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### Summer life in Kuopio

My father made this motor boat. When I was child, we spend summer days by the lake and made trips to the islands near Kuopio.

Sylvi



### A windmill

This windmill is situated in Vesanto in front of my sauna. I built it entirely of recycled material. In the summer it is a viewpoint from where I can see as far as my imagination reaches. The slide for the grandchildren leaves them a memory of their grandfather. The stones bring me back memories from my childhood and the stony

fields my parents cultivated. The wings of the mill grind positive thoughts and good mood.

Eino



### **A smoke sauna**

From my childhood smoke sauna I can remember the smoke irritating my eyes and the stingy woolen socks I had to wear afterwards. In spite of those memories we got a new smoke sauna to our summer cottage a couple of years ago. It is a refreshing place for everyone. Even the grandchildren like it!

Kaija



### **Korkeakoski rapid (Maaninka)**

Korkeakoski is the tallest rapid (36 m) in Finland. Especially in the spring when the snow melts, it's very beautiful and you can see the enormous power of the water. There is also a hiking trail (3.2 kilometers) there.

Marjo



### **Bridge to our summer cottage**

We used this bridge before we made a road to our cottage. We bought the cottage in 1975, road was made in 1990. Before we made the road, we had to pass through neighbour's yard or take a boat to our own cottage.

Sylvi



### **Dance hall Akola (Juankoski)**

Dance halls have been part of the Finnish culture since the beginning of the 20th century. They are places where people communicate, enjoy music and become friends. Through music you can express the feelings you are not able to tell your partner otherwise. Hannu



### **Kuopion kansalaisopisto (Kuopio Community College)**

The building used to be a military school where my father worked. It was a safe environment to live in the middle of the town. There were a lot of children who played together in the yard. In 1963 everything changed: the brigade moved to Kajaani. My father retired and we had to move, too. After that some of the buildings were demolished and some used for other purposes.

Raila

(Kuopio Community College was established in 1916 and is one of the biggest and oldest Community Colleges in Finland. The main building in Kuopio is an old military school. The park in front of the building has long cultural history as well. There was a stage for military orchestra and it was the center of the area.)



### **An old greenhouse**

Rusty metal structures, shapes and lines show the graphic design of the greenhouse. People are fascinated by empty, deserted buildings and so am I. This greenhouse used to be the heart of the garden. It still is a mystery and brings me emotional experiences.

Riikka



### **Sauna**

This is our sauna. It is traditional Finnish sauna. We heat it up every weekend. Sauna is a place where You wash Your worries away..

Anna





### **My home**

We used to live in the centre of Kuopio in 1964 when I went to school. This is my home and the view from my way to school. The centre of the town was full of wooden houses, beautiful examples of handicraft. Raija



### **Summer Cottage**

About 40 years ago my parents-in-law built a small log cottage in an island on the lake Saimaa. Since then we have been travelling there every summer to spend holidays with our relatives. Pure nature, peace and quietness are therapy for a busy person living in a city. You can enjoy the beautiful landscape and take a nap in a hammock. Can you wish for more?

Riitta



### **A summer cottage in Vehmersalmi**

The cottage belonged to my grandparents and after they died my father bought it. We spent all our summers there. It was a very special place for my father and he donated it to me and my brother. The cottage is a place where we can relax, go fishing and picking mushrooms. We grill and eat smoked fish, invite friends and relatives, and after going to sauna and swimming we just sit on the terrace and watch the lake. It's the landscape of the soul for all of us. Our grandchildren are the fifth generation to enjoy the cottage.

Timo



### **A view from Puijonkatu 26-28**

Since 1950s they have been building new residential and office buildings in Puijonkatu. One of the buildings was closely linked to my own life during 1980-2016. In the building, there was a local register office where I got married and an architectural firm where I worked for nearly 30 years. I also rented a room there for myself to paint in. Now the building has been demolished and it will be replaced by a new residential building. Arja



### **An old farmhouse in Punkaharju (Southern Savo)**

This house is my father's home. There is also a sauna, a woodshed, a storehouse, a cowshed and a blacksmith's workshop in the courtyard. My father and his family were evacuees from Carelia, they had to leave their own home during the war. Second picture is the wooden stove in this house. Stove was for cooking, heating the house and also for drying wet clothes.

Pirjo



### **Linnanpelto**

Near my home there are old wooden apartment buildings, which were built in late 1940s. Between the buildings there were planting areas with trees. Some of the buildings were burned and some demolished. Some are still partly there. Charming green planting areas are history.

Arja



### **An old house along the walking trail**

This building has a long history and a lot to tell the passersby.

Jaakko

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