was discussed; presently there is no one to organize and manage operation of the café. Middleton will seek a volunteer to do so.

The board will next meet November 18 at Panera Bread, Roseville, at 7 p.m.

Correction!
Welcome New Member!
Phyllis Mickelson Parker, Robbinsdale
Tervetuloa!

Independence Day 2011 Martti Ahtisaari Day—Reflecting Finland's national brand

By Betsy Norgard

In 2011, for the first time, Finland celebrated a special day to honor Nobel Peace laureate and former president Martti Ahtisaari. The purpose of this new, annual Ahtisaari Day is to “make peace mediation work more widely known by emphasizing the importance of education, knowledge, and communication.”

The idea for this recognition and celebration came from the working group established to create a national brand for Finland. The group connected core characteristics they saw in Finnish culture with examples of Finnish expertise in global peace mediation, as in the acclaimed work of Ahtisaari.

Join Finlandia Foundation—Twin Cities Chapter to learn more about how Ahtisaari Day was celebrated, to consider how it reflects a “Finnish brand,” and how Finland's history may have nurtured its culture. The event will take place Independence Day, Tuesday, December 6, 7:00 p.m., at Fellowship Hall, Mindekirken, Norwegian Lutheran Memorial Church, 924 E. 24th St., Minneapolis (off corner of 10th Ave. and Franklin)

Following the program, listen to the traditional greetings from the president of Finland; music will include the singing of *Maamme*. Coffee and treats follow. Donations are requested. For more information, norgard@winternet.com.

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Finnish World Class Innovations Introduced

By Risto Sivula

At the Finnish American Chamber of Commerce Minnesota annual meeting on October 12, Dr. Kari Sipila from Future Innovations in Finland introduced Finnish innovation activities and some great Finnish innovations.



Finland is ranked highly in competitiveness and innovation in the world. The number of patents and use of intellectual property rights are among the world leaders per capita. Additionally, young Finns were first in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development in sciences,

second in mathematics and reading.

Education, knowledge, and knowhow, as well as cooperation between public and private sectors and international competitiveness, are some of the key factors in the innovation and technology policies in Finland. The new Aalto University in Helsinki—created in the merger of Helsinki University of Technology, Helsinki School of Economics, and Design School—leads the way to high quality education, research collaboration, and economically successful innovations.

Finnish experts have been world leaders during the 20th century in wood and paper products. The metal industry grew remarkably with cruise ships, elevators, diesel engines, etc. During the last 20 years, information technology has been the key factor of growth in Finland, based on global success of Nokia in mobile phones. New innovations following Linux in the software and gaming fields include Angry Birds, Habbo Hotel, and many other world famous games. Also, environmental and clean technology, have great importance in the fields of successful innovations, technology, and international business.

A large number of Finland-based companies are active in Minnesota. Accordingly, the Finnish markets, as well as Finland as a gateway to the growing Russian markets, are an important trading direction to companies in Minnesota. Also collaboration in education and research and development are good channels for larger innovation and business activities between Minnesota and Finland, said Dr. Sipila.

The Finnish American Chamber of Commerce Minnesota was founded in 2010 to promote business, financial, professional, and trade relations between Finland

and Minnesota. FACC MN is a group of Finnish, American, or Finnish-American businesspeople committed to enhancing business relationships between Finland and Minnesota. Find us at www.facc-mn.com

Good Design is Forever— Helsinki World Design Capital 2012

As Helsinki takes on its role as World Design Capital 2012, the Twin Cities Finnish community launches Good Design Is Forever, a year-long celebration of Finnish design in Minnesota.

The year-long celebration begins on January 28, 2012, with an opening event at Christ Church Lutheran that will focus on design in Finland during the 1960s. Activities will highlight Eliel and Eero Saarinen's architecture, 1960s glass and tableware, and textiles, music, and documentary films from the period, with children's activities and a pop-up café. The glass exhibition will feature a collection of mid-century Finnish glass, including Timo Sarpaneva's Orchid vases, Nanny Still's Bottle vases, and Helena Tynell's Sun Bottles.

The planning committee for Good Design Is Forever will have a website (www.gooddesignisforever.org) and master calendar ready before the January 28 event. The goal is for many of the Finnish organizations to incorporate a focus on design as they plan activities and events for the coming year.

The Helsinki's World Design Capital website (<http://wdchelsinki2012.fi/en>) highlights ideas about how design will be celebrated in Finland—projects that will reach broadly across areas of daily living, focusing on usability, sustainability, and desirability in designing for a better life. Design in everyday life can include how we use Finnish products, learn in schools, play music, watch films, build houses, research history, and so on.

