

## **Finnish Activities coming soon to Finlandia's Heritage Center**

**(Fall enrichment classes and special programs. Unless otherwise states all events are free and open to the public.)**

**Kukkeli kuu** - Tuesdays (beginning Sep 28)— with Sherry Saarinen – \$30 per family. Saarinen will lead *Kukkeli kuu* for elementary students from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. Geared toward early elementary school-aged children, Saarinen will teach students basic Finnish words and phrases for story-telling and activities. Each class will meet for 10 weeks, and registration will cost only \$30 per family. For more information, call 487-7505.

**Advanced Finnish** – Tuesdays - 6:30 p.m. - beginning Sep 28 (for 20 weeks - \$100) - with Hannu Leppänen - \$100.00 - This class is open to students who have studied at this level under him before, and new students with enough Finnish language background can surely join right in. To register, call 487-7505.

**Intermediate Finnish** - Wednesdays - 6:30 p.m. – begins Sep 29 (for 20 weeks - \$100) – with Anna Leppänen - Open to students with some prior knowledge of the Finnish language. To register, call 487-7505.

**Beginning Finnish** – Mondays (mid-October) – details to be announced when available. To register or to inquire, call 487-7505.

**Exhibit - People, Place and Time: Michigan's Copper Country through the Lens of J.W. Nara** - 28 Sep – 7 Dec. Free and open to the public Mondays through Friday.

**Kivajat Dancers** – Mondays – 3:30-5:00 p.m. - begins new season on Oct 4 - \$30 per family. To register, call Kay at 523-6271.

**5-String Kantele lessons** – Mondays – 5:30 p.m. – begins Oct 4 - \$40 – kanteles available. To Register call Kay at 523-6271.

**Nordic Film Series presents "Letters to Father Jacob"** - Oct 14 – 2 pm & 6 pm – This touching film finds pardoned convict Leila agreeing to work as an assistant to Father Jacob, an aged, blind pastor in a forgotten little parish. Together they discover the meaning of their lives. In Finnish with English subtitles.

**Book signing Lillian Lehto – "A Rascal's Craft"** - (translations of Eelu Kiviranta's poem) – 14 Oct - 4 p.m. -5 p.m. - at North Wind Books.

**Jamming with kanteles** - Every Monday of November — 7 pm – free to public; all levels accepted – some 5- and 10-kantele available. Anything that can jam with kanteles is also welcome. (Nov 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29) For more information, call Kay at 523-6271

**People, Place and Time: Michigan's Copper Country through the Lens of J.W. Nara** - power point presentation by MTU archivist Erik Nordberg – Nov 3 - 12:30 p.m.

**"From Finland to North America: Buildings, Landscapes, and Cultural Change."** A lecture and slide presentation by Dr. Arne Alanen, Finlandia Foundation Lecturer of the Year - 4 Nov - 7:00 p.m. – Jointly hosted by Suomi Kerho and the Finnish Theme Committee of Hancock. Free to the public; refreshments to follow program.

**"The Bread of Niskavuori"** – Finlandia University theater production – 11-13 Nov - 7:30 p.m. and 14 Nov matinee - 2:30 p.m.

**"The Opposite of Cold – The Northwoods Finnish Sauna Tradition" book signing event** - 12 Nov – with author Michael Nordskog & photographer Aaron Hautala.

- lecture & slides presentation with authors - 3 p.m. - in FAHC theater
- Book Signing – 4 p.m. -5 p.m. – at North Wind Books

**Nordic Films Series presents "One Foot Under"** (Toinen jalka haudasta) – a Finnish film of love, irony and a bit of comedy (Finnish, with English subtitles) - 18 Nov – 2 p.m. & 6 p.m.

**Finnish Independence Day** – date and time to be announced

**Nordic Films Series presents "Christmas Story"** (Joulutarina) - 9 Dec - 2 pm & 6 pm - It is the story of how an orphan called Nikolas became Santa Claus. Finnish films dubbed into English.