

# Customer's Corner

## Architect, artist, restaurateur continued...

Oyj in Finland Sara was the one that was entrusted with the Tulikivi duties.

When designing a retirement home for his parents in southern Idaho Rann included a KTLU 2050 with a bakeoven, bench, and heated soapstone chimney in their living room.

For several years Rann has had an idea for using a Tulikivi in a restaurant. This idea is about to come to fruition. In 1977 he designed a successful restaurant for Paul D'Alessandro and his family in Sacramento, California called Americo's. Paul has brought his family to Coeur d'Alene and he and Rann are renovating Tony's Supper Club, an existing restaurant overlooking Lake Coeur d'Alene. A Tulikivi Gemini fireplace will be placed in the waiting area facing the bar in the restaurant. If you are in Coeur d'Alene be sure to stop in at Tony's to enjoy the new restaurant and the Gemini. 6823 Coeur d'Alene Lake Dr.

The Haight family was recently treated to a Tulikivi baked meal prepared by Cheyenne D'Alessandro (Paul's daughter) a recent graduate from the Culinary Institute of America in New York. She completely enjoyed the experience of cooking dinner in the Haight's Tulikivi bakeoven. She roasted grilled red peppers and asparagus in the bakeoven and baked fresh salmon right on the floor of the bakeoven. Cheyenne will be the head chef at the new restaurant that Rann and Paul are creating.

Two years ago Samm Haight retired from more than 30 years in banking. She has joined Rann in their architectural firm and together they can take on a volume of projects that Rann could not have

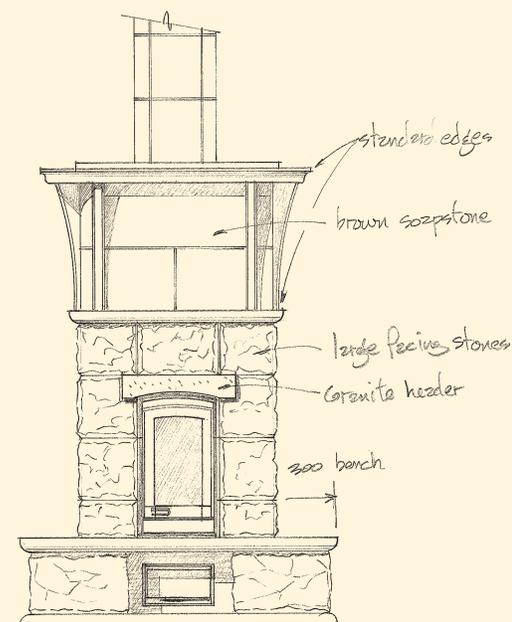


Rann with father and grandson

entertained on his own. As a result of this venture, and the fact that their children are leaving the nest, they are designing a new home with the emphasis placed on a larger studio for their business and less home. A Tulikivi in both the studio work area and in the living area of the house is included in the design and they intend to use a maximum of soapstone for both floors and countertops.

Recently Rann was asked to participate as an artist in Coeur d'Alene's Excel Foundation's "No Moose Left Behind" project. The Excel Foundation is very active in providing grants for educational opportunities in Coeur d'Alene. 25 artists are assigned the task of decorating nearly lifesize moose statues. The moose will be displayed throughout the community and then auctioned off by the foundation in mid-September and the proceeds will benefit Excel's grant program. Rann transformed his moose into a giant set of bookends and built 7' high books to complete the illusion. If you are in Coeur d'Alene this summer, be sure to tour the

town looking for the moose! It is a larger than life art demonstration! See photo of moose on back page. ●



# Stone Center

The Finnish Stone Center opened last spring in Juuka, Finland, home of the Tulikivi soapstone factory and quarry. The Juuka Stone Museum and Stone Village Foundation created the Stone Center to support the stone industry in Finland. The Foundation was formed by Tulikivi's president and founder Reijo Vauhkonen. Other partners in the project include the Northern Karelian union, Northern Karelian polytechnic and the educational network in the area. The Center has four main functions: to increase awareness about stone as a building material, stone research, training in stone construction and the promotion of stone industry entrepreneurship.

The North Karelian region of Finland, where Tulikivi Oyj is located, has a long tradition in stone processing. It is natural that the Stone Center would be located in Juuka where the Stone Museum and Stone Village Foundation are also located.

The Stone Center is an educational destination for school classes in Finland

during their spring excursions as well as a favorite tourist attraction. It has much to offer its visitors: the Geo Knowledge Center examines stone through the perspectives of science, art, and construction. The Center houses a natural stone testing laboratory and its extensive geological exhibition presents the cultural history of soapstone. There is a collection of different stones found all over the world. The "Treasure Chamber" is a special section where jewelry and artwork are exhibited showing many different gemstones. And there are changing exhibitions of artwork and demonstrations by artisans. A Salvador Dali exhibit will be showing there between May and December of 2004.

