

Heinäkuu - Syyskuu July - September



SISU is the philosophy that what must be done will be done regardless of what it takes – strength, persistence, determination, resolve and GUTS.

Viesti puheenjohtajalta / Message from the President



Hannah
Russwurm
CFCA
President
2026-2027

Dear CFCA Members,

Finally, it is beginning to feel like summer! I hope everyone is taking in the fresh air and spending time in their community. Speaking of communities, it was so great to see such great turnouts at our most recent events!

We have accomplished so much this spring! The highlight of course was former President of the Republic of Finland, Sauli Niinistö's, visit. Thank you to our Little Finns for their performance, which stole the show and included kantele! The President spoke to many of you and his receiving line may have well have been itsenäisyyspäivä! Altogether a fantastic event!

Other events include Vappu, which featured a bouncy castle and snacks, Juhannus which welcomed some new Finns to come see us, and CultureFest on Canada Day!

Little Finns Parents, this note is for you, please register your children through Communal for Fall-Winter programs. This impacts us as we need to have accurate numbers to be in compliance with our insurance coverage.

Thank you for a great spring everyone and stay tuned on our Communal and social media for some other great events upcoming!

Ystävällisin terveisin – Friendly regards,
Hannah Russwurm
president@finlandiacalgary.com



Calgary Finlandia Cultural Association

new email

Please send any inquiries to
info@finlandiacalgary.com
The old Gmail address is no longer in use

CFCA Board of Directors
2026–2027



TUNNIT JA KURSSIT / CLASSES & WORKSHOPS



LITTLE FINNS

Little Finns is a community where parents/guardians come together to socialize and to organize activities around Finnish culture and language for their children. Little Finns is free with a Calgary Finlandia Cultural Association (CFCA) membership.

- ✓ Children are welcome regardless of Finnish skill level
- ✓ Programs run twice monthly unless otherwise specified
- ✓ Parents and grandparents encouraged to participate in planning
- ✓ Access to a lending library of Finnish children's books

Scan the QR code for registration info and session dates



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LITTLE FINNS

Fall – Winter 2026 Programs will resume in September

Please check your Communal account or the CFCA website for more information.



**NEW LESSONS
BEGIN SEPTEMBER
2026**

ONLINE LANGUAGE CLASSES

Programs resume September 2026 for NEW and Returning students.

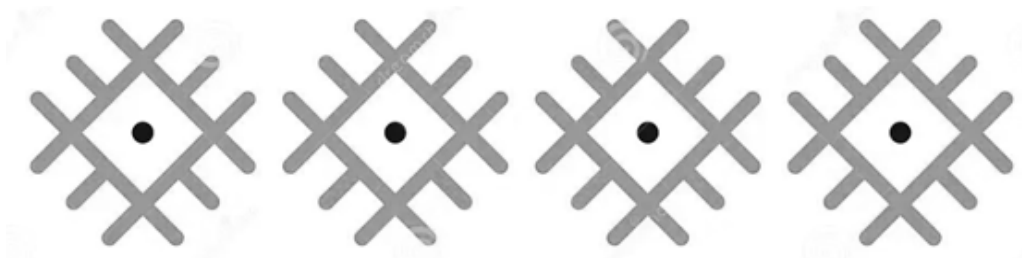
Online language lessons occur once weekly, during the evenings for 8-10 weeks with some breaks in between then a new session begins. A complete language lessons course begins in September and proceeds until June the following year. **Absolute beginners are encouraged to register in September only.**

NOTE: Registered CFCA language students may obtain a Suomen Mestari textbook for a small fee while quantities last. This fee covers the cost of the textbook and shipping.

The Suomen Mestari textbook is not a self-guided lesson.



If you are interested in leading a culinary workshop, please contact the CFCA for more details. We are looking for ideas on gluten & lactose free options and other ideas too.



Tulevat CFCA kulttuuritapahtumat / Upcoming CFCA Cultural Events

To register for any of events please email us at info@finlandiacalgary.com



CFCA at Calgary's Canada Day Celebration

Celebrate Canada Day downtown! Join the City of Calgary on July 1 for free and fun activities. Enjoy live performances, cultural experiences, food trucks, fireworks and more. Discover the full schedule at calgary.ca/CanadaDay.



Visit CFCA at Culture Fest Cochrane

Saturday, September 12, 2026

1:00 - 4:30PM

Enjoy FREE foods samples from each cultural group attending

LOCATION:

Spray Lakes Sports Centre, 800 Griffin Road E, Cochrane



Special Comedy Night

DATE: October, 2026 TO BE ANNOUNCED

TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED

LOCATION: TBA

In conjunction with the Edmonton Finnish Society, CFCA is bringing Harri Soinila back to Calgary. Watch for more details and ticket sales.



