



Finlandia Foundation - Boston Newsletter

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December 2018

Message from Our President Linda Lindell

Dear Members,

We ended 2018 with a well-attended Finnish Christmas party with 73 guests. Finnish Christmas songs were lead by Ilona Jokinen-Sipila followed by a traditional Finnish dinner – ham, meatballs, salmon, silli (herring), lanttu (Swedish turnip) casserole, potatoes, vegetable salad, and mixed greens salad, topped off with a variety of cookies and pulla, and of course coffee (kahvia). Many old friendships were rekindled. Ten lucky guests each received a poinsettia. Children were given a candy cane along with the meaning of the candy cane. Our board members demonstrated a fantastic labor of love in putting together this event for our members.

January 27th is our Annual Meeting with committee reports recapping 2018 and the nomination of a new slate for the 2019 Board of Directors. Let's make Finlandia Foundation-Boston chapter the best!

Happy New Year! Onnellista uutta vuotta! Lets make 2019 the best of best. I wish you all the true nature of love, joy and peace in your lives. Enjoy life to the fullest!

-Linda Ilona Lindell

Membership: Time to Join! Time to Renew!

The annual membership fee is \$30 for families, \$20 for individuals and \$10 for senior members. Please renew for 2019 by sending your check to:

FINLANDIA FOUNDATION – BOSTON
P.O BOX 308

Arlington, MA 02474-0007

Membership dues only support a fraction of our programming. Help us keep the dues low and the organization inclusive. Please remember us when making your annual, tax-deductible charitable gifts!

Christmas Revels Tickets Selling Fast!

Christmas Revels is a unique blend of music, dance and storytelling that focuses on a different culture each year. This year it is Nordic culture with the plot rooted in the Kalevala! Artistic Director Paddy Swanson describes a "plot propelled by the narrative of the Kalevala and illuminated by the ethereal sounds of nyckelharpa, hardingfele, kantele, accordion, gemshorn, and five string fiddle. Our story takes us via fjords and rivers all the way to the icy mountains of the Northlands and back. Count on trolls, dragons, and house elves to pop up... with gorgeous melodies, rich choral harmonies and filigree ornamentation, this will be a mythical musical experience..." The plot is acted out in English, while the songs are sung in their original languages. The Christmas Revels is performed at Sanders Theater in Cambridge until December 29. There are matinees and evening shows. Please go to www.revels.org for more information and tickets.

Annual Membership Meeting

FF-Boston, Inc. welcomes members to the

ANNUAL MEETING

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PRESENTATION BY ARTIST MARJA LIANKO



Sunday, January 27, 3:00 PM

Scandinavian Cultural Center, Newton, MA

Marja Lianko was born in Helsinki, Finland. She grew up in a home filled with art as her father was a collector and a latent sculptor. Marja emigrated to the USA soon after high school and received her art education at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, where she later taught printmaking and mixed media for more than two decades.

Much of Marja's work has been inspired by the nature in her homeland, the vast forests of birches and pine trees, the abundance of color in the short summer and the lack of it during the long winter. Her work has been exhibited in a number of museums, including the Museum of Fine Arts, deCordova Museum, Fogg Museum, Fuller Museum, Rose Museum, Duxbury Art Complex Museum, Boise Art Museum and Nicolaysen Museum, and remains in the collections of the MFA, the Fogg, and the deCordova, as well as in numerous corporations and hospitals. She has received grants and fellowships from the New England Foundation for the Arts, Artists Foundation, Ballinglen Arts Foundation and Mellon Foundation.

Finlandia Foundation-Boston is delighted to be part of her exhibit opening at the SCC!

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The Annual Meeting will include more than the usual agenda items. We truly hope you can attend to cast your vote on our proposed new bylaws. Much work has been done to bring the 1997 version up to date. Red lined copies will be available for you to review, there will be an oral summary provided, and an opportunity for questions. As always, the president's and treasurer's reports and reports from the scholarship committee and Suomi-koulu will be presented. Members will vote on 2019 Board nominees. The Nominating Committee will present the following slate:

President: Linda Lindell (Lexington, MA)
Vice President: Tapani Ronni (Medford, MA)
President Elect: To Be Announced
Treasurer: Anne-Mari Paster (Lexington, MA)
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Newsletter Editors: Greta Ljung (Lexington, MA) and
Tapani Ronni (Medford, MA)
Scholarship Chair: Edith Syrjälä-Eash (Lexington)
Suomi-koulu Liaison: Ilona Jokinen (Northboro, MA)
Nominating Committee: Nathalie Forssell (Sudbury,
MA), Kim Bell (Holliston, MA), Saana McDaniel
(Lexington, MA)

**Directions to Scandinavian Cultural Center
206 Waltham St., Newton, MA**

From 128 take exit 21 / Route 16 East. Stay on it for 1.5 mi. After the overpass of the Mass Pike, take left at the 1st light onto Cherry St, then take the 1st right onto Webster St. At the end of Webster, turn left onto Waltham St. and stay on it for ¾ mi.



*Hyvää joulua ja
onnellista uutta vuotta!*

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FF Boston Calendar of Events

Saturday, January 5, 10 am
Suomi-koulu, Waldorf School, Lexington, MA

Saturday, January 19, 10 am
Suomi-koulu, Waldorf School, Lexington, MA

Sunday, January 27, 3 pm
Annual Meeting & Artist Reception
Scandinavian Cultural Center, Newton

Saturday, February 2, 10 am
Suomi-koulu, Waldorf School, Lexington, MA

Saturday, February 16, 10 am
Suomi-koulu, Waldorf School, Lexington, MA

Sunday, February 24, 3 pm
Cultural Program: To Be Announced
Scandinavian Cultural Center, Newton

Saturday, March 2, 10 am
Suomi-koulu, Waldorf School, Lexington, MA

Saturday, March 16, 10 am
Suomi-koulu, Waldorf School, Lexington, MA

Sunday, March 24, 3 pm
Cultural Program: To Be Announced
Scandinavian Cultural Center, Newton

Saturday, March 30, 10 am
Suomi-koulu, Waldorf School, Lexington, MA

Saturday, April 13, 10 am
Suomi-koulu, Waldorf School, Lexington, MA

Saturday, April 27, 10 am
Suomi-koulu, Waldorf School, Lexington, MA

Sunday, April 28, 3 pm
Cultural Program: To Be Announced
Scandinavian Cultural Center, Newton

Saturday, May 11, 10 am
Suomi-koulu, Waldorf School, Lexington, MA

Saturday, May 25, 10 am
Class and Kevätjuhla
Suomi-koulu, Waldorf School, Lexington, MA