



This spring's forest undergrowth is the lushest we've seen.

Photo by Erick Leskinen

CALENDAR SNAPSHOT

June

- 2 – Board meeting, 7 p.m., no visitors
- 3 – Future Planning, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 5 – Bar Committee, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 6 – **Spring Classic Men's Scramble**, 8 a.m.
- 9 – Sisterhood Committee, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 13 – Board meeting, 10 a.m., visitors at noon
- 13 – **Bar Committee Breakfast**, 8 a.m., *Kentta*
- 13 – **Fishing Derby**, 9 a.m. registration, Sun Lake, \$4
- 15 – Newsletter Items Due
- 19 – **Juhannus and Car Show**

July

- 7 – Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., no visitors
- 18 – Board meeting, 10:00 a.m., visitors at noon
- 24 – **Sisterhood Floatilla**, Sun Lake
- 31 – **Bar Committee Luau**, 9 p.m.

August

- 7, 8 – **Children's Weekend**
- 13, 14, 15 – **Finn Fest**
- 28 – **Camp Crawl**

Friday Night Grill is open Fridays, 6-8:30 p.m., *Kentta*

See "Upcoming Events" section for more details.

Condolences

Longtime DFCSCA and Finn Center member Irja Connolly (94) died Sunday, May 2. Her funeral was held at Thayer Rock Funeral Home in Farmington. Irja was very active with the arts at Finn Camp and Finn Center, directing multiple Finnish plays, and was the founder of the Finnish American Singers. She held a number of positions at Finn Camp, on the board and in other capacities. She was also recently inducted into Dearborn's Hall of Fame at the Performing Arts Center for

all her work with that city, ranging from Civic Theatre plays and the Senior Glimpses video group on cable to much volunteer work with the committee that commissioned the Performing Arts building itself. Irja is survived by her three daughters—Dr. Michele Foxworthy, Joselle Bamford and Cheryl Novack—and her son, Ted Kilponen.

Sun Lake Cleanup Was a Huge Success

This year's Sun Lake cleanup turned out to be a great time. We had great weather and over twenty people helped beautify our area. The Sisterhood Committee would like to thank everyone that showed up and helped! –The Sisterhood

New Finn Camp Member

Matthew Jokinen has become the camp's newest member. He holds the distinction of becoming the first fifth-generation member to join. Welcome, Matthew.

Finn Hall Concert Enjoyed by Many

The Finn Hall concert on March 21 at the Finnish Center was fantastic! Once this group of talented musicians began to play, it was easy to see why the *Finlandia* Foundation named them their National Performers of the Year for 2010. Finn Hall's dedication to preserving classic Finnish music showed in their mastery of the accordion, mandolin, violin and nyckelharpa, the Swedish key harp. The concert finale featured an accordion rendition by Don Reinholm of Sibelius's *Finlandia*. After the concert, Ralph Tutilla gave dance lessons in the tango, jenikka and humppa before the dance floor was opened to everyone. The jam session that followed included Finn Hall's Ralph Tutilla, Cheryl Pasche and more than 15 local musicians playing together



to create an incredible whole second concert. Sponsors of the event, in addition to the Finn Camp, were four other local Finnish heritage organizations: the Finnish Center Association that hosted the evening, the Finnish American Historical Society, the Finnish American Cultural Corporation and the Knights of and Ladies of the Kaleva. These combined sponsors are now calling themselves the Five Finn Consortium. Plans for more cultural events are already in the making, to continue bringing the best of Finnish and Finnish American culture for everyone to enjoy.

Recreation Committee News

Our first field trip to Kensington Metro Park's Nature Center was a huge success! We learned about the Emerald Ash borer and how it is being spread. Also found out how bees make honey and materials that bee keepers are using to help the bees be more efficient. We learned about the predators, such as Sea Lampreys, that are endangering our native species. After visiting the exhibits, we were entertained by Rosco the Clown and his magic show. He chose Drew Pype to be the bubble boy and made balloon animals for all of the kids. Then we took a walk on one of the nature trails. A photographer gave the kids sunflower seeds and the kids stood quietly while the birds ate them from their hand. The biggest treat of all was when a family of Sandhill Cranes came close to us, they had to young babies with them. They actually walked right up to our group. We were surprised that they came so close with their babies, but they did try to protect them, just ask Marty Boatman! We ended our walk to look for the Blue Herons from the boardwalk. We saw two Egrets gathering materials for their nest high in the trees. Our day was complete when we meet at the *Kennata* for pizza and pop. That is when the rain came down. It was a great day!

