



# FINLANDIA FOUNDATION NATIONAL CAPITAL CHAPTER

## NEWSLETTER • DECEMBER 2011

[www.finlandiadc.org](http://www.finlandiadc.org)

### Events

#### Sat., Dec. 10

Childrens Christmas Party, 3.00 p.m. and Most Beautiful Christmas Carols, 5.00 p.m.  
Resurrection Lutheran Church, 6201 Washington Blvd, Arlington, VA  
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#### Sun., Dec. 11

Finnish Christmas Service, Pastor Tiina Talvitie,  
Embassy of Finland, 3301 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC

#### Jan. 11-14

Advance Voting for Presidential Elections in Finland, Embassy of Finland, 3301 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC

#### Jan. 12-14

Hannu Lintu conducts the National Symphony Orchestra Kennedy Center, DC

#### Sat., Feb. 04

Pizza, play and movie night  
Resurrection Lutheran Church, Arlington, VA

#### Fri., Feb. 10

Sauna-evening, 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
Embassy of Finland

#### Fri., March 16

Kalevala Dinner and Dance, Embassy of Finland

#### Sat., Apr. 28

Pizza, play and movie night  
Resurrection Lutheran Church, Arlington, VA

more info on  
[finlandiadc.org](http://finlandiadc.org)



### President Leila Takala's Message

*Dear Friends,*

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving with your families and friends. Perhaps some of you even braved the throngs on Black Friday shopping for bargains or ducking for cover.

In October, the gala concert and dinner was a great success. Many of the Finlandia Foundation National Trustees were in attendance as they held their semiannual meeting in Washington, DC, during the same weekend. Photographs of the event can be viewed on the FFNCC web page [www.finlandiadc.org](http://www.finlandiadc.org) under past events.

We will have the Children's Christmas Party and the Most Beautiful Christmas Carols on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at the Resurrection Lutheran Church in Arlington, VA. I hope many of you will be able to attend.

The FFNCC members have always looked forward to celebrating Finland's Independence Day at the Embassy. However, the Embassy will no longer be able to invite the entire Finnish community. Only the past and present Board members and a few most active members will be invited. This most likely will be the practice from now on, so perhaps the local Finnish organizations can get together and organize a reception in the future.

Presidential elections in Finland are going to be held in January. The Embassy of Finland will have advance voting for eligible Finnish nationals on January 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. The times are listed on a separate page in this Newsletter. For more information on the elections, visit [www.vaalit.fi](http://www.vaalit.fi).

The Embassy is requesting that Finnish nationals, including those with dual citizenship, register with the Embassy in the event of a large-scale natural catastrophe or other crisis. The Embassy has compiled a preparedness plan for Finns living in the Washington, DC, Virginia and Maryland area. It may be viewed at [www.finland.org](http://www.finland.org) under Services for Finns.

Finlandia Foundation National has selected rock and pop singer Maria Kizirian as the Performer of the Year 2012. She is a singer/songwriter/producer who started her career in Finland under EMI Music and now lives in California. We hope to see Maria in Washington performing at the FFNCC dinner and dance in March.

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS CURRENT.** Until now, we have continued to send the newsletter and invitations to everyone – including households that had not renewed their membership. Starting in January, we will only be sending the newsletter and invitations to members who are current with their dues. If you are unsure about your membership, please contact Mikko Makarainen ([mmakarainen@gmail.com](mailto:mmakarainen@gmail.com)). The membership form is enclosed in this newsletter.

We are having technical issues with our web site, particularly with PayPal, but we are working on the problems and hope that we soon will get all of the sections working properly. Thank you for your patience.

With my best wishes for a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a Happy New Year,

**Leila Takala, FFNCC President**



## Letter from Anita Hakkila-Smiley, President of Finlandia Foundation National

*Dear Friends of Finlandia Foundation,*

November, 2011

Having recently returned from the semi-annual meeting of our FFN Board of Trustees, I'm anxious to share news on plans and programs. We have an energetic Board, constantly searching for ways to improve what we do.

