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VIRTUAL VILLAGE SUMMER 2020 BRINGS SALOLAMPI TO YOU

by Amy "Iida" Tervola Hultberg, Dean

Summer 2020 may look entirely different than we had planned, but Salolampi is ready to meet the challenge! As we go to press, we have 20 staff members around the world creating a new, virtual Salolampi. We have partnered with Finnish company Peda.net to deliver a world-class learning experience to you, wherever you might be. This partnership began long before COVID-19 made it a necessity and we are thrilled to not only be able to bring this innovative programming to you this summer, but to keep us all connected to Salolampi for years to come!

After years of networking, collaboration and community building, this year we had nearly 150 inquiries for staff positions, enrollment maintained good health, and we received generous gifts to further programming. **To sign up for online sessions, please visit concordialanguagevillages.org. Of course, scholarship opportunities can be found at salolampi.org.**

We are grateful for our Salolampi community and look forward to connecting with you on our new platform and back on the shores of Turtle River Lake as soon as possible.

SALOLAMPI NEEDS YOU!

While the pandemic may have canceled Spring Work Weekend, Salolampi still needs your time and talent!

Fall Work Weekend will be held September 18-20, 2020, and we are seeking volunteers to make calls during the Scholarship Phonathon, write articles for the *Sanomat*, and help clean up our database. We are also looking for individuals with accounting, web design, legal, and fundraising experience to help the Foundation grow! If you'd like to be involved, go to salolampi.org or email us at info@salolampi.org.



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SALOLAMMELTA MAAILMALLE

by Tucker "Erkki" Henderson

Villager 2016-19

William "Ville" Besonen first came to Salolampi as a one-week villager in 2016, continuing his Finnish-American family's Salolampi tradition. Like many other first-time villagers, he was overwhelmed by the Finnish language at first, but he was lucky enough to have his cousin by his side to help.

After that first taste of Salolampi (and his favorite camp food, reindeer), Ville has attended twice as a two-week villager and once as a four-week credit villager. His favorite experiences include sitting around the campfire singing Finnish songs while the sun set on Turtle River Lake, the annual immigration simulation that teaches about Finnish Immigrants' struggles in America, and listening to *Jee Jee* by Eppu Normaali on repeat in the cabin his Teho year.

Ville, now a high school freshman, recognizes how Salolampi has helped him: he finds himself more confident in learning and studying by himself.

After Salolampi, "I know there is so much more to the world and I often will look at my school subjects differently."

He is thankful for two generous scholarships that helped him attend as a credit villager. He had the opportunity to speak at both the Cokato Fall Finnish Program and the Minneapolis FACA Fall Program, connecting with the organizations that supported him and with other Finnish-Americans.

He is excited to spend his sophomore year as an exchange student and to meet his host family in Äänekoski, Finland this August. Ville eventually wants to live and work in Finland, and Salolampi was a big influence in making this decision.

His favorite part of Salolampi? "All of it, even the small interactions I had with people, all of it made the experience that much more memorable and meaningful."



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SUOSITTELEE

WHAT TO READ, WATCH AND FOLLOW THIS SUMMER

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***The Summer Book* by Tove Jansson**

There's much more to Jansson than the Moomins. Sit down with *The Summer Book* to escape to a small Finnish island with a grandmother and her six-year-old granddaughter in one of Jansson's best books for adults.

Katso

***Deadwind* on Netflix**

Like Nordic Noir? Try the first series of *Deadwind (Karppi)* on Netflix, which follows recently widowed detective Sofia Karppi as she returns to work to investigate a murder.

Seuraa

"Random Finnish Lesson" Online

Follow our very own Hanna Männikkölahti's *Random Finnish Lesson* blog for, well, random Finnish lessons and fun musings about language.
randomfinnishlesson.blogspot.com

Have a book, podcast, show, blog, or other fun Finnish distraction to recommend? Email us at info@salolampi.org

Uutisnurkka

News and Notes from Salolampi Friends



Arlene Putikka Tucker is thrilled to announce the publication of *Child of Teuva*, a book of autobiographical essays on the Finnish-American

experience by her mother, Arlene Korpi Putikka. For more information or to order a copy, please contact Arlene at tuck5080@yahoo.com. All proceeds benefit Salolampi Foundation.



