



UPCOMING EVENTS

Note: Not all events are listed on this and other DFCSA calendars. If you are planning an event and wish to check the availability of a specific facility on a certain date, please call Karen Pye (248-926-6219).

Annual Harvest Dinner

The Bar Committee–sponsored potluck Harvest Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 3, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Clubroom. The committee will provide the turkeys, mashed potatoes and stuffing. Members are asked to please bring a salad, vegetable dish or dessert.

Fall Talkoo

The fall *talkoo* is Finn Camp's annual tradition of its members coming together to prepare the grounds for the winter. Please come out for this event, which is a sociable occasion as well as being task oriented. All ages are invited to join in. Free *mojakka* and a complimentary sauna will be provided for the workers. This year's *talkoo* will be held on Sunday, November 4, starting at 10:00 a.m. at the *Kenttä*.

FinnFestUSA 2012 and 2013

The annual FinnFest celebration of multicultural art, food, history and music will be held in Tucson over November 8–11. For details see www.2012finnfestusa.com. And it's not too early to make reservations for FinnFest 2013 in Hancock, June 19–23. One enterprising member has already reserved a whole block of rooms. Visit www.finnfestusa2013.org to start planning.

Holiday Extravaganza

You are invited to a first-time arts, crafts, holiday gifts and treasures event—more than just a craft show! The artists will be offering unique handmade items, home décor, wreaths and

CALENDAR SNAPSHOT

November

- 1—Future Planning Committee, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 3—**Harvest Dinner**, 3:00–6:00 p.m., Clubroom
- 4—**Fall Talkoo**, 10:00 a.m., *Kenttä*
- 8–11—FinnFestUSA, Tucson
- 11—Board meeting, 10:00 a.m., visitors at noon
- 14—Sisterhood, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 16—Recreation Committee, 8:00 p.m., Clubroom
- 18—Forest Management, 10:00 a.m., pole barn
- 30—Ladies' Spa Night, 7:00–9:00 p.m., Sauna Building

December

- 2—**Pikku Joulu, "Little Christmas"** Children's Christmas Party, 1:00–5:00 p.m., Clubroom
- 6—Future Planning Committee, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 8—**Adult Christmas Party**, 8:00 p.m., Clubroom
Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., no visitors
- 9—Forest Management, 10:00 a.m., pole barn
- 12—Sisterhood, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 21—Recreation Committee, 8:00 p.m., Clubroom
- 31—**New Year's Eve Party**, 9:00 p.m., Clubroom

wearable art including beautiful jewelry, and arrangements. You will find many finely crafted holiday gift items, wonderful edibles and one-of-a-kind treasures to fit every budget. This show will be a perfect opportunity to start your Christmas shopping early this year, so bring along a friend and enjoy the evening! The event is Thursday, November 29, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Clubroom. We are welcoming any new or hand-crafted items to be sold at the show. Interested vendors should call Kari Aro at 248-624-6183 for table availability. This is an independent event not sponsored directly by Finn Camp.

Calling All Ladies!

Kick off the holiday season by coming to Spa Night at the Finn Camp Sauna on Friday, November 30, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. All the ladies of Finn Camp can look forward to a night of relaxation. Please bring a dish to pass and a white-elephant item (\$10 limit) for our holiday dice game and gift exchange. Drinks will be provided, and you can enjoy a free sauna. Massages will be available for an extra fee on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call Mary Burck at 248-471-0144.

Pikku Joulu, “Little Christmas”

The annual Children’s Christmas celebration will be Sunday, December 2, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Clubroom. Bring a dish to pass for the potluck lunch, and enjoy traditional *riisi puuro* (rice pudding). New members are asked to bring an unbreakable ornament, labeled with your name(s) and “2012,” to hang on the tree and add to our collection (one per family, please). Join the kids in a sing-along of our favorite holiday carols as we anxiously await a visit from Santa! For your child to participate in Santa’s gift bag, bring a wrapped gift with your child’s name, to be put under the tree. Please limit the cost of your gift to \$10–\$15. For further information or to earn some hours in setup or cleanup, contact Robyn Jokinen at 810-287-4591 or by email at rbjokinen@gmail.com.

—Sponsored by the Recreation Committee

Finn Camp Members Are Glittering Successes as Artists

Finn Camp members Ron and Elayne Nordin must be busting their buttons with pride at having their three sons Israel, Erik and Chris highlighted in the *Crain’s Detroit Business* article at this link: <http://www.craindetroit.com/article/20120930/FREE/309309935/the-business-of-art-brothers-sculpt-a-career>.

