Barb Carpenter Retires

At one time or another, Mathematics Professor Barb Carpenter says she has taught all of the math classes at Finlandia, including “some we don’t have anymore.”

After 26-1/2 years at Finlandia, Carpenter will retire this semester.

A celebratory lunch, including cake, was hosted by the Suomi College of Arts & Sciences (SCAS) December 2.

“We’re so grateful to you, Barb, for your model as a faculty member,” said Judy Budd, dean of SCAS. “You’ve always been diligent and hard-working, and your service is very much appreciated.”

“I am thankful for the friendships made, the opportunities, and all the learning and growing,” Carpenter said. “My husband told me recently, ‘Finlandia has had you for a long time, now it’s my turn.’”

In addition to her teaching responsibilities, Carpenter served as chair of the math and science department from 1988 to 2000, taught Upward Bound classes during two or three summers, and assisted Admissions for several years with student math placement.

Carpenter said she’ll spend the coming months becoming accustomed to retirement. In June, she and her husband, Ken, will take an Alaskan cruise with their son and daughter-in-law.

She is also looking forward to “learning new stuff” and summer gardening.

The Carpenters have three children and five grandchildren. They live in Chassell.

Alternate Spring Break Bake Sale Friday

The students participating in this year’s Alternative Spring Break will raise funds for their trip with a bake sale this Friday at ShopKo, Houghton, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The students will be heading to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in March where they’ll join MTU students to participate in flood recovery work with Lutheran Disaster Response.

Finlandia University Gallery

November 20 to January 6
Desiree Koslin: InSight: Views of the Finnish Landscape
January 12 to February 13
Carl Gawboy: Transforming the Cutover
Opening Reception: January 22, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Reflection Gallery

December 2 to January 15
Liz Folk: Harharhar
The Finlandia University News

A bi-weekly summary of news and events for the Finlandia community

December 5, 2008

North Wind Books Textbook Buyback will occur during Finals Week, December 9 to 12.

The buyback schedule is:
- Tuesday, 12/9: 9 am to 4 pm
- Wednesday, 12/10: 9 am to 4 pm
- Thursday, 12/11: 9 am to 4 pm
- Friday 12/12: 9 am to 5 pm

For more information, visit Cash for Books at www.finlandia.bkstr.com.

North Wind Books

Item of the Week:
Quarter Zip Sweatshirt with “Finlandia University Established 1896.” Only $22.00 (original price $44.95) through Saturday, December 6.

‘Tis the Season

The Holiday Party is Friday, December 12, at the North Shore Grill. Social hour is at 5:00 p.m., dinner at 6:00 p.m., and a program at 7:30 p.m.

Please return your RSVP to Lynne Sweeney (so you can win fabulous prizes), and your special awards ballots to Terri Martin.

Chapel Returns in January

Chapel services will resume January 14. The twice-weekly services will continue on Mondays and Wednesdays, 12:30-1:00 p.m., throughout the spring semester.

Independence Day Program Saturday

Finlandia will present its 91st annual Finnish Independence Day program this Saturday, December 6, at 2:00 p.m., at the Finnish American Heritage Center.

This year’s program, which celebrates the date in 1917 when Finland achieved independence from Russia, features a variety of local performers, including many young people, who will share their skills in kantele, violin, and dance.

Guests are encouraged to arrive early and stay late to enjoy traditional Finnish refreshments provided by the Kivajat Dancers.

For additional information, contact Jim Kurtti at 487-7302.

Fun Day December 6

The Finlandia University Education Club will host a children’s Fun Day Saturday, December 6, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Paavo Nummi Center.

Children in grades Kindergarten to sixth are invited to take part in activities including games, swimming, arts and crafts, cookie decorating, and much more.

The cost is $5.00 per child. This is an excellent opportunity for parents to do some shopping.

Students Take Calumet Art Scene by Storm

Opening art exhibit receptions for two Finlandia art and design students take place this Friday evening in Calumet.