Marianne Marttila-Klipfel, (Villager 1986-93, Staff 1999) lives in Aberdeen, SD with her husband Douglas and four daughters.

COVID-19 shortened eldest Viena's freshman year at South Dakota State and cancelled Eliana's senior prom and graduation. The family pooled their creative efforts (and sisu) and organized a prom at home, including a photo shoot, dinner, and a night of dancing in the Hollywood-themed basement. Eliana took part in a virtual graduation ceremony at Aberdeen Central High School. Marianne is a daughter of Annikki Marttila, of Frederick, SD, a long-time Salolampi staff member.



Since moving back to Minneapolis 5 years ago, **Amy Sissala** (villager 1995-2002) started taking Finnish courses at the American Swedish Institute. When COVID-19 cut that

short, she started using her Great-Grandma Maki's sewing machine to make masks for friends, family, and donation. She even pulled out some Marimekko remnants from a previous project.

Laura Bernard Moon (Villager 1992-2001) writes: "I completed my MS.Ed. in Special Education and Applied Behavior Analysis in 2011. In 2012, Jeffrey & I were married in Loring Park, Minneapolis - featuring my best friend from Salolampi, Dana Montoro ("Tiina"), as my bridesmaid! In 2013, I started a private practice providing Early Intensive Behavioral Intervention to families of children with an autism diagnosis. In 2016, Jeffrey and I spent some time in Helsinki, rented a car, drove a loop up to Rovaniemi and back down through Finnish Karelia, stopping to visit with family and friends. Thankfully, he fell in love with Finland, so when I was invited to teach Behavior Analysis at the University of Tampere for the fall of 2020, it didn't take much convincing! This is an exciting opportunity as I will be training the first generation of Behavior Analysts in Finland. It was difficult to close my practice and leave Austin after over a decade, but we are thrilled to start this next chapter in Tampere, the Sauna Capital of the World!"

STAFF SNAPSHOT: ROOPE REKO, ASSISTANT DEAN

by Tucker "Erkki" Henderson

Villager 2016-19

Roope Reko first heard about Salolampi from his wife, Anissa (Thielsen) Reko, whose sister had attended a Concordia Language Villages Spanish program. He joined Salolampi staff in 2018 as a counselor and waterfront manager and is excited to return for many summers to come. He recalls his favorite activities at Salolampi being the popular immigration simulation, playing mölkky, spending time in the sauna, and swimming in Turtle River Lake. He especially enjoyed impersonating the current president of Finland, Sauli Niinistö, and greeting guests during the camp's Finnish Independence Day celebration.



Roope, who is from Säkylä, near Pori, lived in Tampere for seven years and has traveled widely (he and Anissa met while studying abroad in Cyprus). He believes that Salolampi reflects the reality of modern Finnish life through its immersive program, while also honoring the Finnish-American experience. "Salolampi draws a lot from Finnish-American heritage, and has formed its own unique character as a Finnish cultural hub outside of Finland."

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Looking to the Future, Together

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For more than 40 years, when we've thought of Salolampi we've imagined singalongs, campfires, saunas, korvapuusti. But 2020 has made clear what we knew all along: Salolampi is about connection. Salolampi creates friendships that span continents and decades. It allows grandparents and grandchildren to share cultural touchstones. And in this time of isolation, our memories of this magical place remind us how powerful this community is.

We all face an uncertain future in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. But the Salolampi Foundation will make sure one thing does not change: Salolampi will remain accessible to all who wish to attend. And you can help.

This summer, please consider a gift to our scholarship fund, the backbone of the Foundation. These times call for Finnish *sisu*. We know this community has it to spare.

To donate, please mail your check to the Salolampi Foundation (P.O. Box 14480, Minneapolis, MN 55414-0480) or go to salolampi.org/support-us.