Israel and Chris Nordin, Finn Campers themselves, worked with brother Erik over a period of four months to make a blown-glass “coral” reef in a 10-foot-long saltwater aquarium at the executive suite of the new downtown Compuware Building headquarters of Rock Ventures. This job alone resulted in 122 pieces of glasswork, but all told they made 260 artworks in glass for around the various offices. How they created these pieces, and just what goes into being successful artists these days, makes for a fascinating story that can be accessed at the link above.

Camp for Sale

Camp 106 (west side)
New roof, many extras
Call Tom:
586-770-2156

Association Christmas Card

An association Christmas card will again this year be mailed to all members. You can add your name(s) to this card for \$5 per entry. Print your entry as you would like it to appear on the card. (For example, Mr. & Mrs. S. Urho; Joe, Betty, Fred, Carol & Sam S. Isu.) The deadline is December 2 at *Pikku Joulu*. Mail your request with a check in the appropriate amount made out payable to:

DFCSCA

2545 Loon Lake Rd.

Wixom, MI 48393.

Please write “Christmas card” on the lower left corner of your envelope. Anyone who might like to may submit a drawing of something appropriate for the front of the card. It must be camera-ready, in black and white. Any Finn Camp-associated scene shown decorated for the holidays would be suitable. Use the same deadline and address as above. Thanks to all participants. —Karen Pype

Autumn Fest

This year's Autumn Fest on September 29 was a great way to welcome in the fall! There was lots of good *mojakka* to sample, and comparing your taste buds with those of the judges was fun. Each *mojakka* entry had its own spin on this Finnish staple, and all of it was delicious! We want to thank those who contributed to this event, in many ways: Mike Weber and Dale Truemner (both repeat donors), Tammie King, Sherry Kurin, Barb Niemi, Rosy Septka, Carol Melancon, the board of directors, a variety of committees and the gift shop.

We also thank those who helped plan and run the evening: Nancy Kasparschuster, Barb Niemi and Laura and Eric Melancon. It always takes a group effort to hold this event, and this group was great. Everyone enjoyed the evening's entertainment, from musicians who never disappoint. We had Don Reinholm and Roger "Raimo" Hewlett on accordion, Karin Arnesson on nyckelharpa, Kristen Kreiner on flute, Ron Karvonen on the mandolin, Dennis Burck from the Royal Blackbirds on bass and Steve Niemi, the organizer of the night's entertainment, on guitar. *Kiitos* to the musicians!

First-prize winner was Joni Sennhenn, second place Gina Parisi and third Patti Leppi. The Finn Camp Fun Raffle was won by Sue Slaughter. The prizes are a nice way to show our appreciation, but all of the entries were delicious, and we feel so grateful for each of them. The nicest blessing is the support that our Finnish community extends to its scholarship recipients. The most recent recipients include Kyle Barie, Dennis Burck, Sarah Holm, Anthony Jokinen, Brady Linick, Gina Parisi and Brittani Kokko Thomas. See the short feature highlighting Kyle Barie (below), the first in a new series of profiles in the recipients' own words. The requirements for students to qualify are simple: The student has to be currently enrolled, even if they are in just their first semester; and the college has to be an accredited school. Each participant receives the same amount of financial support. Finn Camp members have been supporting their college-bound young adults through this program for at least 17 years. We hope to have your support again next year and encourage everyone to come join us then for entertainment, prizes and all the delicious *mojakka* you can eat! —Carol Melancon, Beverly Jokinen, Cultural Committee; Millie Packard, Joan Amos, Scholarship Committee

How the Money Is Raised

Some money is raised by Finn Camp fundraisers, but the greater part of the scholarship money comes from donations as memorials. Donna Aro donated a substantial amount last spring in honor of her late husband Jim. And her daughter, Shannon Dux, raised more than \$1,300 online for donations to cut 12 inches of her hair and donate it to Locks of Love to make wigs for cancer patients. Shannon also set up a fundraiser, through gofundme.com, for the scholarship fund. The Scholarship Committee is now seeking new applicants. See "Board Notes and Reminders" at the end of this newsletter for application information.

Need a Seamstress?

Call Cindi Maddick for all your alterations, custom work and mending at 248-303-7337.

Cords of Firewood for Sale

\$50 for members and nonmembers.
Delivery extra.

Slab Wood for Sale

Slab wood for sale for \$5 each may be found near the pole barn.

Contact Mike Honka,
ph. 248-860-5109.

