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Kahden Uutiset

Friends of Suomi Hall

Formerly known as United Finnish Kaleva Brothers & Sisters Astoria Lodge #2

Founded December 6, 1886, as a non-profit, non-political organization

Finlandia Foundation Astoria Chapter

President's Message:

Hello to all. As I write this I'm listening to the wind and rain outside. I think I'm anxiously awaiting the days where it's sunny and warm.

We've had a busy few months at Suomi Hall.

In January we had our annual meeting. It was nice to see so many of you there. What a great meal we got to enjoy. The Fish Stew brought back childhood memories of my Äiti's stew. Thank you!

At the meeting we gratefully acknowledged all the wonderful time and effort that Peggy Nikkila has given to the Board of Trustees! Thank you Peggy. We voted and welcomed Dirk Schulbach to the Board of Trustees. At the Trustees meeting, we sadly acknowledged that Maddie Matson would be going off the board, but we welcomed Greg Jacobs to the board. The board will vote on officers at their March meeting

At the Annual Meeting we also welcomed two new members. Nina Salo Maher and Judy Gervais Perkiomaki. Welcome!!

In February we had a very successful Nordic Market. So many thank yous to the Auxiliary for the super yummy Pannukakku breakfast. Plus the market itself was very well attended and

enjoyed by all. The white Elephant sale was also a very great success. So many thank yous to all who helped make this such a great event.

Next month we'll have the St Urho's event! Mark your calendars for March 9. 1 pm meal (corned beef and cabbage) and 2 pm member meeting. Wear purple. There may be door prizes? Please note that in April we'll move to our Monday evening schedule.

On March 4 there will be the Princess Introduction of the new 2025 Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Court. Come and support our new princesses. The event will be in the Commons at Astoria High School, 7 pm.

In January, Tami Stelzig and I were honored to accept a \$2000 grant from the Clatsop County Cultural Coalition. This grant will be used to purchase kanteles for The Friends of Suomi Hall. We are so excited about this. They will be used at Suomi School and we are also hoping to have kantele workshops at the hall at some point. Please let me know if you are interested in attending a workshop.

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Scholarship Opportunity

If you are, or you have a student graduating from high school this spring,
apply for the F.O.S.H. (U.F.K.B&S) Scholarship.

Applications will be available after March 8.

They will be due on May 1, 2025.

Contact: friendsofsuomihall@gmail.com for an application

Or you can contact Saara Matthews (503.325.5720) or Leila Collier (503.791.1139)

Kanteles for Suomi School

Many thanks to the Clatsop County Cultural Coalition for honoring the Friends of Suomi Hall with a \$2000 grant to purchase at least 8 Kanteles for use at Suomi School and also for potential workshops at the hall. The students had so much fun learning to play them at Suomi School and this was the reason we applied for the grant. We can't wait to get them ordered and start using them.



Leila Collier, Tami Stelzig, Anna and Chloe Stelzig



Annual Meeting Pictures



Nordic Market and Auxiliary Report

We had one very busy day this month. And once again, teamwork made everything a great success.

On February 15th we welcomed the public for our annual Nordic Market. There were 20 vendors with a wide variety of goods; jewelry, pastries, wood crafts, soap, pottery, glassware, and home decor. We received positive feedback from customers and sellers.

Simultaneously, the Pannukakku breakfast served 148 people a delicious meal complete with berry sauce, sausages and mandarin oranges. And of course, copious amounts of coffee. The room was a bit crowded at times but notably, people met old friends, enjoyed conversation and made new connections. Many thanked us for a great breakfast, some said better than ever.

The White Elephant sale had an abundance of merchandise. Every surface was covered with antiques, home goods, collectables and gift items. As 3 o'clock approached, it was obvious much had been sold. The sale was a great success thanks to the efforts of Lauri and Laura who worked very hard.

Thank you to Katie and Peggy for managing the Nordic Market. It was well organized and went without a hitch. Even the elevator cooperated.

Thank you to the amazing auxiliary staff; Sara, Beth, Janice, MaryAnn, Barb, Pete, Lorna, Lloyd and Marta. You all made this a wonderful event!

I appreciate inviting the public to Suomi Hall. I believe this fosters community connections that are an important aspect of our mission as an organization.