Our Performer of the Year (POY) program has been enthusiastically received by chapters, and the Board felt that it was time to bring some of our past performers together for a Gala, which led to two such evenings, one in San Francisco and the other in Washington, D.C. The latter was held on Saturday, October 29, during the weekend of our Board meeting. On the invitation of Finland's Ambassador Ritva Koukku-Ronde, the event was held at the beautiful Embassy of Finland, with three of our past POYs performing. Also invited to perform was Elisa Olshin, a young flutist who had attended Soiva Music Camp. The program was spectacular! **The 2012 Performer of the Year is Maria Kizirian of Los Angeles. She is a Finnish-American pop singer/songwriter/producer and multi-instrumentalist. Booking can be done through Satu Mikkola, the FFN coordinator for the program, at [SatuM@aol.com](mailto:SatuM@aol.com).**

Our Trustees were also privileged to be entertained on Friday evening by the 2011 Lecturer of the Year Carl Rahkonen. He is concluding his term at the end of the year and has been a stellar representative of the Finnish culture, sharing his expertise. It is indeed a thrill to witness how these three programs have done so much to spread the Finnish culture and heritage, which is an ongoing effort to accomplish the FFN mission. We again encourage our chapters to schedule the POY and LOY each year in your program planning. They receive a travel grant from FFN to make these visits possible. **The 2012-2013 Lecturer of the Year is being split between Glenda Goss, a musicologist focusing on Sibelius, and Yvonne Lockwood, whose career has focused on the material culture of Finnish Americans. Booking can be done through Jon Saari, the FFN coordinator for the program, at [jsaari@nmu.edu](mailto:jsaari@nmu.edu).**

We have exciting news to share on FFN's 2012 Soiva Music Camp. After a hiatus in 2011, we are ready to unveil the changes that have been made. The Camp will be held from June ---17-24 on the campus of Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota, for students between the ages of 11 and 17. Instruction will be on piano, violin, flute, and clarinet, and will include immersion into composition and improvisation. The cost of \$750 for the week, with possibilities for early-bird discounts and scholarships, includes dormitory housing, meals, and superior instruction by music instructors from Finland and the United States. Further information will be available on the [www.finlandiafoundation.org](http://www.finlandiafoundation.org) website after December 1 or from Dennis Anderson, FFN coordinator for the program, at [soivaatcord@yahoo.com](mailto:soivaatcord@yahoo.com).

Please encourage young people to take advantage of the **Soiva Music Camp and Salolampi Camp opportunities and check on scholarship assistance that is available for both.** Further information can be found on our FFN website. The immersion into the Finnish heritage in both locations is invaluable.

Please remind your members that grant and scholarship applications are due by February 1. Information on guidelines for applying can be found on the FFN website. Our spring Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for March 23-25 in eastern Connecticut, and we are looking for **nominees for trusteeship positions.** We urge chapters to forward any nominations, along with a resume and supporting letters, to Rita Koski, Nominating Committee chairperson, at [koskeni@aol.com](mailto:koskeni@aol.com).

Best wishes from our FFN Board for a successful year to all chapters.  
Joyous holiday wishes,

**Anita Smiley, FFN President**



## FINLANDIA FOUNDATION® NATIONAL

is accepting applications for its **2012** Grants and Scholarship programs until **February 1, 2012**.

### GRANTS

*For non-profit cultural projects of local or national significance*

- Projects should benefit the general-public, not only the sponsor or sponsoring organization.
- Grants should show evidence or testimony of high cultural, educational, artistic, or scientific merit.
- Special consideration is allotted to projects endorsed or sponsored by an FF chapter.
- Salaries to project staff or employees are not allowable.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

- Scholarships are awarded to fulltime undergraduate (sophomore or higher) and graduate students enrolled in an accredited post-secondary institution.
- A 3.0 GPA is required.
- Financial need and course of study are considered, and U.S./Finnish citizenship is required.
- Students studying subjects related to Finnish culture receive special consideration.

