

Newsletter Metsäranta #10

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Here is the 10th Newsletter.

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Cancellations

Time flies, because it has been already 3 months since the last Newsletter was published. The latter Newsletters were mainly about the Corona virus.

Many cancellations were received, because there was no possibility to come to Finland. Because the Finns also had to celebrate their holiday in their own country, a number of reservations were still received. Fortunately, that brought some life here and it was fun.

Reviews

The responses in the Guestbook and on the evaluation forms were undivided good. That was nice to read, because that's what I do it for; satisfied and happy guests. Because of this, there are now 10 reviews online that gave Cottage Metsäranta all 5 out of 5 stars.

You can view them [here](#). The reviews have been "followed" for some time by "Trustalize", a company that ensures that reviews are fair and not "fake".

Where there were a number of suggestions for (minor) improvement, I have realized all of them.



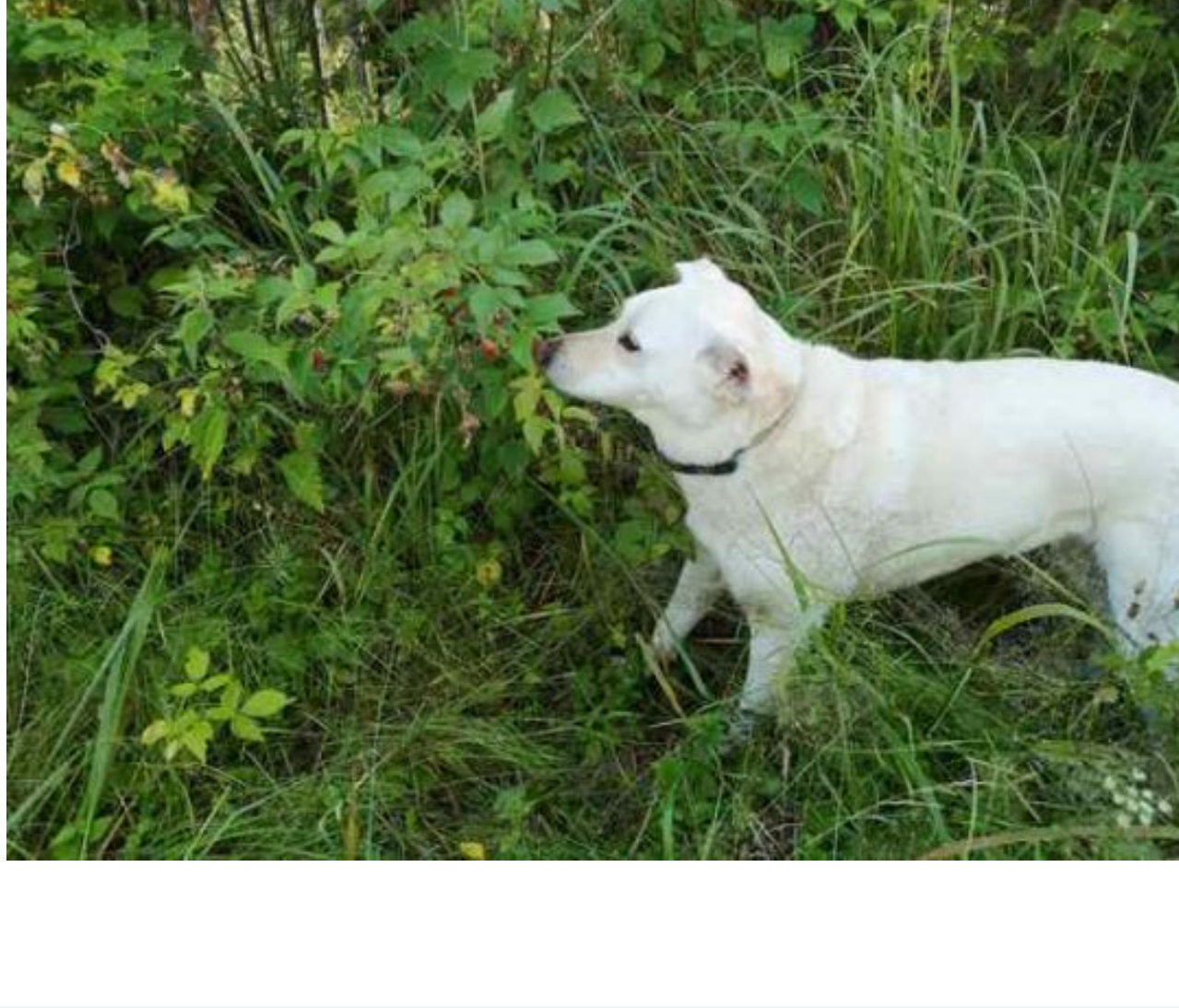
The weather and nature

The weather was actually from early spring to the present, generally warm to very warm. Fortunately, there was also enough rain, so that it is a good year for berries and mushrooms. My first harvest of blueberries is inside, frozen for the winter and made into jam, delicious and very healthy. The dogs have now learned that they can find and eat raspberries, blueberries and forest strawberries themselves, they enjoy it.

