



# FINN CAMP NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2020



## UPCOMING EVENTS

*Note: Not all events are listed on this and other DFCSA calendars. If you are planning an event check availability of the specific facility on a certain date, please call 248-882-4626*

### Winterfest

Mark your calendars. Winterfest will be held on Saturday, February 1, 2020. The day will start with the polar dip and ice fishing at Sun Lake from 1:00 – 5:00 pm. The Chili Cook-Off will begin at 6:00 pm. There will be music and raffles in the clubroom. You can drop off your chili entry at the clubroom kitchen between 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

There is a sign-up sheet at the Sauna or you can contact Mark Niemasz at [customdelux@hotmail.com](mailto:customdelux@hotmail.com) or Deidra Larsen at [deidralarsen@yahoo.com](mailto:deidralarsen@yahoo.com) to sign up.

Get your work hours done early!



## CALENDAR

### January

- 2—Future Planning Committee, 6:30 p.m., boardroom
- 12—Forest Management committee, meet at the pole barn, 10:00 a.m.
- 19—Board Meeting, 9:00 a.m., visitors at 11:00 a.m.

### February

- 1—**Winterfest, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sun Lake, Chili Cook-off, 6:00 p.m., Clubroom**
- 6—Future Planning Committee, 6:30 p.m., boardroom
- 9—Forest Management committee, meet at the pole barn, 10:00 a.m.

### Upcoming Events:

St. Urho's, March 14, 2020

**Clubroom:** Open Friday and Saturday, 7:00 p.m. to close

### Sauna Hours:

Wednesday - 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Saturday - 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**All newsletter material is due on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the previous month.**

### Monday's Men Saunas for January

Chris Nordin has rented the Men's sauna every Monday night in the month of January for any male members and their guests who wish to enjoy a sauna. It's from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and is \$5.00 per person. Please make notes on your calendar and come on out for an extra sweat.

## **Joensuu, Finland: FinnFest USA returns to Finland for its 2020 festival, August 16-21.**

Did you miss the first FinnFest USA festival in Finland? the one in Tampere in 2018? That first effort asked the question: could being in Finland fulfill the FinnFest USA original and ongoing mandate “to provide Finnish Americans and their progeny an opportunity to meet one another and to broaden and deepen their knowledge of Finland and Finnish American history and culture?” Yes, it could. Bringing FinnFest USA to Finland worked. Attendees met and made new American friends. Finland and Finnish America made new connections. Understanding of Finland and Finnish America deepened.

Building on that success, FinnFest USA announces its 2020 festival, this time in Joensuu, a metropolitan region in the Eastern Finland. Using the Northern Karelia location to assist Americans gain new clarity about this culturally-significant region and new understanding of who Finland is today, speakers and site visits will, at the same time, unlock better understanding of Finnish America’s own past and present.

Like the long-accepted paradigm of its American-sited festivals, this FinnFest USA festival will create an in-depth experience built out of the resources of the festival site. Beginning Sunday evening, August 16<sup>th</sup> and continuing through Friday evening, the 21<sup>st</sup>, when FinnFest USA attendees will join Joensuu, an annual city-wide “community night out party”, this six-day Finnish immersion experience will focus on both the historic and contemporary: the world from which Elias Lönnrot and late 19<sup>th</sup> century artists and composers, people like Järnefelt, Gallen-Kallela, Sibelius, created a Finnish national identity; the world in which contemporary Finns confront enormous environmental changes while reaffirming equitable health and education goals for all.

These topics, introduced in lectures and discussions, will precede tours within and beyond the central city. For example: on Tuesday, after lectures on landscape and climate, attendees will travel to Koli, Finland’s quintessential landscape. On Wednesday, attendees will choose a topic (Finland’s health care, crafts world or education systems) that combines lectures and discussions with intimate site visits within Joensuu.

An all-day tour to Ilomantsi on Thursday will provide an intimate connection to Karelia without the hassle of a visa to visit Russia. Winter and Continuation War battle sites will introduce the contemporary experiences that Finland continues with its eastern neighbor. Evenings will include concerts and films.

FinnFest USA is partnering with Borton Overseas Travel, a specialist in travel to the Nordic countries. If you are looking for a travel package built on group flights from Seattle, Chicago, Minneapolis, and Boston, visit [www.bortonoverseas.com/finnfest](http://www.bortonoverseas.com/finnfest) or call 1-800-843-0602, ext. 121. Borton can also assist with individual travel goals outside of FinnFest USA’s Joensuu festival. For further 2020 festival details, go to: <https://finnfest.us> . Check regularly for updates.

### **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. All you have to do is provide 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.

## **Finnish Reindeer**

Christmas has ended, but the reindeer are still running in Finland. All of them belong to Finnish herders or individuals, though all have free reign of the land. Some gallop through Lapland forests. Others roam farms and pull sleighfuls of tourists over the snowy countryside. I want to believe these owned reindeer are treated humanely like those at zoos, or those my son petted a few weeks ago at Greenfield Village's Holiday Nights — a great New Year event to check out if you aren't lucky enough to visit the reindeer running in Finland.

~Naomi Petainen



## **Sisu Sisters Corner**

Happy New Year Finn Camp! Cook Books are available to purchase in the Finn Camp Store \$6.00 each or five for \$25.00 Happy to announce the "Woods Committee" was offered to supply the wood needed for the "New Bucky's Bridge" next to Loon Lake Road. Thank you so much to all the hard working people in that group. Very Grateful for the kind gesture!

