

A celebration of Finnish American heritage

The sounds of Sibelius and scent of sauna will mingle with Saariens and slus at FinnFest USA '87 in Metropolitan Detroit June 25-28. The annual celebration of Finnish-American heritage will this year salute the 70th anniversary of Finland's independence from Russia, and, in recognition of the state's sesquicentennial, the contributions of Finns to Michigan.

A complete schedule of events is

available by calling Finnish Cultural Center, 348-1037.

Events open to the general public all take place on Schoolcraft College Campus on Haggerty Road in Livonia.

Festival hours are from 1-10 p.m. Thursday; from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday; 8 a.m. to midnight Saturday and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday.

FinnFest concerts, lectures and excursions will showcase Finland's best known products; the musical

works of composer Jean Sibelius, the design genius of Eliel Saarinen, whose architecture has given Cranbrook Educational Community international recognition, and the invigorating sauna, found in hotels, health clubs and homes everywhere.

Less celebrated, but prevalent, will be "susu," the trait that Finns and their American descendants claim as uniquely theirs. It's a characteristic that is not easily translated, but usually described as strength,

determination, guts, or just plain stubbornness. It inspired the saying, "You can always tell a Finn... but you can't tell him much."

Credit "susu" with the growth of FinnFest USA from a gathering of 1,500 people in Minneapolis in 1983, to an event that drew 5,000 visitors from across the U.S. and Finland to FinnFest '86 in Berkeley, Calif. An even larger attendance is expected at this year's festival, headquartered in Finnish Cultural Center on Eight

Mile Road, west of Farmington Road.

The four-day festival will feature an open air market ("tori"), a giant bonfire celebrating summer ("juhannus kokko"), folkdancing and a songfest, athletic events, Finnish language religious services, guest artists from Finland, plenty of traditional food and a bit of Finlandia vodka.

Topical and cultural programs include sessions on the role and contri-

butions of Finnish-American women, the national epic "Kalevala," and a forum with editors of Finnish newspapers.

The migration of Finns to Detroit and its automobile industry, and the related labor movement, will be discussed by auto industry analyst Arvid Jooppi, Finnish Minister of Labour Urpo Leppanen and David Eula, editor of the United Auto Workers Solidarity.

around Farmington

All announcements for this column must be mailed to Around Farmington, Farmington Observer, 33203 Grand River, Farmington 48024. Deadline is noon Monday for the Thursday publication and noon Thursday for the Monday publication. Requests for announcements will not be taken by telephone.

BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday through Friday, June 22-26: Vacation Bible School for youth from 3 years of age through junior high school, from 7-8:30 p.m. each evening in Farmington Hills Church of Christ, 35500 11 Mile. No charge. Pre-registration is taken by calling the church, 477-5033, from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday.

VIDEO WORKSHOP

Monday through Friday, June 22-26: MTV Music Video Workshop begins at 6:30 p.m. each day in TV 10 Studio in Farmington Hills High School. Reservations are necessary, made by calling Farmington Hills Branch Library, 535-0300.

ART SHOW

Monday, June 22: Senior adults who study with Marge Matovina in Farmington Hills Senior Adult Center exhibit their work in Farmington Branch Library, State and Liberty streets, through June 30.

PAINTED PORCELAIN

Monday, June 22: Display of hand-painted porcelain created by members of Irene Wickham Chapter, Michigan Porcelain Artists, remains through June 30 at the Farmington Branch Library, State and Liberty streets. The display is a preview of the chapter's annual fall show and sale.

COMMISSION ON AGING

Tuesday, June 23: Farmington Area Commission on Aging meets at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington Hills City Hall, corner of 11 Mile and Orchard Lake roads. Open to all interested residents.

INVESTMENT SPECTRUM

Tuesday, June 23: Alp Order tells how to keep abreast of the economy in "The Investment Spectrum" at 9:30 p.m. in Farmington Community Center, Farmington Road, north of 10 Mile. Reservations are \$8, or \$12 a couple, taken in the center.

BEAUTY FOR ALL SEASONS

Wednesday, June 24: "Beauty for All Seasons," talk by May Arvo, continues the Luncheon-Speaker Series at noon in Farmington Community Center, Farmington Road north of 10 Mile. Reservations are \$8, taken in the center.

UPDATE OF THE 80'S

Wednesday, June 24: Interior designer Kay Isola tells about new color trends, products, fabrics and designs in "Update of the 80's" at 7 p.m. in Farmington Community Center. Reservations, at \$12, are taken in the center, Farmington Road north of 10 Mile.

WELCOME COFFEE

Wednesday, June 24: Welcome Coffee hosted at 7:30 p.m. by members of Welcome Wagon Club of Farmington-Farmington Hills at one of the members' homes. Newcomers to the area who wish to learn about the offerings of the club are invited to call Donna Cuddabeck, 476-2817.

