

**Kemi Art Museum** is the oldest art museum in Northern Finland (above Oulu) and one of Finland's sixteen regional art museums. It is located in the Civic Arts Centre. The amply lit and voluminous exhibition space was drawn by Sebastian Savander in 1990. The museum exhibits pictorial art from Lapland in particular, but aims to provide also exhibitions with wider views from home and abroad. The annual schedule includes 6 or 7 coming and going exhibitions as well as lectures, events, workshops and guided tours. Adjacent to the museum, there is a museum shop that sells art publications, cards, novelty items and souvenirs.

Open

Tuesday to Thursday 11:00–17:00

Friday 11:00–19:00

Saturday to Sunday 11:00–15:00

Entrance fee: 3 € / 2 €, free entry for children under 18 years

Joint ticket (art museum and historical museum) 5 € / 3 €

Free entry on Fridays

Address: Marina Takalon katu 3, 94100 Kemi.

### **Historical Museum of Kemi**

Renewed permanent exhibition of [Historical Museum of Kemi](#) was opened 11.1.2015. The permanent exhibition deals with the history of Kemi and vicinity, the influence of the river and sea have played on the area's culture, livelihoods and the various branches of the forest industry.

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## **The Kemi Local History and Museum Association**

Kemi has had museum operations for more than a century, because the Museum of Ethnology and Natural Science was established at a municipal meeting in 1899, with money obtained from the sale of liquor. However, those activities faded rather soon. A breath of new life came with the foundation of the Kemi Local History and Museum Association, the constitutive meeting of which was held at the Sauvosaari folk school on 18 February 1938. The participants elected a board that comprised the following people, among others: U. Supanki, the city manager; Tyyni Tani, Master of Arts; M. Rantapörhölä, a procurist; and teacher Niilo Teerijoki. Also elected were deputy members Mrs A. Kivinen, Principal Matti Huuonen, and Lecturer Ape Rantaniemi. The board chose Uno Pulkkila as chairperson, Niilo Teerijoki to be secretary, I. Rautiainen for its treasurer, O. Nylander as deputy chairperson, and A. Vierimaa and T. Jaatinen to serve as donor representatives. Initially, the association's area of operation covered the whole of Northern Finland except Länsipohja, but this was later limited to Kemi and its surroundings. The association has amassed an extensive collection of objects, photographs, and archives. It also controlled, as a founder or owner, the Museum of Kemi, which included Savupirtti and the Customs White Villa in the inner harbour; the magazines and granaries; the Kemi Workers' Museum; the Finnish hairdressers' museum; and the Finnish Colour Museum, founded by Finnish Colour Merchants. The association has published the Jatuli series of books since 1949.

In 1990, the Kemi Local History and Museum Association handed over the museums, the museum buildings, and the collections and archives to the City of Kemi. The museums and collections are currently maintained by the Historical Museum of Kemi.