

Finnish Celebration Cake and Finnish Foodways

Presented by Food Experts Soile Anderson and Eleanor Ostman

April 14, 2020, 6:30pm
Nordia House, 8800 SW Oleson Rd, Portland, OR, 97223

Tickets Available at <https://www.nordicnorthwest.org/0414201>
\$25 for Nordic NW and Finlandia Foundation Members
\$30 for Non-Members

The Finnish community's tribute to Nordia House's June 2020 five-year birthday

In celebration of Nordia House's June 2020 five-year birthday, a special Cook and Eat class will be led by Finlandia Foundation National's Lecturers of the Year, food experts Soile Anderson and Eleanor Ostman. Soile is a renowned Minnesota caterer and Eleanor is a long-time food writer for the St. Paul Pioneer Press.

This class is generously co-sponsored by Finlandia Foundation National, Finlandia Foundation Columbia-Pacific Chapter and Nordic Northwest.

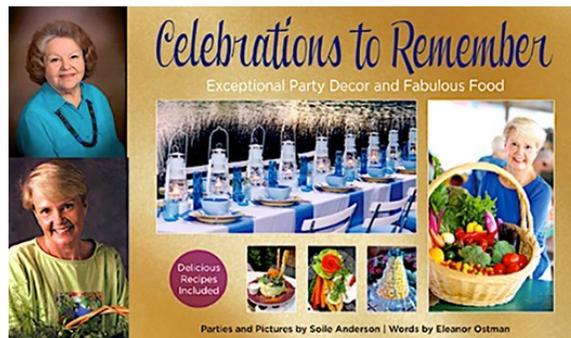
Soile and Eleanor will co-present a tasty program about Finnish foodways, and show how to make and decorate a **Celebration Cake**, also known as Finnish Birthday Cake. Using a rich yellow sponge cake, Soile will use this versatile base to make three festive versions, including berries and cream, chocolate mousse and cloudberry. Soile's mother made this cake weekly, baked in a wood-fired oven in their Finland farm kitchen. Soile made hundreds of this cake during her catering career, often as a wedding cake. And many Finns serve this special cake for birthdays.

Soile (in red apron) is a native of Finland who relocated to Minnesota and the St. Paul area, where she opened The Deco Restaurant, Taste of Scandinavia bakeries and the Finnish Bistro. She has been featured in *Martha Stewart Living* magazine, and in 2017 she was inducted into the Scandinavian American Hall of Fame.

Eleanor (in blue apron) is of Finnish descent, and was born and raised in Hibbing, Minnesota. She studied journalism at Macalester College and was a food writer for the *St. Paul Pioneer Press*. She drew on decades of her columns and published two cookbooks, *Always on Sunday* and *Always on Sunday Revisited*. She and Soile met in the 1980s and developed a lifelong friendship and partnership in presenting food demonstrations and talks.



Soile and Eleanor are authors of a full-color recipe-packed book, "*Celebrations to Remember: Exceptional Party Decor and Fabulous Food*." Recipes include Soile's favorite Finnish foods, gravlax, and outstanding desserts. Their book will be available for purchase during the class.





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