## **First Aid Certification**

The following Finn Camp members were trained and certified by the American Heart Association in C.P.R. and Defibrillator usage.

Joni Sennhenn  
Linda Gooden  
Lauri Taipala  
Kim Ziegler  
Ray Malila  
Erick Leskinen  
Crystal Darwin  
Dan Linick

## **Affinity Promotions**

Do you have an upcoming family reunion that you need t-shirts or little gifts? Are you a business that has a trade show coming up and you need booth giveaways or a unique item to hand out to prospective clients? We can help with all of the above and more. Give me a call at 248-640-0481 or visit my website and let me help you with your marketing needs. - Denise Niemasz



## LAST CHANCE TO WIN A TRIP TO FINLAND!

**Commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Finland/US diplomatic relations and acquire a chance for a trip to Finland!** Each button purchased will give you a chance to win a trip to Finland to attend the 2020 FinnFest USA in Joensuu, Finland . . . *the first of several ways FinnFest USA will offer to make the 2020 festival affordable for folks.* **The deadline for entering is February 2, 2020. A winner will be announced mid-February 2020**

**Purchase a \$5 button, or 5 for \$20, by contacting Carol Melancon at [finnculture@yahoo.com](mailto:finnculture@yahoo.com). Checks payable to FINNFEST USA EVENTS.**



**From the Auditors** The Finn Camp Store, Recreation Committee and Sisu Sisters are required to turn in their financial records for the year to any one of the auditors (Greg Peltó, Sam Dernberger, Carol Barber, Kristen Tury), or give them to a board member to put on the Boardroom table. We need the inventory from the store and the cash records from both the Sisu Sisters and the Recreation Committee by February 28. The year's reports should be submitted no later than March 31. We will have them back to you as soon as we can.

### Need a Seamstress?

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

### Cords of Firewood For sale

\$55 for members, \$65 for non-members. Delivery is extra. Call or text Mike Honka at 248-860-5109 to schedule loading and pick up. Please do not help yourself to the firewood.

### Screenwriting Consulting

Have you ever wanted to learn screenwriting? One hour consults-everything you need to know to begin your story. If you enjoy it and want to continue, we can add more hours. 15 years and 17 screenplays of experience along with former consulting experience for a production company. Could be scheduled on sauna days or done online. Connie - [cclynny@aol.com](mailto:cclynny@aol.com) 1-313-492-8862

## BOARD NOTES AND REMINDERS

Members with suggestions, comments or board-related business are asked to e-mail [board@finncamp.org](mailto:board@finncamp.org). General questions may be answered by visiting [www.finncamp.org](http://www.finncamp.org).

**Attention all committees:** The Board would like for you to communicate with us regarding projects and fundraisers you are planning. We would like to support your endeavors and projects and would like to make sure that multiple committees are not planning on tackling the same area to prevent overlapping, or we can connect those committees so they can work together.

The board would like to remind members that Michigan law prohibits anyone under the age of 21 to consume **alcohol** and to have any amount of **alcohol** in their body. The **law** prohibits the attempt to possess or consume **alcohol** by an **underage** person as well. It is not permitted for anyone under the age of 21 to sell, use, possess, and attempt to possess, deliver, or be under any degree of influence (legal intoxication not required) of any alcoholic beverages on DFCSCA grounds.

**Trash Rules:** Dumpsters are for members use only! Do not put in large or long items that may wedge or jam the dumpster when being tipped into the garbage truck. No major dumping on festival weekends. No overfilling. No furniture, propane tanks, wood, construction materials or other large items are to be left in, by or around the dumpster. Large items can be placed at roadside near the tractor garage on Tuesdays for Wednesday pickup. Finn Camp or member construction materials can be placed in the dumpster by the pole barn.

The Finn Camp has a member's only group on Facebook. If you are not a member of the group and would like to be added contact Linda Gooden at [gooden\\_71@hotmail.com](mailto:gooden_71@hotmail.com) with your email address and she will add you to the group. This group will include private members only events. Work projects can be another form of communication to our members.

### Finn Camp Store



Come shop at the Finn Camp store. Lots of new tee shirts, mugs, hats and back packs. For access to the store during off hours, call Patti Leppi, Ph: 248-921-1432, or email, [Store@finncamp.org](mailto:Store@finncamp.org).

### Lakes Area Bait Shop

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Suppliers to the Finn Camp Fishing  
Derby

You can now pay your Finn Camp bill online with PayPal by using [treasurer@finncamp.org](mailto:treasurer@finncamp.org). You must select "Transfer to friends & family" and pay directly from your PayPal or bank account to avoid a fee. All fees incurred by Finn Camp will be charged to that member's account. Fees will be charged if paying with a credit card or selecting "transfer for goods or services."

The camp social director is Joni Sennhenn. Please contact Joni at 248-882-4626 to make a reservations for the beach and sauna area, the *Kenttö*, Dance Hall or Clubroom. Note: There is no rental fee for committee sponsored events. You will need to go through the social director however to ensure the venue is available.

## **BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

### **Board of Directors**

Sunday, January 19, 9:00 a.m., visitors at 11:00 a.m.

### **Future Planning**

Thursday, January 2, 6:30 p.m., boardroom

### **Forest Management**

Sunday, January 12, 10:00 a.m., meet at the pole barn

### **Finn Camp Newsletter**

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