Upcoming events for June: We would like to plan a campout for June 26th at the A field. Parent participation is required. We would also like to have a canoe trip, possibly early July. Check the website, or the bulletin boards for more information.

Famous Finns from A to Z

The first in a possible series of occasional, not too Finnick, look into the lives of noteworthy Finns.

Alvar Aalto (1898–1976), one of the foremost architects and furniture designers of the 20th century, who “was always careful to work with nature, rather than

against it” (David Kirby, *A Concise History of Finland*). Aalto was renowned during the post–World War II reconstruction period for designing striking civic buildings like Finlandia Hall in central Helsinki but also for industrial architecture like paper mills. Many of his international assignments—in France, Germany, and the Middle East—came during his appointment as Professor of Experimental Architecture at MIT (1942–1947). On a smaller scale, “his furniture is noted for its use of laminated wood in ribbonlike forms that serve both structural and aesthetic ends” (Britannica III). Aalto was able to work not only with wood but with women. Most of his furniture designs were made in collaboration with his first wife, Aino Marsio (d. 1949), and he designed the Maison Carré in Paris in collaboration with Elissa Makkinheimo, his second wife.

Board Notes and Reminders

We have an opening for Camp Rental Agent. This would be an ideal way for a local member to secure their work hours. Please see the board if you might be interested in filling this position.

The entire DFCSCA would like to thank the estate of Gene Holappa for its generous donation to the Children's Recreation Committee. The committee plans to put the funds to good use. One plan is to spruce up the “kids' corner” in the Clubroom.

The board would like to invite all committees to consider adopting a special project. Many projects are not expensive and would enhance camp country. See the board for more details.

Please remember that all camp sales and transfers have to be done with the consent of the board.

The annual inspection walkthrough of camp country is scheduled for June 2. By then, camp owners must have their camps cleared of debris and leaves. The Wixom police and Fire Department mandate that all camps have their camp numbers posted and visible from the road.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Note: Not all events are listed on this and other DFCSCA calendars. If you are planning an event and want to check the availability of a specific facility on a certain date, the only way to confirm this is to check with Karen Pype (248-926-6219).



Spring Classic Men's Scramble



Sunday, June 6, at the River Bank Golf Course, South Lyon, 10 Mile and Currie. Registration starts at 8 a.m., with tee-off at 9 a.m. Contact Dave Niemi.

Bar Committee Announcement

The Bar Committee will serve a breakfast on Sunday, June 13, from 8 a.m. to noon, in the outdoor kitchen, then raffle off a fire pit at noon. The second prize will be a free sauna card. Third prize is a credit of \$10 off drinks of your choice at the bar. Tickets are \$1 each or six tickets for \$5.

The Bar Committee Luau is scheduled for Saturday, July 31, at 9 p.m. in the Clubroom.

The next meeting of the Bar Committee will be Saturday, June 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the Clubroom.

Annual Fishing Derby



Mark your calendar for Sunday, June 13: it could be your lucky day. Come alone, with a friend or bring the family. (This event is for members and guests only.) Registration starts at 9 a.m., the fishing begins at ten and lunch is about noon. Fish for hours, enjoy a freshly cooked fish-and-chip lunch—and maybe even win a great prize! There will be games and raffles for young and old. If you're not into fishing, come and volunteer, to gain some work hours. Donations of salad, fruit, veggies or dessert will really be appreciated to round out what will already be a great meal. For only \$4 per person, how can you go wrong?



Fishing Derby 2009

Sign-up boards for volunteers and lunch donations will be at the beach closer to derby time.

Contact Susan Slaughter for more information: 586-206-5756 or FishingDerby@finncamp.org (specify "Derby" as subject).

