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## 2024 FASM Programs Planned

**Upcoming in 2024 at the Chicago Estonian House 14700 Estonian Lane, Riverwoods, IL**

### January — Zoom presentation by Thomas DuBois Sunday, January 21, 2024



Tom DuBois is the Halls-Bascom Professor of Scandinavian Folklore, Folklore, and Religious Studies in the Department of German, Nordic and Slavic. His research focuses on the ways in which people think about and use the idea of *tradition* in their lives, with particular attention to Finnish, Sámi, and medieval Nordic cultures, as well as Indigenous Wisconsin communities and communities of people descended from Nordic settlers in North America and the British Isles.

His various books look at the Finnish national Epic *Kalevala*, Viking Age religion, medieval saints' lives, medieval sagas, lyric and narrative song, shamanism, literature, wood carving, sacral landscapes, and the workings of social media. <http://tadubois.com>

### February — Celebrating National Sauna Day at the Estonian House



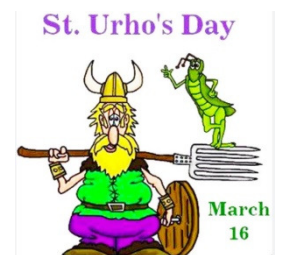
Snacks served.



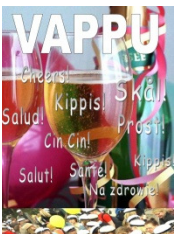
### March — FASM pea soup lunch and celebrating St Urho's Day



Saint Urho is a fictional saint of Finland, created and elaborated by Finnish Americans in Northern Minnesota in the 1950s, to celebrate their heritage and extend celebrations of St. Patrick's Day. His celebration day is set to March 16, the day before the March 17 feast day of St. Patrick. Special desserts served.



### April - Vappu celebration



The Finnish name for May Day, "Vappu", originates from Catholic St. Walpurgis, whose commemoration day was celebrated on the 1st of May. The first May Day festivities in Finland started in upper-class families in the 1700's.



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