Mail both **Grant and Scholarship applications** to:

Finlandia Foundation National  
P.O. Box 92298  
Pasadena, CA 91109-2298

Email:  
**[office@finlandiafoundation.org](mailto:office@finlandiafoundation.org)**  
Fax (626) 795-6533

Full guidelines and applications are available on [www.FinlandiaFoundation.org](http://www.FinlandiaFoundation.org)

### Funds

The following **funds** support Grants and Scholarships:

Vaino Hoover Memorial General Fund  
MidWest General Fund  
Gertrude Kujala Memorial Finnish Music Fund  
Jaakko Tuominen Memorial Sports Fund  
Jean E. Sainio-Nolan Scholarship Fund  
Urho Kivikoski Education Fund  
Walima Fund for Folk Music  
Paloheimo/Ferries Visual Arts Grant & Scholarship Fund  
Elma Randall Memorial Finnish-American Heritage Fund

Festival Fund  
Finlandia Foundation Florida Scholarship Fund  
Finlandia Foundation National Capital Chapter Special Fund  
Finnish-Swedish Cultural Fund  
Bert and Marjatta Salonen Business Education Fund  
Sundquist Endowment for the Arts Fund  
UFBS Lodge # 1 of San Francisco Fund for Scholars  
Helin/Korpela Social Sciences Fund  
Pertti Lindfors Legal Studies Fund

Finlandia Foundation **Chapters** are located in:

*Ashtabula, OH; Atlanta, GA; Baltimore, MD; Bellingham, WA; Boston, MA; Canterbury, CT; Chicago, IL; Dallas, TX; Denver, CO; Farmington Hills, MI; Fitchburg, MA; Long Beach, CA; Los Angeles, CA; Grand Rapids, MI; Hancock, MI; Hibbing, MN; Ithaca, NY; Jefferson City, MT; Levittown, PA; Marquette, MI; Minneapolis, MN; Moorhead, MN; Naselle, WA; New York, NY; Palm Beach, FL; Philadelphia, PA; Phoenix, AZ; Pittsburgh, PA; Portland, OR; Rutland, MA; Sacramento, CA; San Francisco, CA; Seattle, WA (2); Sonoma, CA; South Thomaston, ME; Spokane, WA; Tucson, AZ; Virginia Beach, VA; Washington, DC*

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**Finlandia Foundation® National**, P.O. Box 92298, Pasadena, CA 91109-2298 phone (626) 795-2081

## FFNCC GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

### Application Deadline is January 15, 2012

FFNCC has a grants and scholarships fund, open for applicants from the Washington Metropolitan Area who meet the specific criteria set by FFNCC. The grants will be announced in April.

Donations may be made to the fund. Any contributions to the FFNCC Special Fund are tax free as FFNCC is a non-profit association recognized by the IRS.

### Specific Criteria Applicable to FFNCC Special Fund:

1. An applicant should preferably be a member of FFNCC and/or a resident of the FFNCC membership area, comprising the Washington Metropolitan Area as defined by the U.S. Census and the rest of Maryland and Virginia. Applications from residents of Delaware, Pennsylvania and West Virginia will also be given priority.
2. An application is supported by a letter from a FFNCC member.
3. Priority would be given to:
  - Language, research and educational studies relevant to Finnish and Finnish-American culture, with preference given to studies in Finland by U.S. students
  - Presentations, projects and performances that promote Finnish and Finnish-American culture the Washington Metropolitan Area

Applicants may be individuals or not-for-profit entities.

The application forms are available at the FFNCC web site [www.finlandiadc.org](http://www.finlandiadc.org) under Grants and Scholarships. The completed applications should be sent to Bruce Griffin by US mail

Bruce Griffin  
**Secretary of FFNCC**  
1707 L St., NW, Suite 900  
Washington DC 20036

or by **e-mail** (preferred): [BGriffin@HMI-USA.com](mailto:BGriffin@HMI-USA.com) by **January 15, 2012**.

If you have any questions about our local fund, contact Grants/Scholarship Committee Chairman Bruce Griffin by phone 202-887-8110, or e-mail [BGriffin@HMI-USA.com](mailto:BGriffin@HMI-USA.com).

As the FFNCC funds are limited, requests for larger amounts should go to the Finlandia Foundation National.

## Presidential elections in January 2012 - Remember to update address!

With the 2012 presidential elections approaching, now is a good time for Finnish citizens to make sure their address is updated in the Population Register System, which is used to inform voters about the election. We recommend sending notification of change of address also to Finnish diplomatic missions.