Carrice (McKinstry) Chardin opens a solo exhibition at the Omphale Gallery Friday from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Donica Dravillas is exhibiting work in a show at the Vertin Gallery. The reception is Friday from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

In the Fields Down by the River, artwork by Carl Gawboy
**Athletic Events**

**Men’s Hockey**

**DECEMBER**
- 5 Univ. of Minn.-Crookston 8:30 pm
- 6 Univ. of Minn.-Crookston 3 pm
- 13 UW-Superior 5 pm
- 31 Salve Regina Univ. 3 pm

**JANUARY**
- 2 Salve Regina Univ. 7:15 pm
- 9 Lawrence Univ. 7:15 pm
- 10 Lawrence Univ. 3 pm
- 16 Marian Coll. 8 pm
- 17 Marian Coll. 5 pm
- 24 Milwaukee Sch. of Eng. 7:15 pm
- 25 Milwaukee Sch. of Eng. 2:15 pm
- 30 Northland Coll. 8:05 pm
- 31 Northland Coll. 5:05 pm

**Men’s Basketball**

**DECEMBER**
- 7 Sault Coll. (Sault, Ontario) 7 pm
- 8 Lake Superior State Univ. 6 pm
- 13 Coll. of St. Scholastica 3 pm
- 19 Alma Coll. @ St. Ignace, 7 pm
- 20 Alma Coll. @ St. Ignace, 2 pm
- 28-31 Surf City Classic @ Concordia University-Irvine, Calif.

**JANUARY**
- 3 Lakeland Coll. 5 pm
- 13 Coll. of St. Scholastica 8:30 pm
- 20 Northland B. B. Coll. 8:30 pm
- 24 Silver Lake Coll. 4 pm
- 28 Northland Coll. 7:30 pm
- 31 Crown Coll. 6 pm

**Women’s Basketball**

**DECEMBER**
- 6 Spring Arbor Univ. 3 pm
- 7 Siena Heights Univ. 3 pm
- 10 Michigan Tech 5:30 pm
- 13 College of St. Scholastica 1 pm
- 16 St. Norbert College 6:30 pm
- 19 Silver Lake College 7 pm

**JANUARY**
- 2 Mount Mary Coll. 8 pm
- 3 Cardinal Stritch Univ. 2 pm
- 5 Illinois Inst. of Tech. 7 pm
- 13 Coll. of St. Scholastica 6:30 pm
- 20 Northland B. B. Coll. 6:30 pm
- 24 Silver Lake Coll. 2 pm
- 28 Northland Coll. 5:30 pm

Home games are in bold.

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**Archivist Invites All to Visit Blog**

The Finnish American Historical Archive and Museum blog began as a way to connect patrons with what’s new at the Archive and Museum, but Archivist Gary Kaunonen invites everyone in the Finlandia learning community to check it out.

The blog features new materials received by the archive, as well as updates on previously received materials. In general, the blog is about what is happening at the Archive and Museum from the perspective of the archive’s work study students.

Check it out at: [http://www.finamhistarchive.blogspot.com](http://www.finamhistarchive.blogspot.com).

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**Library Needs Headphones**

Maki Library needs a few pairs of slightly-used, basic headphones that students can use while working at the computer. Currently, the library has Labtec LT-810 computer headphones, but the donation doesn’t have to be this specific brand. They cannot use ear-bud-style headphones because there is no place to put a barcode on them. Please call Beth Martin with questions, 487-7502.

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**Maki Library Hours**

- Open regular hours through December 12
- Closed December 13-14, 20-28, January 1, 3-4, 10-11
- Open 8 am to 4 pm December 15-19, 29-31, January 2, 5-9
- Regular hours will resume January 12
TOP GIRLS Tryouts

Tryouts for the spring play, TOP GIRLS, will take place the evenings of January 13 and 14 from 6:00-7:30 in the Music Room at Mannerheim Hall. (There’s no singing in the play.) Be prepared to read several different parts.

