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Growing green

Got green fingers? Missing the smell of freshly tilled soil and the taste of home grown veggies?

EVERY SUMMER, KVAT (Recreational Committee of Korte-pohja) hosts a gardening club by providing allotments for students in Viitaniemi and Kuokkala. Adverts for the club go up in May and activities continue du-

ring the summer until the harvest in August/September. It is particularly popular amongst foreign students and participation is free!

“Gardening provides an opportunity to be in fresh air and enjoy nature. It helps me to relax and get rid of stress. It gives the opportunity to exercise, especially at spring time when preparing a plot,” says Jurgita Kairyte from Lithuania.

Food prices are quite high in Finland, particularly organic produce. Growing your own veggies can help the student budget. Cucumbers, lettuce, cabbage, peas, radish, carrots, and numerous herbs grow well in Finnish soil. Potatoes yield a particularly great crop. As Jurgita says, “it was a joy to eat ecologically grown vegetables without using any chemicals to enhance my yield.”

But the plots aren't only for veggies. Take a stroll through the gardens and you'll see a profusion of flowers and even small trees.” says Panu Mäkinen, club supervisor.

The gardening club covers topics like soil choice for different crops, making and



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using compost and natural fertilizers, and how to protect your crop from the elements and unwanted dinner guests.

“Gardeners’ plots are like a yummy buffet for rabbits and worms. So, if you don't want to share with those guests, be faster than them or use a gardening veil that may protect, at least from rabbits,” advises Jurgita. Gardening in Finland is an unique experience since the summers are so short and the climate harsh. The gardening club is on vacation during winter and if you head to the gardens in Autumn, be sure to wear your wellingtons.

So stock up on seeds, shears and spades and you'll be ready to join the gardening club in spring.

Suzanne van Rooyen



Panu Mäkinen

Basic information on cultivation is given to new gardeners, so preliminary knowledge is not required



TOMMI PUSKA

Further info is available through the Facebook group 'Garden Club of KVAT' and the Kortepohja wiki page for 'puutarhakerho.' Also watch for news in FS-News and Sammakot mailing lists as well as JYY Student News.

WILLIE'S LESSON



Rautalanka-sounds

IF YOU listen to the radio for an hour or two in Finland, you are bound to hear rautalanka or music featuring the sound of the rautalanka guitar style at least a few times. Rautalanka (iron or steel wire) can trace its origins to the music of The Shadows from Britain and The Ventures from the United States. The rautalanka sound can be recognized by its clear, lucid melodies, its upbeat almost buoyant tempo, as well as an overdose of tape echo effects with practically no fuzz.

Rautalanka melodies, which are based on Finnish and Slavic folk tunes, mainly in minor keys, tend to be a bit heavy on the melancholy, despite the upbeat tempo.

The Golden Age of rautalanka in its most rudimentary form – two electric guitars, one electric bass, drums, and no vocals – was from 1960 to 1963. Today, rautalanka forms the base for a significant portion of much of the popular music in Finland. Iskelmä (schlager) is a type of Finnish popular music that often features the distinctive rautalanka guitar. The melodic Finnish metal that the world has come to know also has its roots in the rautalanka sound.

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lanka, you need to do nothing more than make a quick internet video search.

Here are a few examples of rautalanka that you might consider searching for: Old school Golden Age rautalanka is personified by bands like The Strangers and The Sounds. The video of The Sounds and their version of Emma, an old Finnish folk tune, is definitely worth checking out.

To get a good idea of the role that the rautalanka sound plays in slightly more modern popular music, check out any artist that has been backed by Agents, a band whose roster includes **Esa Pullianen**, the undisputed king of the rautalanka guitar.

For a look at slightly more extreme rautalanka acts you'll want to check out Laika and the Cosmonauts and Viikate.

Learn the basics of the rautalanka sound and keep your ears open, you'll find it to be a major theme in the modern Finnish musical landscape.

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JÄRJESTÖT

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