Much of the beautiful building is made from Tulikivi soapstone. The outside of the building boasts soapstone walls and columns. Soapstone tile walls, stairs, and flooring adorn much of the inside of the Center. The individual pieces were naturally cut at the Tulikivi factory. One of the

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## Prime Rib Recipe from the Haight Family

Build a fire in the bakeoven. Damper the fire so it shifts one color down. This should get you to an oven temperature of approximately 400 - 450 degrees within 1 1/2 - 2 hours (temperatures as high as 500 degrees are acceptable as we haven't found any detriment to the cooking process). While you're watching the fire, prepare the prime rib as follows:

**Prime Rib, roasting pan, kosher salt, whole mustard**

Purchase a prime rib; have the butcher cut away the bones, but have the bones tied back on for flavor in the roasting process.

Place the roast in a roasting pan on a bed of kosher salt. Use the whole mustard to coat the top and sides of the roast and then cover with kosher salt. Insert a meat thermometer and place in the preheated bakeoven.

Cooking time will vary (usually about 2 hours). Cook until the meat thermometer reads approximately 130 degrees (a little lower than "rare beef"). Take the roast out of the bakeoven and let it rest for about 15 minutes. The salt crust should come off as a shell. Break the salt crust off of the roast and discard. Place the roast on a platter or carving board. Carve, serve, and enjoy!

Please note that this roasting process will not produce drippings that can be used for gravy as the salt seals the meat. We use Knorr's Brown Gravy or Knorr's Au Jus for topping side dishes and potatoes.

## Cleaning Use A Good Vacuum

- Here are a few tips for cleaning your Tulikivi this summer and getting it ready for next fall.
- Give your cast-iron fireplace parts a good washing with a mild solution of water and dishwashing soap. Scour with a fine steel brush or non-abrasive scouring pad, if necessary. Rinse the parts and dry them with a soft cloth.
- Run a vacuum nozzle through the soot channels after the last fire of the season. I have found that the Cheetah vacuum, which is specially designed for conventional woodstove and fireplace vacuuming, is superb. I bought mine through the Love-Less Ash Company in Utah and it works like a charm. I can vacuum out my fireplace without a cloud of ash developing. For more information you can find the Cheetah vacuums at [www.lovelessash.com](http://www.lovelessash.com) or by plugging Cheetah ash vacuum into your website search, as there are other distributors for the Cheetah out there too.
- Finally, after the last fire of the season, remove the ash pan and open the damper for air circulation. This helps prevent condensation and the dampers from sticking.
- I cannot urge you enough to stock your firewood in for next winter. Stack your cut fire wood in a criss-cross manner so that air can circulate, thus taking dampness out of your wood and helping it cure for next year's firing season. Dry, well-cured wood is the key to an efficient and clean burning Tulikivi fire!

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urge everyone to take the opportunity to visit Chico, take a look at the Tulikivi, enjoy Chico's "hot wada," fabulous food, and western hospitality.

Tulikivi is now offering three standard lightweight models in Europe based on this concept. We hope to be able to offer these lightweight Tulikivis this fall after testing is completed at Omni Labs in Beaverton, Oregon. You can see these fireplaces on my website under Fireplaces > Lightweight Alternatives.

I wish all of you a great summer and I always look forward to hearing from each of you. 🍷

With warm regards, Ron

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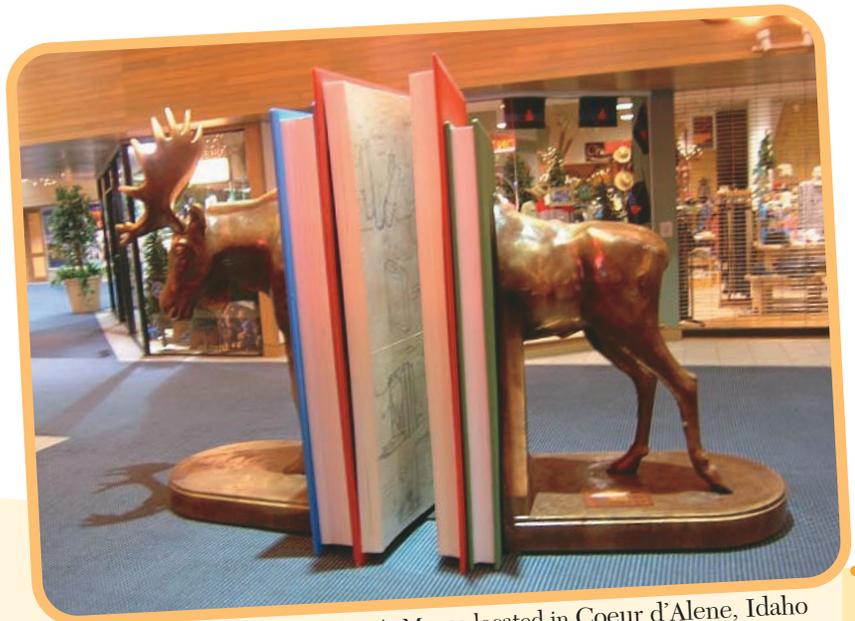
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Tulikivi fireplace installers from Tulikivi Oyj did most of the soapstone installation inside and outside of the Stone Center building.