—Dan Maki

Top Girls is a 1982 play by Caryl Churchill. It depicts the life of Marlene, a hard-bitten career woman who is employed at the ‘Top Girls’ employment agency, and her interactions with the family she left behind.

Copper Country Chorale

The Copper Country Chorale will present its 2008 Christmas program, “Stocking Stuffers” Saturday, December 13, at 7:30 p.m. at the Houghton High School auditorium.

Three Finlandia faculty members are in the choir: Dan Maki, Barbara McLean, and Kaisa Randolph. Admission is $8.00.

Students Learn Filmmaking

CPT 202 students completed a video project to make the best recruitment video. Martin Kinard and Judith Budd were judges, and everybody won. The final videos can be viewed at: http://cpt202.blogspot.com/2008/12/results-of-recruitment-video-challenge.html.

The Elementary Education program now has a blog. Highlights include a video response to the students in the class of Ryan Koski, a FUELED alumnus, who is teaching in Arizona. The response, a tour of Finlandia, was made by EDU 421 seniors. There are also video documentaries about the history of American education by EDU 101 freshmen. Visit the blog at: http://leadersofvision.blogspot.com.

Stay Fit at the Paavo Nurmi Center

Fitness Center Hours

Monday-Friday: 7 am to 6 pm
Saturday: 9 am to 2 pm
Sunday: 1 pm to 4 pm

Indoor Walking

Tuesday and Thursday
7:30 to 9 am
Paavo Nurmi Center Gym
18 laps equals one mile

Pool Hours

Adult Fitness
Monday-Friday: 7 to 8:30 am / 11:30 am to 1 pm / 4:30 to 6 pm
Open Swim
Friday: 6:30 to 8 pm
Sunday: 1:30 to 3:30 pm
Aqua Fit
Monday & Wednesday: 6 to 7 pm
Saturday: 9 to 10 am
The pool is closed Saturdays, except for Aqua Fit.

A Very Sweet Gift

Are you looking for a homemade gift item for someone on your holiday list? Why not a jar of Gustavo's All Natural Honey. It's made right here in the Keweenaw! We are happy to deliver it to the Finlandia campus. Call 483-0822 or e-mail michele.bourdieu@finlandia.edu.

Students who will travel to Finland with the spring Finlandia Connection course hosted a fundraiser November 21. Pictured are: Robin Vitton, Sadie Hebert, Hailey Gauthier, Kristen Collins, Jourdan Woulter, and Jessica Johnson.
The Finlandia University Reflection Gallery will host an exhibit of work by artist Liz Folk titled, “Harharhar” from December 2 to January 15. Folk’s show features her children’s book illustrations, including two complete books.

“Children’s picture books are my favorite type of book, and I have collected over 1400 of them,” Folk says in her artist statement. “I appreciate clever, funny ideas and attention to detail, and I strive to have these qualities in my work.”

“I’ve been drawing characters all my life,” she adds. “And in the last few years I’ve come up with many story ideas for children’s picture books. My inspiration comes from anything from the cutoff cuff of a sweater (which became the sweater for a mouse) to an eccentric aunt (who became a spying gossip in a chowder cooking contest).”

“The delight and humor involved in these projects gives me more satisfaction than any other type of work. My show at the Reflection Gallery is called ‘Harharhar’ and I hope viewers get a good chuckle from this exhibit.”

Folk explains her creative process this way, “I begin drawing with pencil on vellum, standing up over a big, flat light table I built. These drawings are scanned into a textile CAD program I purchased for my work in jacquard upholstery design. There, I compose and color the pages, adding text last.”

Folk graduated from the Rhode Island School of Design where she majored in industrial design. For ten years she has worked professionally as a jacquard upholstery designer.

The Finlandia Reflection Gallery is on the second level of the Jutila Center. Gallery hours are form 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. For additional information, call 487-7375.