Monet Kiitokset,
Anne Kaisa





History Corner



The Lindgren log home reconstructed at Cullaby Lake County Park was built by Finnish immigrants in the early 1900's. The logs are locked together at the corners and where the interior walls lock onto the exterior walls. These uniquely shaped "Dovetail" joints are cut at angles and sloped so moisture will flow out of the joint and away from the house. The house is behind a fenced area at the park and will be opened for visiting during summer weekends.

By Marv Hautala

Scholarship Recipient Update

My first year at Pacific University has been really good. I love the community and feel really comfortable here. I have decided to major in Public Health and pursue a minor in music so I can continue playing my clarinet. I have made really close friends and connections with others that have shaped my experience at Pacific, making it my second home. I love the people, everyone is kind and welcoming. I am so glad I chose Pacific University. I love it. Thank you so much to the Friends of Suomi Hall for the scholarship that I was awarded last year, it has been very helpful.

—Riley Phillips





Upcoming Calendar

MARCH:

Monday, March 3, Auxiliary Meeting, 10:00 AM Coffee, 10:30 AM Business Meeting

Sunday, March 9, Members Meeting 1:00 PM St. Urho Corned Beef/Cabbage feast and potluck, 2:00 PM meeting

Monday, March 10, Trustees Meeting, 9:30 AM

APRIL:

Monday, April 7,, Auxiliary Meeting, 10:00 AM Coffee, 10:30 AM Business Meeting

Monday, April 14, Trustees Meeting, 9:30 AM

Monday, April 14, Members Meeting 6:00 PM Coffee, 7:00 Business Meeting (Note switch to Summer Schedule)

MAY:

Monday, May 5, Auxiliary Meeting, 10:00 AM Coffee, 10:30 AM Business Meeting

Saturday, May 10, Miss Finland Princess Tea

Monday, May 12, Trustees Meeting, 9:30 AM

Monday, May 12, Scandinavian Festival Court Visit, 6:00 PM Strawberry Shortcake
Prepared and Served by the men of the Lodge

JUNE:

Monday, June 2, Auxiliary Meeting, 10:00 AM Coffee, 10:30 AM Business Meeting
Monday, June 9, Trustees Meeting, 9:30 AM
Monday, June 9, Member's Meeting, 6:00 PM Coffee, 7:00 Business Meeting
Fri-Sun, June 20, 21, 22, Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival

JULY:

Monday, July 7, Auxiliary Meeting, 10:00 AM Coffee, 10:30 AM Business Meeting
Monday, July 14, Trustees Meeting, 9:30 AM
Monday, July 14, Members Meeting, 6:00 PM Coffee, 7:00 Business Meeting

AUGUST:

Monday, August 4, NO Auxiliary Meeting
August 4-8, Suomi School 9:00AM - 12:00PM
August 10, noon, Friends of Suomi Hall Picnic, Cullaby Lake, first picnic area off the parking lot with all the playground equipment
Monday, August 11, Trustees Meeting, 9:30 AM

SEPTEMBER:

Tuesday, September 2 Auxiliary Meeting, 10:00 AM Coffee, 10:30 AM Business Meeting
Monday, September 8, Trustees Meeting, 9:30 AM
Monday, September 8, Members Meeting, 6:00 PM Coffee, 7:00 Business Meeting

OCTOBER:

Monday, October 6, Auxiliary Meeting, 10:00 AM Coffee, 10:30 AM Business Meeting
Monday, October 13, Trustees Meeting, 9:30 AM
Monday, October 13, Members Meeting, 6:00 PM Coffee, 7:00 Business Meeting
Saturday, October 18, Laksloda Luncheon

NOVEMBER:

Monday, November 3, Auxiliary Meeting, 10:00 AM Coffee, 10:30 AM Business Meeting
Sunday, November 9, Members Meeting, Thanksgiving Potluck, 1:00 PM, 2:00 PM Business Meeting
Monday, November 10, Trustees Meeting, 9:30 AM
Monday, November 10, Members Meeting, 6:00 PM Coffee, 7:00 Business Meeting
Friday, November 28, Sankta Lucia Festival, introduction of the 2026 court

DECEMBER:

Tuesday, December 1, Auxiliary Meeting, 10:00 AM Coffee, 10:30 AM Business Meeting and a Cookie Exchange

Saturday, December 6, Finnish Independence Day, Astoria Nordic Heritage Park, 11am - 1pm

Sunday, December 7, Members Meeting, 1:00, followed by Pikku Joulu

Monday, December 8, Trustees Meeting, 9:30 AM

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