A planning and ideas session will take place on Saturday, November 19, at Christ Church Lutheran, at 11:00 a.m. Send information about your projects and events to gooddesignisforever@gmail.com.

Conversational Finnish Class

Tuesdays, 4:30 to 6:00 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

Finnish Flag Days in November and December

In November and December, there are a total of three Finnish Flag Days.

First up is November 6, Day of the Swedish Identity or Day of Swedishness. In Finnish, it's *Ruotsalaisuuden päivä*. It is celebrated by Swedish speaking Finns as a gesture of solidarity and unity.

As we know, Finland was once ruled by Sweden and Swedish was commonly spoken. It is still taught in Finnish public schools and is the predominant language is spots along Finland's western boundary. (On Finnish road maps, if the city name is in Swedish, with the Finnish name in smaller letters or parenthesis, the predominant language is Swedish.)

Back in the 1800s, Finnish became the predominant language in Finland. A movement was begun the late 1800s to recognize the significance of both the Swedish language and people in Finland. A Swedish people's party was established in 1906.

The Day of Swedishness was first celebrated on November 6, 1908. In the 1930s, there were a lot of fights between Swedish- and Finnish- speaking people.

Father's Day is observed the second Sunday in November. This year *Isänpäivä*. It will be observed on November 13. The idea was borrowed from the US in the 1950's. It is celebrated much like Mother's Day, both there as here, with special meals, cards, and gifts.

December's Flag Day is Independence Day, December 6, *Itsenäisyyspäivä*. In 1917, Finland took the opportunity to seize its independence from Russia. Europe was in turmoil after World War 1 and people were in a state of unrest. Tsar Nicholas and Alexandra (and children) were captured and murdered in the Russian Revolution.

It wasn't an easy transition as the Social Democrats and the Socialists disagreed over who should have power in Finland. Finally, Finland's parliament, led by Per Evind Svinhufvud, declared Finland as an independent state.

Festivities begin with the raising of the flag at 9 a.m. on Tähtitorni Hill, in Helsinki. The flag raising and accompanying musical programs are televised. Then a festive divine service at the Cathedral of Helsinki is held. The President attends. A military parade is also part of the day's festivities in a garrison city. That evening, a gala is held at the President's Palace in Helsinki. Every year, approximately 2000 people attend. War veterans are the guests of honor.

Charities host an Independence Day celebration in Hakaniemi Square for the less fortunate.

One tradition is to put two candles in a window of the home to honor the day. It was once an invitation for friendly troops to join the family for food and shelter. Candles in blue and white, are also placed in cemeteries to decorate family graves.

Give A FACA Gift Certificate!

Introduce a friend or relative to Finnish-American Cultural Activities with a gift membership in FACA. The recipient will receive the *Utiset* for one year. We will mail the gift certificate with their first issue.

If you have read any Finnish novels in English, you probably know the fine work of Richard Impola. We have many new paperbacks of Finnish novels translated into English by Impola (and some others), and some hardback books he used while working on the translations. He has kindly donated his stock of books to Finnish-American organizations around the nation. **For each gift certificate you purchase, you may select one of these books as long as supplies last.** The list of available book is located online at www.finnfaca.org.



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October Program Recap

By Bud Berry

Diane Jarvi gave an enthralling presentation of her *Ancestral Fires* project at the FACA program, October 21st. As a recipient of a grant funded by the Minnesota State Arts Board, Jarvi taught the five-string kantele to thirty students - (adults and children) in the Cokato area this past year.

Jarvi played several songs with the kanteles. The first song was very entertaining to hear and see. Her daughter joined her on the stage facing each other, nearly knee to knee. The duet was extraordinarily entertaining, because they each reached over and played the other's instrument at various points. They also performed various handshakes and motions between the notes. It was a wonderfully playful performance that any adult or kid would love. For her final song, Jarvi played a rousing Karelian tune called *Petroskoi* on the guitar. After the program, she visited with all who had questions.

FACA attendees enjoyed the program immensely, with some even posting the event on Facebook. Some of Jarvi's music can be heard on www.youtube.com by searching under her name. The song *Nightbirds*, posted there, is also on her cd titled, *Revontuli*. Some attendees asked where a kantele could be purchased. For information on kanteles and to purchase cds or books of poetry, visit www.dianejarvi.com.