Spring was all about the birds. Of the 7 nest boxes that hang on the site, 6 were inhabited by, among other things, great tits, blue tits, gray flycatcher and siskins. Finches, bullfinches, blackbirds, thrushes, jays, robins and woodpeckers also nested in the immediate vicinity. The feeding table was very busy.

The neighbors (our Beavers) still live across the lake and I have also seen them now. They are beautiful animals. The other animals that occur here; I have not yet seen bears, lynxes and badgers, but I did once encounter foxes. Bears and lynxes are very shy and avoid contact with people, so you don't have to be afraid here!

It was striking (and is) that there are only few mosquitoes this year, which is very nice of course. It is not clear what caused this, because this was also the case in other parts of Finland.



The terrain

The bench on the jetty broke down just after I painted it again. I quickly ordered new and now there are 2 instead of 1 bench on the jetty, so now you can eat together, have a drink or enjoy the sun, above the water.

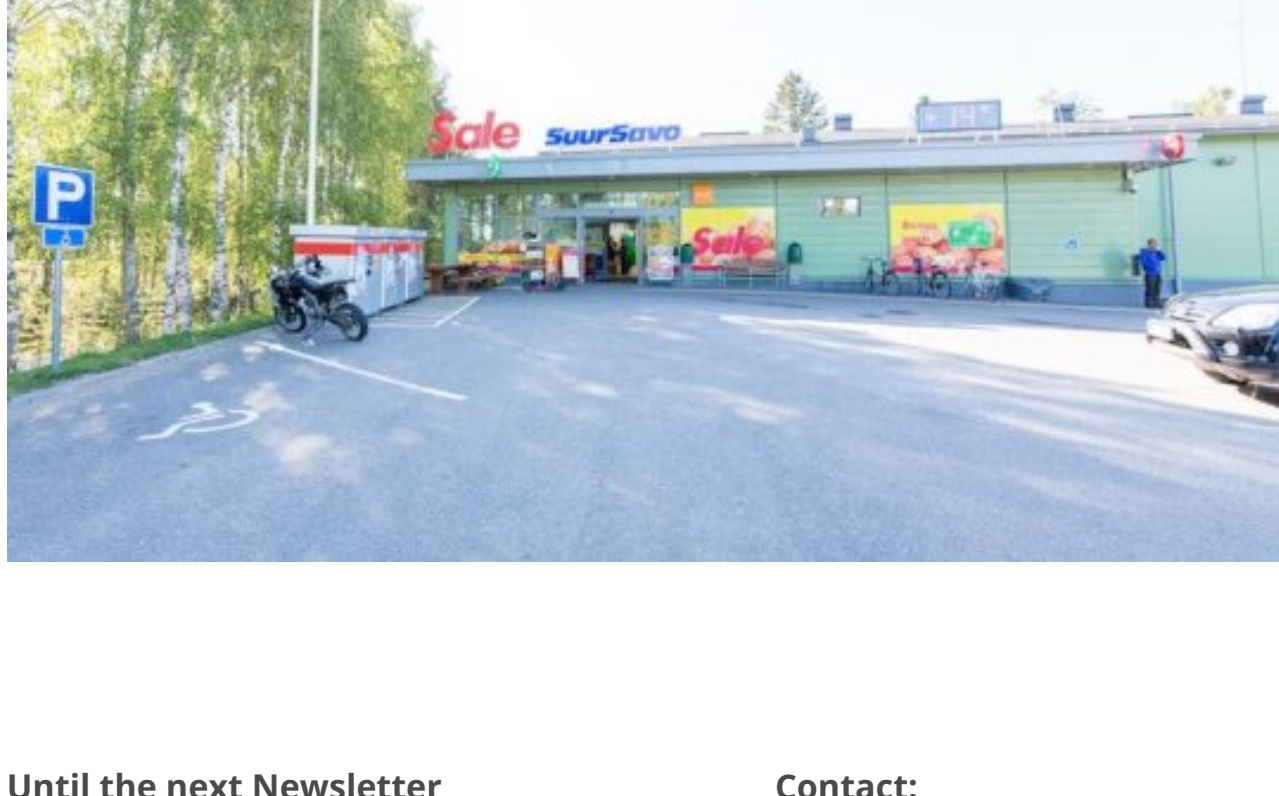
Next week I will start installing LED spots (warm white) on the veranda of the Cottage. That should give an even more intimate and warmer atmosphere. On the side of the house I have installed a LED light with motion detector, so that you can easily find your way to the Cottage even in the dark.



Petrol station

There is an unmanned petrol station at the beginning of the village of Savonranta. It was said that it had to close from the point of view of possible soil contamination. This will be investigated and, if necessary, the soil is excavated and cleaned.

It is not quite nice to drive 60 km for fuel, but fortunately there will be a new petrol station at the 'Sale' supermarket soon.



Until the next Newsletter

With kind regards,
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