Please note that no motors, electric or gas, are allowed on Sun Lake.



Juhannus, Saturday, June 19

Welcome in summer with our annual Juhannus celebration. Featured events include, of course, our famous *kokko* (bonfire) at 10 p.m., the fourth annual car show (see below), dancing to traditional Juhannus classics with the Don Reinholm Band at 7 p.m., followed by recorded contemporary pop music at 8:30 in the Dance Hall, and a 50–50 raffle. The kitchen will be open all day, from 8 a.m. until 9 p.m. Breakfast will be served both Saturday and Sunday mornings, from 8 to 11 a.m.

To work hours in the kitchen on Juhannus, please see the sign-up sheets that will soon be located at the Sun Lake office.

If you would like to work hours other than in the kitchen, please call Dick Pye at 248-926-6219. To make this event a success, we need everyone to come forward and help! Our thanks for managing this event go to Dick Pye, chairman.

Fourth Annual Car Show



Finn Camp Car Show 2008

This year the annual car show will be held June 19, noon to 5:00 p.m., as part of the Juhannus celebration. There's no charge to view the Finn Camp's softball field full of meticulously reconditioned classic cars. In fact, for only \$5 you can enter your own vehicle, in whatever level of completion you have reached with it.

Registration starts around 10:00 a.m., with the show beginning at 12:00 and the awards announced at 4:00.

To preregister, send your name and address, with the year and make and model of your car or truck, to FinnCampCarShow@yahoo.com. Then when you arrive at the show, all you'll have to do is sign a liabil-

ity form and pay the entry fee. All proceeds will go to the Juhannus committee. Buttons for Juhannus will be available at the registration table, or see the overall organizer for Juhannus, Dick Pye.

Juhannus-Finn Camp car show raffle prizes:

1st	22" Insignia 1080 LCD TV	\$270 value
2nd	Massage by Korey Atwell	\$70 value
3rd	Goodie Bucket	\$50 value

Sponsored by the Juhannus Committee.

Need not be present to win. Drawing is June 19, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. Tickets located in Clubroom, or see Mike and Mary Barie.

Come vote for your favorites, and buy your 50–50 and raffle tickets! Raffle tickets and car fliers will be in the Clubroom. Help get the word out, to friends who may be owners of classic cars and others who will enjoy the event.

See more details, still photos and YouTube videos from the 2007, 2008 and 2009 car shows at <http://sites.google.com/site/finncampcarshow/>.

—Mike and Mary Barie, Car Show Committee

Third Annual Camp Crawl

Our third annual camp crawl is scheduled for, Saturday, August 28.

If you are going to open your camp to the crawlers, please preregister, to be included on this year's map. For details, call Tammie King at 248-624-6691 or email her at tammie@tammieking.com.

—Sponsored by Sisterhood Committee

Finn Grand Fest 2010



This year's Finn Grand Fest will be July 28 through August 1 in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada.

For more information: www.finngrandfest2010.com.
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Board and Committee Meetings

Board of Directors

Wednesday, June 2 at 7:00 p.m., no visitors.
Sunday, June 13 at 10:00 a.m., visitors at noon.
Visitors must sign in at the Clubroom area.

Future Planning Committee

Thursday, June 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Boardroom.

Bar Committee

Saturday, June 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the Clubroom.

Sisterhood Committee

Wednesday, June 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Boardroom.

City of Wixom Events

City Wide Garage Sale

June 17-19, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

The City of Wixom invites all subdivisions and residents who have items for sale to sell them from their homes free of permits or licenses during our City Wide Garage Sale. Please: only one sign per household. Sign up through your Home Owners Assn's. Individual homes not part of a sub, call Parks & Recreation at (248) 624-2850.

Visit www.wixomgov.org for more information about City of Wixom events.

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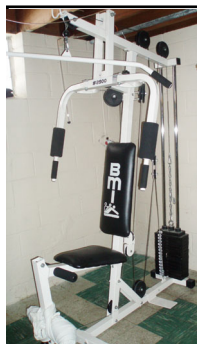
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