Finns Add Up

By John Bispala

(Continued from last month)

C

Calculation: *laskelma*; nouns: *laskeminen, laskelma, laskelmointi, arvio*

Calculus: *kalkyyli, laskenta*

Carryover: *siirto, siirtää, lykätä*

Computation: *laskeminen, laskelma, arviointi*

Credit: *luotto, (pankki)saatava*; noun: *hyvyys, kredit, ansio, luottamus, kreditpuoli*; verb: *hyvittää*

Cube: noun: *kuutio* (a six sided solid); verb: *kuutioida; korottaa kolmanteen (3:een) potenssiin*

D

Debit: *veloittaa, veloituspöytä, veloituspöydelle, tiliveloitus, merkitä, debet, debetpuoli, tililtä*

Deposit: *talletus*; verb: *pano (oto) yhteensä, tallettaa, panna tilille*

Difference: *ero*; noun: *(summa)erotus*

Divide: verb: *jakaa, erottaa, jakautua, jaotella, jakaantua, osittaa*

Divide by: *jaa*

Divided: *jaettu*

Divided by: *jaettuna*

Division: *jakolasku, jako*

Divisor: *jakaja*

E

Equal: *olla yhtä kuin, olla*; noun: *yhdenvertainen*; verb: *olla yhtä suuri kuin*; adjective: *yhtäläinen, sama kuin*

Equation: *yhtälö*

Estimate: *arvio*; verb: *arvioida*

Expense(s): *kustannus*

Expense account: *kustannustili, edustustili*

F

Fee: *maksu, palkkio, taksa*

Fraction: *murtoluku*

I

Income: *tulo, tulot, palkkatulo*

Interest: *korke, etu, hyöty*

M

Math: *matikka* (slang)

Math problem: *matematiikka ongelma*

Mathematics: *matematiikka, laskenta*

Multiplicand: *kerrottava*

Multiplication: *kertolasku, moninkertaistuminen*

Multiplier: *kerrannaisvaikutukset, kertoja*

Minus: *miinus*; noun: *miinusmerkki*; adjective: *negatiivinen, vähennys-*; preposition: *miinus*

Negative: *negatiivinen, kielteinen*; noun: *negatiivi, ei*; verb: *kieltävä, negatiivi-, kieltö-*

Number: *luku, numero*

P

Percent: *percent, prosentti, sadasosa*; adjective: *prosentin, prosentti-*

Percentage: *prosenttiosuus, prosentti, osuus, osa*

Plus: *plus, lisää, kasvu, ja*; noun: *plussa, plusmerkki*; adjective: *plus-, positiivinen*; adverb: *plus, ja lisäksi, ynnä*

Positive: noun: *positiivi, positiivinen luku*; adjective: *positiivinen, myönteinen*

Problem: *lasku*; noun: *tehtävä, probleema*

Product: *tulo, tulos*

R

Reduce: *vähentää*; verb: *alentaa, pienentää, supistaa, pelkistää*

Remainder: *jakojäännös, jäännös*

Result: *tulos*; noun: *lopputulos, seuraus*; verb: *johtua, olla jnk seurauksena, olla jnk tuloksena*

Root: square root: *neliöjuuri*; square: *neliö, nelioida*;

cube root: *kuutiojuuri*; cube: *kuutio, kuutioida; korottaa # potenssiin*

S

Subtotal: *välisumma*

Subtract: *vähentää*

Subtraction: *vähennys, vähennyslasku*

Sum: *summa, yhteismäärä, (kokonaissumma), (kokonaismäärä)*; noun: *rabasumma, rahamäärä, loppusumma, laskutehtävä, tulos*

T

Times: *kertaa*

Total: *yhteensä, määrä*; noun: *loppusumma, summa*; verb: *olla yhteensä, laskea yhteen*; adjective: *kokoa, kokonais-, täydellinen, totaalinen*

Pieniä Paloja

- Servers at October program were Urho and Pam Rahkola, Linda Mehle School, and Kathy Chambless. *Paljon kiitos!*
- Finnish games developer Rovio, creator of Angry Birds, is rumored as one possible buyer of the Espoo Blues ice hockey team.
- The long and often rather dangerous migration of the satellite-tracked Finnish osprey Jukka to his winter home in Africa has been successfully negotiated once more. Jukka's lengthy autumn trip from his summer home in Pälkäne to Cameroon took him a month and racked up some 6,600 kilometres in air-miles.
- According to hotels.com, the most popular foreign destination among Finns is New York City. Among domestic destinations, Helsinki continues to rule, while Turku, celebrating being the European Cultural Capital this year, has supplanted Tampere in second place.
- Nokia is to launch sales of its Windows smart phones in the largest countries in Europe this month, and in several large Asian markets by years end.
- A Chinese ice sculpture event is being planned for downtown Helsinki this winter. A tent the size of half a football field, with an inside temperature of 8°C below freezing, will house the thirty Chinese ice sculptors, their ice sculptures, and 50,000 paying visitors. 350 tons of ice will be brought from Lapland for the event.

