

IS TOM OF FINLAND IN YOUR ATTIC?

THE Tom of Finland Foundation and Taschen Books are working together on a gigantic coffee table book entitled 'Tom of Finland'. Because Tom was so prolific early in his career, and the documentation of his works so sketchy, some of his art has been lost or stolen over the years... or given away - it's said that Tom would often give away artwork to promote bike clubs and events.

If you think you may have any original art or reproductions of Tom of Finland's work then get in touch with the Tom Of Finland Foundation. Speaking to QX, Foundation Director, Durk Dehner, said, "England was a stronghold of Tom fans from the early '50s onward, so listen up mates; if you think you have anything that is like a Tom of Finland, perhaps a magazine with an image in it you've never seen reproduced elsewhere, a poster or maybe, just maybe, an original that has never been documented, get in touch with us. Help us find and save just a bit more of his legacy."

Four lost originals were discovered in Finland last year when the word was put out for lost Tom of Finland artwork, so let's hope that London can unearth some treasures for the new book and the Foundation. If you think you have a 'lost' Tom of Finland artwork, email ddehner@tomoffinlandfoundation.org and you could make a valued contribution to the forthcoming book, enriching a hugely influential era of gay history.

