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ESTONIA
Refugees from
Ukraine

*Dear Friends and
Supporters!*



The picture shows museum director Ülo Kalm and Dolores Bergqvist standing outside the Aiboland Museum in Hapsal. In the museum, they have arranged congenial gatherings for refugees who have escaped to Hapsal. Currently, there are 288 refugees in town. Among them are 16 daycare children and 61 school age children. Ten boat excursions have been organized with the fishing boat *Lilian* in the Bay of Hapsal. At the

museum, those who wish can knot camouflage nets together with volunteer Hapsal residents. The nets are sent to Ukraine. Right now, they are working on the 138th net. The museum provides “fika,” (coffee, tea, lemonade, cookies, and candy) for the participants. Locally caught and smoked herring is served once a year, and the refugees are offered this meal free. The staff also arrange an annual bus tour for refugees and volunteers; this year a trip is planned to Nuckö. The refugees also receive a butter knife inscribed with “Glory to Ukraine” in Ukrainian on one side and in Estonian on the other side.

Ülo Kalm has sent pictures showing how traditional fishing gear “mjärde” (osier baskets) are delivered to the museum (picture below, left) and how it is spread out and the thick ropes on the edges cut off (picture below right) before they are hung up and transformed into camouflage nets by knotting short strips of fabric into the netting (white strips in the winter, green in the summer, etc.). The cost for the refugee project amounts to SEK 48 700 per year. Last year the SB-Foundation contributed SEK 45 850. The museum administration pleads for comparable support in 2024. Can we manage that?



SB-Foundation and our friends in Estonia send our warm greetings via us on the Board,
Arne, Elisabeth, Gloria, Lena, Roger

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