FACA Website Update Needs Photos and Writers

The FACA website needs to be updated. (The Membership Activities page was last updated in 2002. The photos are too small to be seen properly.)

We could use pictures of recent programs and speakers, *Pikkujoulu*, *Laskiainen*, and Festival of Nations. Group photos from the Genealogy and *Oppitunti* would be appreciated, also. Yes, I will give you photo credit. I would appreciate images in jpg format sent as attachments. (If you don't know how, call or email me for instructions.)

If you'd like to refresh/rewrite parts in the membership section on *Pikkujoulu*, *Laskiainen*, or Festival of Nations, please let me know. I'll format and post the web pages, so a Word file or even email text works. You don't need to know anything about web maintenance.

Thank you!

Beth Jarvis, Webmaster

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Condolences

We extend our condolences to Bernie Fligelman on the passing of his wife. Alice Fligelman passed away on September 25, 2011. We also extend our condolences to Alice's sisters, Ruth Ervasti and Joanne Smith.

Tango Pohjan Tähdien

By Sara Pajunen

There is a new group based in Minneapolis: Tango Pohjan Tähdien. We combine elements of traditional Argentine tango, Tango nuevo, jazz, and even some folk music all within the context of Finnish tango repertoire. We are excited to play our brand of tango and are currently booking gigs. If you are interested, or know of someplace that might be interested, please contact us or spread the word. Visit our website: www.finntango.com for more info! Thank you!

Historical Church Tours

Free docent-led public tours of Christ Church Lutheran are offered on the first Sunday of the month at 11:00 a.m., following the 9:30 worship service. Private and group tours may be arranged for other times by emailing reservations@christchurchluth.com. The \$10 per person fee includes a \$5 souvenir booklet about the building. Tour fees go to preserving this National Historic Landmark.

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Nov. 12–Jan. 8 A Nordic Christmas, American Swedish Institute, Minneapolis
Nov. 18 FACA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Panera Bread, Roseville.
Nov. 18 FACA Program
Nov. 19 Good Design Forever planning and ideas session. 11:00 a.m., Christ Church Lutheran (See page 4).
Nov. 19 Christmas Fair and Reopening Celebration, The American Swedish Institute, Minneapolis
Nov. 20 Finnish Culture Through Movies group, 6:00 p.m., *Täällä Pohjantähden alla* www.ses.fi/en/film.asp?id=904 Christ Church Lutheran, Minneapolis.
Nov. 22 Nordic American Thanksgiving Breakfast, DoubleTree by Hilton, Bloomington. Seating begins at 6:30 a.m., program begins at 7:00 a.m.
Nov. 27 *Music in the Mansion*, Kaivama performance, American Swedish Institute, Minneapolis. 2–2:30 p.m. and 3–3:30 p.m. *Music in the Mansion* is a new series that will begin with performances by Finnish-American musicians Sara Pajunen and Jonathan Rundman of the folk duo Kaivama. Alternately ancient and modern Finnish influences reveal themselves in Kaivama's sound: danceable rhythms, joyous melodies, icy whippers, sleek construction, primal drones, and poppy hooks all interplay as Pajunen and Rundman explore the music of their ancestors. *Music in the Mansion* is a series that runs for four Sundays this holiday season,

featuring a different Nordic musical performer on each day, and is included with museum admission. More information: <http://www.kaivama.com/shows.html>
Dec. 2 Finn Hall will be at Kramarczuk's 6:30–8:30 p.m. \$4 cover charge. Kramarczuk's Sausage Company, 215 East Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis (612) 379-3018, www.finnhall.com
Dec. 3 FACA *Pikkujoulu*
Dec. 6 Martti Ahtisaari Day Celebration, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall, Mindekirken, Norwegian Lutheran Memorial Church, Minneapolis (See page 3)
Dec. 17–18 A Scandinavian Christmas with the Minnesota Orchestra, Sarah Hicks, conductor. It may be cold outside, but inside—God Jul!—a warm welcome awaits! Join the Minnesota Orchestra for our annual Yuletide celebration: a winter bouquet of Scandinavia's most beautiful Christmas songs plus lovely seasonal selections by Sibelius, Leifs, Anderson, and Grieg. The stars—Julstjärna—will be hung and the hall will be aglow with the magic of Santa Lucia, complete with a candlelight procession. Nordic sweaters welcome!
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