



Finlandia Foundation - Boston Newsletter

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Message from Our President Linda Lindell

Dear Finlandia Foundation - Boston Members,

In February I had the privilege of visiting Lake Worth Florida, a city in Palm Beach County. I was amazed at size of the Finnish community's presence there. Finns came to this area as farmers during the depression and the volume grew steadily in 1940's. Finns worked on the estates of wealthy Palm Beachers and word spread among the Finnish diaspora, with many gravitating toward the Lake Worth area. Today there are about 25,000 Finnish-American Citizens living in Florida. In addition there are 5,000 winter residents or "snowbirds" from Finland, Canada, and other parts of the United States.

Please join us Sunday, March (maaliskuu) 25 at 3 pm to hear Peter MacKeith, Finlandia Foundation National Centenary Lecturer, present "A House of Finland." Finland is adorned with many examples of modern architecture. The latest plan of Central Library of Helsinki is projected to be completed in 2018.

Congratulations to Finland for winning six metals at the Winter Olympics - one gold, one silver, and four bronze!

Mark your calendars:

- March 17, 5:30-10 pm - St. Urho Day Dinner Dance, Saima Park, Fitchburg, MA
- April 29, 12-5 pm - Vappu Piknikki, Lodge of the Knights & Ladies of Kaleva of Maynard at Fort Pond, Littleton, MA
- Sundays in May, 1-4 pm - May Mõlkky Madness, Lodge of the Knights & Ladies of Kaleva of Maynard at Fort Pond, Littleton, MA
- June 23, 5:30-Midnight - Juhannus, Lodge of the Knights & Ladies of Kaleva of Maynard at Fort Pond, Littleton, MA
- June 24-July 1 - FinnFest 2018, Tampere, Finland
- October 19-21 - Finn Funn Weekend, Troy, NH

Tervetuloa! Welcome!

- Linda Ilona Lindell

Email us at FinlandiaBoston@gmail.com

Membership Dues

The annual membership fee is \$30 for families, \$20 for individuals and \$10 for senior members. Please check your mailing label for your membership standing. If your membership has expired or is about to expire, kindly send your check to:

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Tax-deductible donations are not only greatly appreciated, our programming depends on them!

Cultural Program for March

Finlandia Foundation - Boston invites members and their friends to a lecture by Finlandia Foundation National Centenary Lecturer

Peter MacKeith



A House of Finland

**Sunday, March 25th
3:00 PM**

Scandinavian Cultural Center, Newton

This lecture traces the emergence, development and ongoing vitality of Finnish cultural identity through a century of significant architecture and design, presenting examples from across the last 100 years, and emphasizing the building of community through public architecture. With their strengths and expressiveness, the precedent architectural exemplars of 20th century Finnish architecture ---works by Lars Sonck, Eliel Saarinen, Alvar Aalto, Aarno Ruusuvuori and Reima Pietilä, among others---form a powerful body of work by which to comprehend a Finnish tradition of public building. But contemporary Finnish architecture also possesses a continuing and contemporary emphasis on a rich public architecture, attuned to emergent societal values and diverse community ambitions. Drawing upon these long decades of socially attentive and responsible design, "A House of Finland" addresses this Finnish preoccupation in historical and contemporary terms and examples. If nothing else---and it is already quite a lot---Finnish architecture's contemporary devotion to education, health and wellness, cultural performance, display and engagement, and the care of children, is a comprehensive demonstration of the vital sense of community in Finnish identity.

Peter MacKeith is Dean and Professor of Architecture at the Fay Jones School of Architecture and Design at the University of Arkansas. For the last 20 years, since receiving a Fulbright Fellowship to Finland in 1990, he has worked as a liaison between the architecture cultures of the United States, Finland, and the Nordic nations, in the fields of education, professional practice, exhibitions, research and publications. Peter served as the Honorary Consul of Finland in St. Louis, Missouri, from 2012 to 2014.

(continued from page 1) He is a member of the Finnish Cultural Institute-New York Advisory Board. In February of 2014 he was recognized by the President of Finland with the insignia of Knight, First Class, of the Order of the Lion of Finland.

A Very Special Concert on Sunday, April 22

FF Boston is thrilled to present Pianist Mackenzie Melemed and Soprano Ilona Jokinen, back for an encore after their highly acclaimed Suomi 100 Gala performance! The concert, to be held at the Scandinavian Cultural Center, will feature works by Sibelius, Schumann, Rachmaninoff, Strauss, Grieg, and Puccini. Tickets are \$25 to the general public, \$20 to FF Boston members (enter code hyvaavappua). Purchase tickets online at finlandiaboston.brownpapertickets.com or mail a check to Finlandia Foundation-Boston, PO Box 308, Arlington, MA 02474-0007. More details available on our website, www.finlandiafoundationboston.com.

Scholarship Opportunities

Savele Syrjala Journalism Scholarship

For a student of Finnish-American heritage studying in the field of Journalism or Communications.

Aina Swan Cutler Music Scholarship

For a student of Finnish-American heritage studying music (excluding hard rock and electronic music).

For more information or an application for the journalism or music scholarship, please contact:

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Lauri Armas Lindell Architectural Scholarship

For a student of Finnish-American heritage studying architecture in the United States or Finland.

For more information or an application for the architecture scholarship, please contact:

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June 29, 2018 application deadline for all scholarships.



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A Warm Welcome to our New Members!

Kim Bell of Holliston, MA
Alan Grekula of Holliston, MA
Satu LaMarca of Mansfield, MA
Kiersten Mead of Sudbury, MA
Frederick Paster of Lexington, MA
Robert and Elizabeth Shaw of Groton, MA

Kiitos, kiitos, kiitos!

Many thanks to Laura Tilus-Korhonen, Linda Lindell, and Kim Bell for their donations to the February coffee table.

Calendar of Events

Saturday, March 17, 10 am

Suomi-Koulu, Waldorf School, Lexington, MA

Sunday, March 25, 3 pm

Cultural Program: A House of Finland
Finlandia Foundation National Centenary Lecture
Scandinavian Cultural Center, Newton

Saturday, March 31, 10 am

Suomi-Koulu, Waldorf School, Lexington, MA

Saturday, April 14, 10 am

Suomi-Koulu, Waldorf School, Lexington, MA

Sunday, April 22, 3 pm

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Pianist Mackenzie Melemed & Soprano Ilona Jokinen
Scandinavian Cultural Center, Newton

Saturday, April 28, 10 am

Suomi-Koulu, Waldorf School, Lexington, MA

Saturday, May 12, 10 am

Suomi-Koulu, Waldorf School, Lexington, MA

Saturday, May 26, 10 am

Suomi-Koulu, Waldorf School, Lexington, MA

Saturday, June 2, 10 am

Suomi-Koulu, Waldorf School, Lexington, MA

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