

**Finn Fest, 2008 – Youth and Family Room in Paulucci Hall
at the DECC (Written by Barbara Hanka on April 27, 2008)**

Thursday – Sunday, July 24th – July 27th, 2008/All Day: Reindeer Exhibition (in the

- ** Statue of Liberty green space on the southwest side of the DECC) from the Dancing Reindeer Farm from Milltown, Wisconsin with owners Tom Scheib and Liisa Mayo; birch bark weaving with Charlie Mayo, and a Sámi Camp and Exhibition with**
- ** Carrie Mayo, Chris Pesklo and others, including Sámi lavvus furnished with artifacts and staffed by members of “Siida” to answer the questions of interested attendees.**

Thursday, July 24th, 2008

- 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Salolampi Sampler for Youth, ages 7 – 15 (Youth learn the Finnish language, songs, skits, storytelling, stick-walking, kantele playing, card games, sporting games such as pesäpallo and other ball games, create Finnish art with birch bark, etc.) Parents may attend as long as they also participate!**
- 1:00 – 1:15 p.m. Meet the Artists/Set up**
- 1:15 – 1:45 p.m. ** Multi-media presentation with animation of the story entitled “Auntie Sal and a Bear” by Lisa Fitzpatrick featuring family Finnish stories, riddles, etc. that are up to 100 years old. (Supported by a grant from the Finlandia Foundation)**
- 1:45 – 2:00 p.m. Meet the Artist/Set up for next event**
- 2:00 – 2:45 p.m. ** John Berquist – button accordion music & humorous storytelling, Finnish and Scandinavian songs**
- 2:45 – 3:00 p.m. Meet the Artists/Set up**
- 3:00 – 4:15 p.m. ** Sámi Art Workshop with Marja Oberg Hanf & Roseann Wulff from the Twin Cities - “Craft a Little Sámi Magic” (make a piece of Sámi art to take home with you)**
- 4:15 – 4:30 p.m. Meet the Artists/Set Up**
- 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Mandolin lessons with Ted Heinonen of Duluth, MN– bring your own mandolin or borrow one (limited number available).**
- 5:30 – 5:45 p.m. Meet the Artist**

Friday, July 25th, 2008

- **8:30 – 9:30 a.m. ** Pat Eilola, telling and acting out stories from her book, “The Fabulous Family Holomolaiset”, which includes a look at how her Grandparents cleverly solved their problems on their Alango, MN homestead farm in the early 1900’s**
- **9:30 – 9:45 a.m. Meet the Artist**
- 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. The President of Finland’s speech in the DECC Auditorium (just upstairs of the Youth and Family Room in Paulucci Hall)**

- **11:15 – 1:15 p.m.** Salolampi Sampler for Youth ages 7-15 (Parents may attend if they attend if they are willing to participate!)
- 1:15 – 1:30 p.m.** Meet the Artists/Set up time
- 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.** **** Poetry Writing Class with Jim Johnson, Duluth’s Poet Laureate, – apply techniques for writing your own original poetry.**
- 2:30 – 3:00 p.m.** Poetry reading by Finnish poets and any poet who would like to read their original poem created in the poetry writing session.
- 3:00 – 3:15 p.m.** Meet the Poets/Set up
- 3:15 – 4:15 p.m.** **** Nyt Naura Suomalainen Sisters – Comic reminiscing, humorous songs and lyrics for the whole family. Their comedy and music will “tickle your funny bone”.**
- 4:15 – 4:30 p.m.** Meet the Artists/Set up
- 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.** **** Concert with John Berquist and friends, Ted Heinonen, Kim Monson and Mike Monson – storytelling, humor, button accordion, mandolin, guitars, & bass fiddle. Finnish and Scandinavian music with originals for listening and dancing.**
- 6:00 – 6:15 p.m.** Meet the Artists/Set Up
- 6:15 – 7:30 p.m.** **** Set up time for the band, Barry Pirkola & The Hoot Owls.**
- 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.** **** Family Dance with Barry Pirkola and “The Hoot Owls” from the Duluth area playing Rockabilly, Surf, and Country Music with Original music from their new CD “Alien Scrapyard”**

Saturday, July 26th, 2008

- 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** ****Salolampi Sampler for Youth ages 7-15 (Parents may attend if they are willing to participate!)**
- 1:00 – 1:15 p.m.** Meet the Artists/Set up
- 1:15 – 3:15 p.m.** Theatre Workshop for Youth doing an adapted play from the Finnish national epic, “The Kalevala”- directed by Pat Castellano (director with the Duluth Playhouse and the director of Children’s Museum at the Depot in Duluth)
- 3:15 – 3:45 p.m.** **** Theatrical Performance of the adapted play from “The Kalevala” by youth actors in the workshop - directed by Pat Castellano. Everyone is welcome to attend!**
- 3:45 – 4:00 p.m.** Meet the Artists/Set up
- 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.** **** Sampo Beach Heritage Camp Reunion! – A reunion for all Sampo Beach staff and campers from years past to share stories, photos, and memorabilia - sponsored & hosted by the Ladies of Kaleva and the Knights Kaleva of Duluth.**
- 5:00 – 5:15 p.m.** Meet the Artists/Set up
- 5:15 – 6:00 p.m.** **** Cheryl Sawyer from Minneapolis, MN – Humorous storytelling, with slap stick comedy illusion for the entire family.**
- 6:00 – 6:15 p.m.** Meet the Artist/Set up
- 6:15 – 7:30 p.m.** Set up time for the band, “Conga Se Menne”
- 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.** **** Family Dance with “Conga Se Menne” – Finnish Reggae music with Caribbean and Sauna beats, original songs with humorous lyrics - from the UP of Michigan.**