If you are by chance visiting Finland and would like to go to the Finnish Stone Center, there is a Bed and Breakfast in the Stone Village where you could stay. Aira Martikainen, who is the Tulikivi Operations Manager for the U. S., said that she could arrange your stay there, for a nominal price, and that "it would be a pleasure to have any of (our) owners or customers here." Aira could also arrange to have someone give you a tour of the Tulikivi factory. There is a restaurant in the Stone Village where they of course do cooking and baking in Tulikivis. Their Karelian baked goods are out of this world and worth the trip to Finland just to have one of their main course "pies"! Let me know if you are interested in visiting there and I will put you in touch with Aira! 🍷



Rann's Moose located in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

## Jackson Hole Bans Dirty Wood Burners

Teton County, Wyoming recently announced that Tulikivi soapstone masonry heaters are one of the approved wood burning appliances to be allowed as part of a plan to protect air quality throughout Teton County.

Teton County recognized the need to achieve the maximum practical degree of air purity possible by requiring the use of approved solid fuel-burning devices. Air quality is an important part of the county's long term goal with the anticipation of increased population growth.

Tulikivi fireplaces meet emission requirements. They have been field tested by Omni Labs in Oregon which is an EPA accredited lab. Therefore, particulate emissions in a Tulikivi are far less than many wood burning devices.

No wood burning appliances will be permitted to be installed within Teton County unless the appliance is an Approved Solid Fuel Burning Device. A current list of approved devices can be obtained by contacting the County offices.

The state of Colorado also accepts Tulikivi masonry heaters that have been field tested by Omni Labs in counties that allow solid fuel to be burned. Tulikivi is field testing more models of their masonry heaters in Oregon early this summer.



# WarmStone NEWSLETTER

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James Pihl standing next to Chico's new Tulikivi

## Greetings From Ron

For years General Manager Colin Davis and I had entertained the idea of replacing the ancient and terrifying wood stove in the lobby at Chico Hot Springs with a Tulikivi Fireplace. I had all but given up on the idea when Colin called and said he was ready to move forward with the project. I had mixed emotions about putting a standard model in the lobby where it would presumably be stress tested by over zealous employees and the public at large.

Erkki Jarvinen, technical manager and engineer at Tulikivi spearheaded the concept of combining a large soapstone mass with a metal and refractory core to create a fireplace that could heat with both radiant and convective heat. This fireplace has a by-pass damper that will send the heated gases straight up the chimney after the stone is sufficiently heated, thereby avoiding overheating the soapstone. The fireplace continues to produce convective heat in this by-pass mode and gives guest a longer opportunity to enjoy fire viewing.

In early June our Tulikivi installation team, Jerry Jessen, Phil Bullard, Stoney Holmquist, James Pihl, and I, installed this new fireplace at Chico Hot Springs Resort with Erkki's guidance.

Architect Rann Haight designed the outer stones for the fireplace with help from Erkki and Juha Turunen, who is our design service and technical manager from Finland here in the U.S. Local artisan Ann Swainson etched Chico's logo, a broken wagon wheel, in the stone. The fireplace weighs nearly 10,000 pounds and is 8 1/2 feet tall, offering massive heating capabilities. It fits perfectly into Chico's lobby and is just beautiful! I

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## Architect, artist restaurateur..

### Will the Real Rann Haight Please Stand Up

Ron made the acquaintance of Rann and Samm Haight almost a decade ago when the Haight family chose a Tulikivi for their new home in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Rann has worked closely with Ron through the years drawing Tulikivi sketches for potential Tulikivi owners. Rann has helped design over 200 customized Tulikivi units for Cornerstone customers. He merely has to look at a floor plan of a potential customer, know what Tulikivi Ron has suggested to his customer, a few details, and he quickly renders a drawing of what the Tulikivi will look like in the client's home. It is a wonderful tool for customers to really know and decide on what they may or may not want in the look (or location) of their fireplaces.

Rann has also worked closely with Tulikivi Oyj in Finland designing and drawing the site prep manual which is a footprint for the contractor and/or architect to install the correct support and footings for their customer's Tulikivi. He has illustrated brochures for Tulikivi such as the "Lost Arts" pamphlets baking illustrations.

Rann is a staunch advocate of Tulikivi soapstone fireplaces. He and his wife Samm chose a TTU2700 to not only heat their home but to be the focal point of their family's living space. They have raised three daughters gathered around the Tulikivi and claim that their daughters were drawn more to the warmth of the fireplace than to the television while growing up. Their youngest daughter Sara, now a junior in high school became an accomplished Tulikivi operator at the age of eleven. While her parents were visiting Tulikivi