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**Articles Wanted—
Member Spotlight**

Do you have a favorite memory of growing up in the Finn Camp you'd like to share? Perhaps you have an interesting story of Finn Camp history. Member spotlight articles are especially interesting. Please send a few paragraphs, preferably with a photograph, to: newsletter_editor@finncamp.org

The committee is always seeking fun and interesting stories from members.

Scholarship Recipients: Kyle Barie

“I am currently in my third year at Michigan Technological University. I am working toward a bachelor’s degree in Mechanical Engineering, with a minor in Product Design. I am involved in the Robotic Systems Enterprise, where we strive to further STEM education (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics) in both our members as well as high school students we mentor. We create products that solve real-life problems in the field of robotics. Between my classwork and my work in my enterprise, I still find time to get outside and play disc golf or paintball and, in the winter, snowboard and broomball.”

Soon to Come: Music to Our Ears

By the time of the Finn Camp Harvest Dinner we should be able to enjoy hearing our old Clubroom piano again. Bruce Foxworthy has alerted us to look forward to a new color for the piano—it needed repainting anyway after being stripped down for repairs to the four bridges, hitch pins, tuning-pin holes, soundboard, the action’s hammer heads, dampers and pulling the piano into pitch once again.

Brick Pavers at Sun Lake

There have been a number of inquiries about getting additional bricks to place at Sun Lake. If you are interested in purchasing a brick or additional bricks, please send your name and phone number to Treasurer@finncamp.org. As soon as we have an idea how many people are interested, we can supply more definite information on cost and a timetable.



Finn Camp Calendar

The 2013 Finn Camp Calendar is back, by popular demand. Erick Leskinen, our resident *photographer extraordinaire*, will once again share his fantastic photos. All committees are requested to submit any of their upcoming events for the new year. This is a free service. As in years past, members who would like their special dates listed in the calendar may do so, for a fee of only \$2. These personalized calendars make great holiday gifts! Calendars will be available to purchase at the Pikku Joulu Children's Christmas party on December 2 and throughout December. Preorders \$14; regular price \$15. Make checks payable to D.F.C.S.C.A. Sisterhood and mail to c/o Tammie King, 1826 Bruce St., Wixom, MI 48393. (Calendar delivery by mail requires an additional \$2.50.) Please contact Tammie King at 248-624-6691 or tammie@tammieking.com to submit your special events, personalized dates and preorders. As always, thank you for your support!—Tammie King

Free "CLASSIFIED" Ads

All members are invited to list here any services—for pay or barter—that they would like to advertise. Whether it's a service such as handyman or seamstress or pet care, or seasonal activities like garage sales, we will be listing these in upcoming newsletters. All you have to do is provide—via your business card or information you supply by mail or email to the newsletter editor (see the box on the last page) the following information: The type of service offered; a description of just what you do as the service provider; your price (hourly rate, job rate, to be negotiated, or whatever); your name; and your contact information (preferred method and times: phone, email, etc.). Total length, including spaces, should not exceed 50 words, not counting the headings. (Overlength copy will be edited for fit.) The deadline is the same as the date for newsletter copy: the 15th of each month.

Your Wife Weighs HOW Much?!



On October 6, a Helsinki couple took first place in the North American Wife Carrying Championship in Newry, Maine. Taisto Miettinen and Kristina Haapanen finished in 52.58 seconds on a course with hurdles, sand traps and a water hole. The winners got the woman's weight in beer and five times her weight in cash: \$530.

BOARD NOTES AND REMINDERS

We would like to welcome new members Eero and Madeline Salonen.

For members who have suggestions, comments or board-related business, please send an email to Board@finncamp.org. You may also contact Works Administrators Don Matt, Kevin Homola or Denny Sennhenn at this email address.

The Scholarship Committee is now seeking applicants. Scholarship application forms are available at the beach, in the Clubroom and through Millie Packard (248-554-9998) or emailing scholarships@finncamp.org.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Board of Directors

Sunday, November 11, 10:00 a.m., visitors at noon

Future Planning Committee

November 1, 7:30 p.m., boardroom

Recreation Committee

November 16, 8:00 p.m., Clubroom. From now on, this committee plans to meet on the third Friday of each month, at 8:00 p.m. in the Clubroom.

Sisterhood

Wednesday, November 14, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom

Forest Management Committee

Sunday, November 18, 10:00 a.m., at the pole barn. The committee is looking for new people to join.



Shop the Finn Camp Store, in the Clubroom, for the holidays! We have t-shirts, hats, hoodies, koozies, and Finnish CDs. For access to the store during off hours, call Patti Leppi, at 248-921-1432.

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