



# Finlandia Foundation - Boston Newsletter

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## Message from Our President Linda Lindell

Our shared cultural program for September was the Scandinavian Cultural Center's Nordic Bites Food Fest on September 22, first day of autumn. Finlandia Foundation-Boston hosted a table amid the many Nordic nation and vendor tables. Four of our members pitched in to bake delicious, bite-size mustikkapiirakka (blueberry pie). Our table was decorated with a Marimekko tablecloth along with a blueberry plant. Event attendees went table to table sampling each country's food. A traveling sauna was also parked on the grounds so folks could enjoy a wood-fired 30-minute sauna for enhanced relaxation and well-being.

Upcoming events for Finns and friends of Finland:

October 19-21: with fall leaves in color, how about traveling to Troy, New Hampshire for FinnFunn 2018? Please see page 2 for more information.

October 28th is coming soon: FF Boston will host a free jazz concert - Saxophonist Juli Wood & Guitarist Paul Silbergleit - followed by a coffee table reception. Bring you friends and family!

December 9: Save the date! FF Boston dinner and carol sing.

Many more events of interest to fans of Nordic culture can be found on the Scandinavian Cultural Center's website: [www.scandicenter.org](http://www.scandicenter.org). Give it a look-see!

Find fun, Finn facts:  
<https://www.commisceo-global.com/resources/country-guides/finland-guide>

Take the quiz:  
[https://www.commisceo-global.com/resources/quizzes/country-specific-quizzes?view=quiz&quiz\\_id=30](https://www.commisceo-global.com/resources/quizzes/country-specific-quizzes?view=quiz&quiz_id=30)

Hope to see you at the events!  
Welcome! Tervetuloa!  
-Linda Ilona Lindell

**Kiitos, kiitos, kiitos!**

Finlandia Foundation-Boston is grateful to Liisa Chanoff, Ilona Jokinen, Linda Lindell, Sirkku Konttinen and Teresia Möller for their energy in preparing 400 mustikkapiirakka for our table at the Nordic Bites Food Fest, and to our young friends Alvar and Edvin for helping at the table!

## Cultural Program for October

Please join us for a concert by

**Finlandia Foundation National Performer of the Year**

**SAXOPHONIST JULI WOOD**



**Accompanied by Guitarist Paul Silbergleit**

**Sunday, October 28 at 3:00 PM  
Scandinavian Cultural Center  
206 Waltham St, West Newton**

Saxophonist Juli Wood has been a fixture on the Chicago jazz scene for 25 years and a performer and has appeared on stage at Finland's Pori Jazz Festival and at the Storyville club in Helsinki. She infuses traditional Finnish folk tunes with her unique, jazzy style. The granddaughter of Finnish immigrants, Juli tapped into her heritage for her CD *Synkkä Metsä* (Dark Forest), which one reviewer called, "An outstanding set with a compellingly beautiful cohesion." Juli studied jazz at the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music and has been mentored by jazz artists she admires. In addition to performing on sax, Juli is a vocalist and a composer. Come and enjoy the jazz stylings of Juli, described by various reviewers as a "feisty saxist," "a gutsy tenor and baritone saxophonist," and one who "sings with great heart." The Performer of the Year is a program of the non-profit Finlandia Foundation National, the premier network of Finnish-American organizations in the U.S. For information about FFN please go to [FinlandiaFoundation.org](http://FinlandiaFoundation.org).

**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 1<sup>st</sup> light onto Cherry St, then take the 1<sup>st</sup> right onto Webster St. At the end of Webster, turn left onto Waltham St. and stay on it for ¾ mi.

### There's still time to enroll at Suomi-koulu!

Suomi-koulu was founded in 1991 to teach and perpetuate the Finnish language and Finnish traditions among expat families, those of Finnish heritage, and of course, Finnophiles. The school offers language classes for children of all ages and adults too. Children learn through songs, games, and arts and crafts. The language of instruction for adults is English; course materials are provided. If you are an adult intimidated by rumors that Finnish is difficult to learn, fear not! 1,000 words cover 85% of everyday language. One or two words a day and you'll be communicating in no time!

Classes take place in Lexington 2 Saturdays/month; each school day concludes with social time over coffee and refreshments; the semesters close with seasonal celebrations in true Finnish style. All this and affordable tuition too! The semester price starts at \$145 and there are discounts when multiple family members register. You can find more information at the school's website: <http://sites.google.com/site/boston-suomikoulu/Home>

### 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 also greatly appreciated!  
In fact, we cannot get by without them.

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### Finn Funn Weekend 2018

Don't miss out! Celebrate Finnish culture at The Inn at East Hill Farm in Troy, NH, October 19-21. Please go to <http://www.saima-park.org/ff2018/index.html> or call 1-800-242-6495 and ask about FinnFun weekend.

### FF Boston Calendar of Events

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

Sunday, October 28, 3 pm  
**Cultural Program: Saxophonist Juli Wood**  
Scandinavian Cultural Center, Newton

Saturday, November 3, 10 am  
**Suomi-koulu**, Waldorf School, Lexington, MA

Saturday, November 17, 10 am  
**Suomi-koulu**, Waldorf School, Lexington, MA

Saturday, December 8, 10 am  
**Suomi-Koulu**, Waldorf School, Lexington, MA

Sunday, December 9, 3 pm  
**Seasonal Festivities: Food & Song**  
Scandinavian Cultural Center, Newton

Saturday, December 15, 10 am class,  
11 am Christmas Celebration  
**Suomi-koulu**, Waldorf School, Lexington, MA

Looking ahead...

**Suomi-koulu** will meet on these Saturdays in 2019:  
January 5, 19; February 2, 16; March 2, 16, 30; April 13, 27; May 11, 25 (Kevätjuhla / Spring Celebration).

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