Children’s Book Illustrations at Reflection Gallery

At the Jutila Center in December

The Finlandia art students’ Christmas sale is now open in the lobby of the Jutila Center. A one-day sale of Guatemalan artisan craft will take place Friday, December 12, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

United Way Campaign Underway

Dolores Kilpela, assistant professor of criminal justice, urges all Finlandia employees to support the United Way in this season of giving. The United Way supports many Copper Country agencies, including Big Brothers Big Sisters, American Red Cross, Vocational Strategies, Dial Help, and others. For information and a pledge form, contact Kilpela at 487-7385.

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The Roar, Finlandia’s student newspaper, recently acquired a printing press. Pictured with the new press are the members of the Student Senate: (left to right) Michaela Boddy, Ally Tincknell, Justin Buzzo, Jillian Dolkey, Liz Reno, and Jessie Millar.

Illustrations by Liz Folk

He told the sheep.

Why did you wear the same sweater? I wasn’t the same! Mine’s bigger!
2008 a Fruitful Year for Artist Yueh-mei Cheng

The year 2008 has been fruitful for Finlandia University International School of Art & Design associate studio arts professor Yueh-mei Cheng. In addition to solo exhibitions in Paris and Lyon, France, a new book of her work has been published, and she presented papers at two college art conferences.

Cheng works in acrylic, watercolor, and traditional Chinese and Japanese pigments on paper, canvas, or silk. Her art has attracted worldwide attention and has been widely exhibited in China, Taiwan, Europe, and the United States.

Cheng spent much of this summer in France. In June and July, solo exhibitions of her work appeared at Galerie Forge in Old Town Lyon, the historical and cultural district of Lyon, and at Galerie l’ARTicle in the historic Le Marais District of Paris. In conjunction with the exhibits, Cheng instructed seven public painting workshops and lectures.

A sixth book of Cheng’s work, Visual Chess, was recently published by the Federation of International Tsai-Mo Artists (FITMA). The paintings in Visual Chess have been exhibited as solo shows in galleries and museums in Japan, China, France, New York.

“The whole book is a visual essay,” Cheng says of the 60-page, full-color collection of her recent paintings. “The series of paintings and poems in the book are interwoven.”

Cheng explains that even the titles of each series of paintings in Visual Chess – the words themselves – reveal the context of both the art and the accompanying poetry.

“Image denotes a new meaning of the word, which reveals the painter’s poetic feelings,” she explains. “It is to invite the audience to share the joy of space in the painting that echoes the inner quality of creation. The echoes from readers are indispensable in this game of visual chess.”

In the foreword of Visual Chess, Chao-hu Hwang, chairman of FITMA, describes Cheng as “the painter who transcends time and space.” He writes that she has created a new language of poetry and surrealistic reverie, combining traditional Oriental culture and meditative contemplation with Western visual comprehension.

This fall Cheng presented two papers as a panel speaker at two college art conferences. She reports that her presentations attracted much positive regard from audiences.

In September, at the annual Southeastern College Art Conference (SECAC), Cheng spoke on a panel titled, “Sounds and Sights: Intersections of Art and Music.” Her topic, “Creating Art from Music: Influences from the Native Indian Flute,” explored her transcendental experience of creating art through the music of the Native American flute.

“I described my journey of discovering the inner musicality of this inspiring resource,” Cheng explains. “And also discovered a dynamic learning approach and created a visual model to help individual artists and students be creative.”

The institutional members of SECAC include over 130 colleges and universities, and individual members are from across the country and abroad.


“At this conference, I shared my spiritual journey in art creation,” Cheng notes. “It is a journey that expresses visual sense and poetic feelings derived from music, dancing, meditation, and yoga.”

The MACAA conference provides a forum for art educators and professionals to present theories, research, and scholarship regarding contemporary art and art education.

Cheng has been teaching at Finlandia University since 2002. She lives in Hancock, Mich.