

JUHANNUS

Finnish American Folk School Registration Guide

**JUNE
2019**



FINLANDIA
UNIVERSITY



All events contingent on enrollment, and take place at Finnish American Heritage Center, unless otherwise indicated

JUHANNUS 2019 SCHEDULE

Monday, June 10

- Introduction to folk instruments with natural materials - 6 p.m. Free and open to the public

Tuesday, June 11

- Building reedpipe with case - 2 p.m. (2 hour workshop)

Reedpipes with fingerholes were popular in Finland in the Middle Ages. Kids, shepherds and others tried to play common tunes with them.



Tuesday, June 11

- Building nynnypilli with case - 6 p.m. (2 hour workshop)

The nynnypilli was built and played in Finland at least by the beginning of the 20th century by folks such as Finnish-Swedish fishermen.



Thursday, June 13

- Building cow-horn trumpet - 4 p.m. (3-4 hour workshop)

Trumpets made of cattle horns were used to call people together already in the Bronze Ages. Shepherds also used horns to frighten predators away from cattle in forest pastures.



Saturday, June 15

- Birchbark harvesting - Time TBA

Birchbark harvesting is essential for the creation of several Finnish folk musical instruments. Students will learn the techniques necessary to harvest the bark while preserving the life of the tree and respecting the rights of the landowner.

Monday, June 17

- Building a shepherd's flute - 12 p.m. (6 hour workshop)

Teppo Repo learned the shepherd's flute in the 19th century. He immigrated to Finland from Ingria and made the wooden instrument known by playing it in public and by building and selling dozens of them.



Tuesday, June 18

- Building a Karelian woodwind with reed - 1 p.m. (4 hour workshop)

Lävikkö is a Karelian woodwind from the Middle Ages made from reed, wood, and birchbark. Shepherds built and played lävikkö mainly for their own joy.



Thursday, June 20

- Building a birchbark trumpet - 1 p.m. (4 hour workshop)

A birchbark trumpet is a 1,000-year-old shepherd instrument.



Saturday, June 22

- Flag and Midsummer pole raising - 11 a.m.
- Overview of folk instruments - 12:30 p.m.
- Music workshop on Pelimannit style - 3 p.m. (Toivola, MI)
- Social and dance - 6 p.m. (Agate Beach, Toivola, MI)
- Juhannuskokko (bonfire) lighting - 9 p.m. (Agate Beach)
- Craft your own birchbark ring and floral wreath - 5.30 p.m.
- Making leipäjuusto (squeaky cheese) over a fire - 5.30 p.m. (Agate Beach, Toivola, MI)



The Finnish American Folk School is offering workshops in conjunction with the Juhannus 2019 celebration.

To register, send this form with payment to:

Finnish American Heritage Center
601 Quincy Street
Hancock, MI 49930.

Checks should be made payable to Finlandia University, with “Finnish American Folk School” clearly printed in the memo line.

Registrations must be received by Wednesday, June 5 to ensure placement in a workshop.



Photos: FAHC, Timo Villanen, Minna Hokka (instruments), Olli Romppanen (background)

Minä avaan syömeni selälleen
ja annan päivän paistaa,
minä tahdon kylpeä joka veen
ja joka marjan maistaa.

Minun mielessäni on juhannus
ja juhla ja mittumaari,
ja jos minä illoin itkenkin,
niin siellä on sateenkaari.

Eino Leino

FINNISH AMERICAN FOLK SCHOOL
SUMMER 2019

- ☐ Reed pipe making with Minna Hokka (\$20)
- ☐ Cow horn trumpet making with Minna Hokka (\$60)
- ☐ Birchbark harvesting (\$60)
- ☐ Shepherd’s flute making with Minna Hokka (\$60)
- ☐ Birchbark trumpet making with Minna Hokka (\$130)
- ☐ Karelian woodwind making with Minna Hokka (\$30)
- ☐ Pelimannit workshop with Ralph & Jaana Tuttila (\$10)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ ZIP _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Financial assistance may be available for some courses. Students desiring reduced fees should inquire about assistance prior to registration by calling (906) 487-7302 or (906) 487-7549.

Now in its third year, the Finnish American Folk School at Finlandia University's Finnish American Heritage Center is continuing the tradition of providing hands-on, expert instruction in Finnish folk traditions during Copper Country festivals.

Join us this June, as we provide unique instruction in the creation of Finnish folk musical instruments, using materials found in nature. These great classes will take place on the days leading up to our annual Juhannus (Midsummer) celebration, and will be taught by a Finland-based instrument maker and tradition bearer Minna Hokka, who has devoted much of her adult life to the preservation of this unique Finnish tradition. These courses are designed so that anyone – from beginners to experts – can develop the skill set and the passion to continue this ancient folk tradition for further generations. The classes are conducted in an informal, relaxed setting that's appropriate for all ages and skill levels; no experience with woodworking is necessary.

The Finnish American Folk School was founded in 2017 by the Finnish American Heritage Center, which is the national center for the preservation and promotion of Finnish culture in America. Folk School programming centers around three existing Finnish festivals in the Copper Country – Heikinpäivä in January, Juhannus in June and Festival Ruska in September/October. The Folk School is made possible in part by a grant from the Margaret A. Cargill Foundation.

For more information, contact David Maki at (906) 487-7549 or david.maki@finlandia.edu.



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