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Old-Fashioned Juneteenth Strawberry Social

In Honor of Mrs. Tyyne Martikainen's U.S. visit, the public is cordially invited to an Old-Fashioned Juneteenth Strawberry Social, Wed., June 19, 2013, Orpheum Theater, 426 Quincy Street, Hancock, Michigan. 12:00 – 6:00. Free. (Donation's accepted.) Rain or Shine. Live music, dancing, cakewalk, fresh coffee, cardamom bread, and poetry; "Images of Finland" slide-show, art, used Finnish books, strawberries and sunshine. All ages. Hearing aids optional. Info: Eileen Sundquist (906) 483-4269; strewnabout.com.

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In Honor of Mrs. Tyyne Martikainen's visit to the United States, we will host an Old-Fashioned Juneteenth Strawberry Social, on Wednesday, June 19, from 12:00 (Noon) until 6:00 p.m., at the Vaudeville Era Orpheum Theater, 426 Quincy Street, in humble, historic Hancock, Michigan.

Mrs. Martikainen has written numerous books about WWII, The Winter War, The Continuation War, and Stalin's Reign of Terror. As a child, she witnessed the destruction of her home village of Kousku, in Eastern Lapland, four separate times as the tides of war shifted. She comes with a powerful message of peace to share with our generation.

Juneteenth is an African-American holiday, celebrating the end of the Civil War (also known as the Great Rebellion) and the Emancipation of all enslaved peoples, and commemorates the date, June 19, 1865, when the slaves of Galveston, Texas learned that they had been emancipated two years prior.

Juneteenth traditionally begins with prayers for peace. Music, dance, fellowship and food are shared. Strawberries have always been a part of this mid-summer celebration.

Since March 30, 2013, we have obtained, and dispersed 1500 strawberry plants throughout the land, in preparation for this event.

We have invited musicians and speakers to share the stage, strawberries, and sunshine with us...

The Keweenaw Roller Girls will assist with hospitality; they will be serving strawberry shortcake, fresh coffee and cardamom bread. They will hostess an old-fashioned Cakewalk and Used Finnish Book Sale fundraiser, and present a slide show, "Images of Finland".

The Keweenaw Roller Girls will accept Finnish Book donations, at the Hancock Tori, (Quincy St., Hancock, MI) during the first two weeks of June, (Sat. June 1, Wed. June 5, Sat. June 8, and Wed. June 12, during regular Tori hours (9:00 – 2:00)).

For additional information, including sponsorship opportunities, contact Eileen Sundquist, (906) 483-4269; or, visit the website: strewnabout.com.

Music

The Keweenaw Community Drum Project,

Blue Heron Rhythm Experiment,

Wade Wanio, guitarist, (Hancock, Michigan)

Bill Anderson, percussionist, (Jamestown, NY/Hancock, Michigan)

Rhythm 203, Keweenaw folks'rock originals, (Phyllis Fredendall, Norm Kendall and Sue Ellen Kingsley)

Natalie Langworthy, percussionist, (Central NY's Finger Lakes)

Tony Laux, electric bassist, (Houghton, Michigan)

Rocky Sundquist, washtub-bassist, (Central NY's Finger Lakes; via Washington, D.C.'s Peace House)

Merilee Mendrick, percussionist, (Jamestown, NY; via Kirkland, Washington)

Dan Cunha, train-hopping banjo-busker, (Olean, NY; via Southern California)

Krystalline Kraus, percussionist, (Toronto, Canada)

Guest Speakers

Krystalline Kraus; Toronto, Canada; Idle No More; "Finnish/First Nation Collaborations"

Rocky Sundquist and Antonya Huntenburg; The Occupy Movement; Washington, D.C.'s Peace House; "Climate Destruction—The Ultimate in Environmental Racism"

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