

JUHANNUS '17

100 Vuotta: Vanhat Ystävät, Lujat Siteet ~ 100 Years: Old Friends, Strong Ties

* Celebrating the enduring Finnish American presence in Michigan's
Copper Country in the context of the Republic of Finland's Centennial *

23 Jun – HANKA FINNISH HOMESTEAD MUSEUM (Äskel) – Celebrating Finnish-American farm life

- Annual Hanka Heritage Day (moved from Aug. to Jun.)
- Museum open with docents, enactors and farm animals
- The Traveling Sauna (Finland's Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
- Live music performance
- Food
- Finnish Folk Music Camp class (possibly on site, caretaker's cabin, a Finnish-American site nearby) (host: the Finnish Council in America)
- *Dance (on site or in a neighboring community, e.g. Laird Township Hall)*
- Guinness Book of World Records greeting card sign-up (Finnish Council in America project)

24 Jun – HANCOCK (Finnish American Heritage Center/Finlandia University) – Celebrating bonds between Finland and the United States; Old and New

- Midsummer Flag raising – opening of Juhannus '17
- Midsummer pole (Juhannussalko)
- The Traveling Sauna (Finland's Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
- Hancock Tori (outdoor market) (10am – 4pm)
- Live music by Ameriikan Poijat (11am – 1pm)
- Short performance by the Kivajat Finnish Dancers & Vinksin Vonksin (of Turku, Finland)
- Indoor tori (Martha Wiljanen Hall at the Finnish American Heritage Center)
- Finnish food (Finnish Theme Committee of Hancock)
- Finnish Folk Music Camp class(es) – a site near the FAHC (relative to Finnish American history)
- Guinness Book of World Records greeting card sign-up (Finnish Council in America project)
- *Opening ceremony event*

24 Jun – TOIVOLA/AGATE BEACH – Celebrating the ancient traditions of Juhannus

- Live music (*Ameriikan Poijat*) & performance (*Kivajat and/or Vinskin Vonksin*)
- The Traveling Sauna (Finland's Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
- Original play by Kris Kyrö
- Food vendors
- Dance by Ameriikan Poijat
- 125th Anniversary of Toivola – “Honoring Our Elders” program
- Raising of the Midsummer flags (6 pm)
- Finnish Folk Music Camp class – a site nearby relative to Finnish American history (e.g. Heikkinen School)
- Guinness Book of World Records greeting card sign-up (Finnish Council in America project)

- Procession and Lighting of the Juhannus kokko

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25 Jun - BRUCE CROSSING – Settlers’ Co-Op Centennial - Celebrating Finnish American Co-operatives

- World premiere of Kristin Ojaniemi’s documentary of the Settlers’ Co-Op
- “A Gala Day in the Co-Op Store,” a play by Melvin Kangas
- Finnish Folk Music Camp class – a site nearby relative to Finnish American history (e.g. barn, hall, church)
- Guinness Book of World Records greeting card sign-up (Finnish Council in America project)
- The Traveling Sauna (Finland’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
- Live music (*Ameriikan Poijat*)
- Kivajat or Vinksin Vonksin performance
- *Tori*
- *Flag Pole dedication – Co-Op Corner/ Co-Op Park*
- *Tour of Finnish American gems – Bruce Crossing, Paynesville – a fund raiser?*
- *Bruce Crossing Apostolic Lutheran Church – Centennial finale*

Sponsors:

- Finnish American Heritage Center – Finlandia University
- The Finnish American Reporter
- The Finnish Theme Committee – Finlandia Foundation Copper Country Chapter
- Finnish Council in American (Finlandia University)
- Hancock Tori Association
- Kivajat Finnish-American Folk Dancers
- Hanka Finnish Homestead Museum
- Toivola Senior Citizens Club
- Toivola Recreation Committee
- Toivola Country Clovers 4-H
- Toivola Volunteer Fire Department
- Settlers’ Co-Operative (of Bruce Crossing)
- Oja-Media (Kristin Ojaniemi)
- *Settlers’ Federal Credit Union*
- *Finnish American Chamber of Commerce – Upper Peninsula Chapter*
- *FinnFest USA 2013 – Board of Trustees*
- *Ladies of Kaleva – Aionon Tupa (Mass City)*
- Republic of Finland’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- *Numerous volunteers*