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Finns stage 3-day Mayfest

By LORAIN McCLISH

Mayfest, a festival day for the Finns, will be celebrated with three days of activities that run from pitching horseshoes to a cake walk.

Five tents will go up on the grounds of the Finnish Cultural Center on Eight Mile west of Farmington Road to house displays of handcrafted works, a garage sale and an array of foods and pastries May 27-29.

There will be rides and special games for children and bingo for adults. Volleyball players will vie for prizes. House and outdoor plants, fruits and vegetables will be up for sale.

Inside the modern Finnish-styled structure of natural stone, brick and glass, guests are welcome to

visit the Finns' gift shop filled with artifacts of their homeland.

On Saturday and Sunday afternoons, the Finlandia Male Chorus and the Finnish Folk Dancers share the spotlight for programs of music and dancing.

Guests are invited to dance in the evenings to the music of the Sisu Orkesteri.

SISU MEANS power or strength in Finnish.

Using the site of the 2,100 members, the Finnish Cultural Center in Farmington, which opened in 1974, was a dream come true. Next goal for the group is a senior citizen apartment complex.

The center is the only one of its kind in Michigan, built with the aim of

forming a Finnish organization without religious or political affiliation to help promote the culture.

The center's library lends books ranging from composer Jean Sibelius to newspapers and magazines from Helsinki, the capital of Finland.

A gift shop, filled with artifacts imported from the old country, include handsome leather boots, intricate-cut glassware, decorative wall pieces and ultra-modern jewelry.

The center sponsors their dancers, who have performed internationally. It provides activities for young people, singles and senior citizens.

The center draws its largest crowds on three Finnish holidays—Juhannes Day, Pikkujoulu (Little Christmas) and St. Urho's Dance.

MAYFEST chairman is Pearl Want-

taja, assisted by Shirley Kempainen and Marikkes Ketola.

Mayfest will open at noon Saturday and run until 11 p.m. Sunday morning at Mayfest begins with a sunrise service at 8:30 a.m. followed by a pancake breakfast, and continues through 11 p.m. Monday hours are noon to 6 p.m.

"Newcomers to the center will be able to find us by our Hanko Rock. That's a landmark now," said Ed Imonen.

The Hanko Rock, sitting on the front drive of the center, was a gift from the city of Hanko, Finland, that came from its harbor area. It was there that the emigrants sat awaiting embarkation to America. The rock was placed on the Farmington site last year.



Finnish folk dancers Robin Haarala, Chris Heino and Janet Lehtikainen twirl to the music of "The Crested Hen." The group will don their colorful costumes for periodic programs of entertainment during Mayfest.

New Miss Michigan World sought in spring pageant

By LORAIN McCLISH

Denise Ostrowski, a 22-year-old resident of Roseville, will give up the title of Miss Michigan World at the close of this year's pageant, set for June 20 in Southfield's Raleigh House.

"The search starts now for our new title holder," said Cynthia Guenther, executive director of the pageant, who works out of offices in Farmington Hills.

"We've got dozens of prizes lined up for the winner and runners-up, and Tom Ryan will be master of ceremonies," she said.

Ryan and Ms. Guenther are both seen regularly on WXYZ's "Michigan."

The contest is open to all women who reside in Michigan who are 17 years of age before Dec. 31, 1978, and no older than 26 before that date. And, as the title implies, they must never have been married.

BESIDE AN all-expenses paid trip to the U.S. finals and a chance to represent this country in the world finals, the Michigan winner will receive the use of a new Oldsmobile from Tony Gage Olds for a year.

The winner and first runner-up will receive a trip to the Bahamas.

The second and third runner-up will receive a weekend trip to Toronto.

The new Miss Michigan World will have a \$500 designer gown waiting for her at Kay's Bridal and get a complete day of beauty programming at Leon's Beauty Salon.

Amalgam cosmetics go to the winner and all runners-up.

The top three winners will receive scholarships to John Robert Powers School of Modeling, and the winner and finalists will all be offered opportunities to model in auto shows around the country.

Miss Ostrowski models regularly now for Ford Motor Co.

JUNE 3 is the deadline for entering the pageant.

Entry forms are available from Ms. Guenther, in Civic Center Office Building, on Eleven Mile and Orchard Lake Road, or she can be contacted by phone for inquiries at 271-4783.

Entry forms also are available at Powers Modeling School, 18250 Northland Drive, Suite 229, Southfield; and at Leon's Beauty Salons, 17888 Mack, Detroit.

Contestants who qualify will be judged modeling a one-piece swimsuit and an evening gown on poise, style, appearance and personality.

They also will be interviewed by a panel of celebrity judges.

Tickets for the pageant are also on sale through Ms. Guenther, Powers school or Leon's salon.

The Miss World Beauty Pageant is the world's first international beauty contest, started in 1951. Ms. Guenther assumed directorship of Miss Michigan World after she was chosen Miss Michigan World in 1976. She is a graduate of Henry Ford Community College and attended University of Michigan before graduating from Specs Howard School of Broadcast Arts. She holds a Federal Communications Commission broadcasters license.



DENISE OSTROWSKI

Center calls all angels



The Farmington Community Center needs some REALLY BIG angels, a lot of medium sized angels, and hundreds of little angels.

The Center is a valuable community project which must have broadened community support to survive. The 1978 Fund Drive has been underway for a month but only one third of our goal of \$35,000 has been contributed.

If you can't be one of the big angels, won't you please be a medium sized angel or one of the littlest angels and send us a contribution today. All gifts are tax deductible.

PS: If you have contributed, please excuse this solicitation. It costs more to delete names from our lists than to let the mailing go through.

Please cut off here and send with your check.

NAME _____ AMOUNT _____

ADDRESS _____

Mail to: 24705 Farmington Road, Farmington 48018

Seniors host a reception

Senior citizens who meet in Mercy Center's Gathering Place will host an informal reception from 1-3 p.m. Thursday.

There is no charge, and guests will see a display of arts and crafts created by members, and watch a dance presentation.

Mercy Conference Center is located at 28000 Eleven Mile. Guests are asked to use Gate 4, on Eleven Mile, when entering the complex.

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Flags, Bags and Unbuttered Popcorn

Seventh to ninth graders who studied dramatics with Georganne Sugden this spring will sing, pantomime, tell stories, and dance in "Flags, Bags and Unbuttered Popcorn" Saturday in Farmington Com-

munity Center. Showtime for the ensemble acting production is at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Tickets are \$1 and can be reserved by calling the center at 477-8404.