ANATOMY OF A HOUSE

Thursday, June 25: "Anatomy of a House" program led by Stan Dicher, who tells ways to prolong and protect components of a house and how to avoid possible dangers, at 7 p.m. in Farmington Community Center, Farmington Road, north of 10 Mile. Registration is \$12 a person, or \$20 for a couple, taken in the center.

BUYING-SELLING YOUR OWN HOME

Thursday, June 25: "Buying-Selling Your Own Home," talk by attorney Joseph Migliore, at 7 p.m. in Farmington Community Center, Farmington Road, north of 10 Mile. Fee is \$8, or \$12 per couple, payable with registration in the center.

STOCKS-MUTUAL FUNDS

Thursday, June 25: "Common Stocks and Mutual Funds," talk by Alp Order at 9:30 a.m. in Farmington Community Center, Farmington Road, north of 10 Mile. Reservations

are \$8, or \$12 a couple, taken in the center.

CURTAINS UP

Thursday through Sunday, June 22-28: "Curtains Up" staged by Farmington Community Band, Farmington Community Chorus and Farmington Musical, at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday in Harrison House, 12 Mile west of Middlebelt. Tickets are \$4, or \$2 for seniors and students. Tickets are available by sending a check, made payable to Farmington Community Band, to the band, in care of P.O. Box 3091, Farmington Hills 48018-0091. Inquiries taken by Linda McLaughlin, 477-0376, or Mary Behan, 477-4175.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Thursday, June 25: "Neighborhood Watch" orientation for residents of an existing or newly established Neighborhood Watch subdivision, at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington Hills City Council Chambers, 31555 11 Mile.

COOKING FOR SINGLES

Friday, June 26: Judy Antishin shares easy but elegant recipes for singles from 6-10 p.m. in Farmington Community Center. Reservations are \$12, taken in the center on Farmington Road north of 12 Mile.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Saturday and Sunday, June 27-28: Novi Chamber of Commerce celebrates the Sesquicentennial with an Ice Cream Social from noon to 8 p.m. Saturday and from noon to 8 p.m. Sunday in Pheasant Run Shopping Center, Grand River west of Haggerty. Social offers old-fashioned photographs, clowns, musical entertainment, hot lunches, ice cream and "The Novi Special" car race.

SLICE FOR LIFE

Sunday, June 28: "A Slice for Life" offers pizza at \$1 per slice to benefit Community Living Centers and Community Opportunity Center from noon to 9 p.m. in Savino's Gourmet Ices and Ice Cream Store, 19051 Middlebelt, Livonia.

FIXED INCOME RETIREMENT

Tuesday, June 30: "Fixed Income Retirement Planning," talk by Alp Order, financial consultant with Thomas McKinnon Securities, at

9:30 a.m. in Farmington Community Center. Fee is \$8, or \$12 per couple, payable in the center on Farmington Road, north of 10 Mile.

CREATIVE CAMP

Tuesday, June 30: Community Center Creative Camp for 3-6 year olds runs from 9:30 a.m. to noon on the grounds of Farmington Community Center. Fee is \$46, payable with registration in the center, Farmington Road, north of 10 Mile.

WARDROBE PLANNING

Tuesday, June 30: May Arvo talks about "Vacation Wardrobe Planning and Packing" at 7 p.m. in Farmington Community Center, 24705 Farm-

ington Road. Reservations are \$15, taken in the center.

SOUPS AND SALADS

Wednesday, July 1: Judy Antishin lectures, demonstrates and serves "Summer Soups and Salads" at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington Community Center, Farmington Road, north of 10 Mile. Reservations, at \$10 each, taken in the center.

WOMEN'S ISSUES

Wednesday, July 1: "Legally Speaking: Women's Issues" talk by Nina Dodge Abrams at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington Community Center, Farmington Road north of 10 Mile. Reservations at \$8 each, taken in the center.

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Arts commission buys watercolor

"On Golden Pond," a watercolor that won a prize in Michigan Watercolor Exhibit in 1986, has been bought by the Livonia Arts Commission for the city's permanent art collection.

The painting is the work of Gwen Tomkow, who retires as president of Farmington Artists Club this month. The award-winning artist's most recent award was a prize for "Cherry Fields" in the "Art for the Sesquicentennial" competition sponsored this month by Southfield Arts Council,

the Cultural Arts Division of Southfield Parks and Recreation Department and Macabees Mutual Life Insurance Co.

Farmington Artists Club's incoming president is Jerinne Habsburg. Tomkow will continue to serve as vice chair trustee of the Farmington Art Foundation, the service arm of the club.

Her work in the foundation is centered around establishing a cultural center for Farmington and Farmington Hills.

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