Pikkujoulut 2026

DATE: December 5, 2026

TIME: TBA

LOCATION: TBA

Please check your Communal account or the CFCA website for more details and about ticket sales.



Vuokraukset ja kirjasto / Rentals & Library

Scandinavian Centre Library

Did you know that the Scandinavian Centre has a collection of books and other materials from Finland and other Nordic-Scandinavian countries?

If you'd like more information on how to access this library, please send us an email or call the Scandinavian Centre.

Menneet CFCA tapahtumat Past CFCA Events

Former President of the Republic of Finland Visits Calgary



On June 11, the CFCA Board of Directors hosted a special meet and greet event with Sauli Niinistö, Former President of the Republic of Finland at the Petroleum Club, McMurray Room. The event was kept small for security reasons with a special performance by the Little Finns who performed the song, “Kesästä Talvehen”, taught to them by songwriter, Eeppi Ursin. They were a big hit! President Niinistö was accompanied by several delegates including Honourary Consul Judith Romanchuk, and businesspersons from Finland. President Niinistö spoke to the crowd about current security concerns in Europe, signed copies of his books for the CFCA library and spent time meeting CFCA members and posing for photographs. The CFCA Board of Directors presented him with a CFCA toque and mug in addition to two signed books from local authors Veli Niinimaa and Shirley Adam.



Vappu 2026

This year Vappu was held on May 3 at the Killarney-Glengarry Community Centre in SW Calgary. A bouncy castle was available for the children and tables held many tasty treats and selections to make sandwiches. Special thank you to Heini Oguike for making sima again!



Juhannus 2026

Rosemont Community Centre was the location for Juhannus 2026 on Sunday, June 22. In 2025, Juhannus was cancelled due to torrential rains therefore a location was chosen where guests could celebrate the day inside or outside. High winds prevented the cooking of letut outside but the rain held off...can't say the same for the rest of our spring. As part of this potluck, guests brought something to share so there was plenty for everyone and lots leftover too! The sun was shining long enough for a competitive game of Mōlkky. Special thank you to Malla Paloniemi for making a vegan letut and Sanna Kinrade for making a regular version. Both were delicious. There were a few new faces and we hope that they will become members in the future. Thank you to everyone who brought something to share!



Validity of Passports to Extend to 10 Years Passin voimassaolo pitenee 10 vuoteen

Suomen passin ja henkilökortin voimassaoloa esitetään pidennettäväksi 10 vuoteen. Valtioneuvosto antoi eduskunnalle 28.5. esitysluonnoksen passilain ja henkilökorttilain muuttamiseksi. Sisäministeriö arvioi, että lain voimaantulo on mahdollista viimeistään vuoden 2028 alkupuolella.

Lakimuutokset ovat yksi hallituksen norminpurkutoimista.

- Passin voimassaolon pidentäminen kymmeneen vuoteen vastaa yleistä eurooppalaista käytäntöä. Muutos on myös konkreettinen esimerkki siitä, miten voimme tehdä ihmisten arjesta sujuvampaa ja keventää hallinnollista taakkaa, toteaa sisäministeri **Mari Rantanen**.

Alaikäisten passiin merkitään huoltajien tiedot

Passien ja henkilökortin voimassaolo pitenee viidestä vuodesta kymmeneen vuoteen. Alaikäisten osalta asiakirjojen voimassaolo pysyisi kuitenkin viitenä vuotena. Lasten ja nuorten kasvopiirteet muuttuvat nopeasti, mikä heikentää tunnistettavuutta. Ikä ja kasvokuvan tuoreus ovat merkittäviä tekijöitä kasvotunnistuksen onnistumisessa.

Alaikäisten passiin merkitäisiin hänen huoltajiensa tiedot. Näin varmistettaisiin, että huoltajatiedot ovat helposti tarkistettavissa esimerkiksi lasten kanssa Suomesta ulkomaille matkustettaessa.

Muutoksia passikuvan toimitukseen

Passiin tulevan kasvokuvan saisi jatkossa toimittaa vain taho, jolla on Y-tunnus tai vastaava EU/ETA-tunniste. Käytännössä tämä tarkoittaisi valokuvaajia, valokuvausliikkeitä ja muita elinkeinonharjoittajia. Hakija ei voisi enää itse toimittaa kuvaansa.

Jatkossa jokainen hakija asioisi henkilökohtaisesti poliisiasemalla ja nykyinen niin kutsuttu kevennetty hakumenettely poistuisi asiakirjaturvallisuuden turvaamiseksi.

Asiakirjojen hinnat perustuvat niiden tekemisestä ja toimittamisesta johtuviin todellisiin kustannuksiin. Hinnat vahvistetaan erikseen sisäministeriön maksuasetuksella.

Nykyiset passit ja henkilökortit ovat voimassa myöntämispäätöksen mukaisesti. Kymmenen vuoden passia voi hakea lakimuutoksen voimaantulon jälkeen. Sitä ennen passi ja henkilökortti myönnetään kuten nykyisinkin.

Lisätietoja:

johtava asiantuntija **Mikko Cantell**, p. 0295 488 380

Sisäministeriön sähköpostiosoitteet ovat muotoa etunimi.sukunimi@gov.fi.

Suomi-tuotteita / Places to Buy Finnish Goods

If you are new to Alberta and/or Canada, you may be wondering where Finnish Canadians find some of their favourite products. Visit the CFCA website for a regularly updated list on places that may sell Finnish products and foods online or in store. Here is a list of some in person and online shopping locations.

Viking Foods & Imports (Toronto, ON, M3A 1B2) www.vikingfoods.ca

Koti 28 (108 John St. N. Arnprior, ON, 613-623-7399) www.koti28.ca

Nordic Foods (Pickering, ON) www.nordicfoods.org

Edelweiss Village (1921 20 Ave NW, Calgary, AB) www.edelweissimports.com

Alpine Sausage (3919 Richmond Rd SW, Calgary, AB) www.alpinesausage.ca

IKEA Canada

Finn Goods (Langley BC) www.finngoods.com

Sini Cleaning Products (Finland): www.sini.com

Glimmis www.glimmis-canada.ca

Söpösöpö (Free worldwide shipping on orders over \$100.00) www.soposopo.com

Suomikauppa.fi (An online shop for Finnish goods) www.suomikauppa.fi

Kit Interiors (739 11 Ave SW, Calgary) www.kitinteriorobjects.com/brands/marimekko/

Holt Renfrew (510 8 Ave SW, Calgary, AB) www.holtrenfrew.com

EQ3 (8180 11 St SE #100, Calgary, AB) www.eq3.com

Simons (304 8 Ave SW #100, Calgary, AB) www.simons.ca

Gravity Pope (clothing store; 1126 17 Ave SW, Calgary, AB) www.gravitypope.com

FinnPort (Thunder Bay, ON) www.finnport.com

SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE & CULTURAL SOCIETY

For upcoming events hosted by all the groups who meet at the Scandinavian Centre please check the bulletin board outside of the Valhalla Room or visit the Scandinavian Centre website.

Seniors Yoga (60+ years old)	Choirs	Volunteers Needed
Every Tuesday, 10:00-11:00 AM Please register to attend. Walk ins are not permitted.	Adult Choir & Youth Choirs (8-14 years old) are both seeking new members	If you are interested in volunteering for the Scandinavian Centre cultural board, please visit the Scan Centre website or call.

MEMBERSHIP INFO

CFCA encourages members to get the most out of the cultural offerings at the Scandinavian Centre, which just celebrated its 50th year in 2024, by becoming a Scandinavian Cultural Society (SCS) member.

SCS programs include Nordic Libraries, Language Lessons, Youth & Adult Choirs, Christmas & Spring Concerts with performances by the Nordic Folk dancers including Finnish selections. Very successful programs include their Christmas Bake Sale & Market and weekly Seniors Yoga which has brought together members in all of the Scandinavian / Nordic Internal Groups, especially for the 3 C's afterwards - Coffee, Cookies & Conversation.

Annual memberships may be purchased directly with the Scandinavian Centre

Membership information can be submitted by mail, via the website or emailed to scanctr@telus.net.
\$10 membership fee is payable in cash or cheque to Scandinavian Cultural Society of Calgary and may be
dropped off or mailed to:
Scandinavian Cultural Society of Calgary, 739 - 20 Ave NW, T2M 1E2.



PARKING AT THE SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE

On-site parking is limited at the Scandinavian Centre and is available on a first come, first served basis. Street parking is available. To prevent people from being blocked in, please leave your telephone number on your dashboard so that anyone blocked in may contact the other driver. Other options are to carpool or park on the street.

Parking is available for EVENTS ONLY. There is no overnight parking. To park outside of Scan Centre hours please call or email the Scan Centre office.

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SISU CALGARY – CFCA NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is produced 4 times a year for CFCA members. Issues will be released in January/April, May/June, July/September and October/December. If you have items that you would like to see included in an issue, or if you have any questions regarding an issue, please send an email with the subject headline "Newsletter Contribution" to info@finlandiacalgary.com. Newsletter items will be accepted in either English or Finnish. Items for our blog can be submitted to the same email.

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