### Notification of change of address to the Population Register System when moving abroad or relocating abroad

When you move abroad or from one address to another outside Finland, please inform the change of address to the Finnish Population Register System maintained by the local register offices. The notification can be made by filling an online form.

[Moving abroad or returning to Finland](#)

[Relocating abroad](#)

Updated data in the Population Register System ensures, for example, that you are informed about your right to vote in Finnish elections. A list of the polling stations and their addresses abroad will be provided along with the notice of right to vote, which is sent to Finnish citizens living abroad.

[Further information about the right to vote and the voting register](#)

The population information act obligates Finnish citizens living abroad to inform any changes to their personal data while abroad without delay, such as birth of a child, marriage, divorce and change of name. Up-to-date data in the Population Register System is also required when applying for a passport. The local register offices do not inform the addresses of Finnish citizens abroad to the Finnish missions or embassies, consulates or their offices. This is the citizens' own responsibility.



## 2012 Presidential election: 255 advance polling stations abroad

Finnish citizens eligible to vote in the 2012 presidential election can cast their votes January 11-14 and, in a potential second round, January 25-28. There are 20 advance polling stations in the United States. Advance polling stations are open in 91 countries at Finnish diplomatic missions or other authorized locations. The number of advance polling stations is higher than in previous elections.

More information on the election is available at [vaalit.fi](http://vaalit.fi). Vaalit.fi can also be found on [Facebook](#).

### Advance polling stations in the United States near DC

#### Washington, DC

Embassy of Finland

3301 Massachusetts Avenue N.W., Washington DC 20008

Phone: +1 202 298 5800

Open:

January 11, 2012 - January 13, 2012 from 3pm to 7pm

January 14, 2012 - January 14, 2012 from 9am to 3pm

Second round:

January 25, 2012 - January 27, 2012 from 3pm to 7pm

January 28, 2012 - January 28, 2012 from 9am to 3pm

#### Philadelphia, PA

Finnish honorary consulate

1528 Walnut Street, Suite 510 Philadelphia, PA 19102

Phone: +1 610 247 4058

Open:

January 14, 2012 - January 14, 2012 from 9am to 4pm

Second round:

January 28, 2012 - January 28, 2012 from 9am to 4pm

#### New York, NY

Consulate General of Finland

866 United Nations Plaza, Suite 250, New York N.Y. 10017

Phone: +1 212 750 4400

Open:

January 11, 2012 - January 13, 2012 from 1pm to 7pm

January 14, 2012 - January 14, 2012 from 10am to 4pm

Second round:

January 25, 2012 - January 27, 2012 from 1pm to 7pm

January 28, 2012 - January 28, 2012 from 10am to 4pm



### FFN's and FFNCC's Gala Concert and Dinner, October 29

Thank you all who attended the Gala at the Embassy of Finland on October 29<sup>th</sup>. Everyone had a great time, food was delicious, and the performers were fantastic!

Elena Olshin on flute, accompanied by Craig Randal Johnson, played beautiful classics by Bach and Mozart. Maarit Vaga, soprano, again accompanied by Craig Randal Johnson, sang many Finnish pieces by Oskar Merikanto and Jean Sibelius. Craig Randal Johnson on piano entertained us with many wonderful Finnish pieces as well. The wonderful accordion melodies by Brent Buswell and Bert Stromholm filled the second half of the evening. During cocktails and intermission we had the opportunity to enjoy music by Valerie Junttila, flute, and Marilyn Hardwood, piano.

Dave Junttila acted as the Master of Ceremonies, Ambassador Ritva Koukku-Ronde gave us welcoming words and other speeches were delivered by Anita Hakkila-Smiley, President of the Finlandia Foundation National, and Kirsti Frenzen Noring, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of FFNCC Board of Directors.

The raffle was exciting and the main prize, two Icelandair roundtrip tickets to Finland and Viking line cruise gift card went to Mrs. Paivi Tetri, an FFN Trustee. Congratulations! But wait, that's not all! Mr and Mrs Tetri turned it into a fun and charitable auction. The grand prize was auctioned off for \$2500. What a wonderful twist, thank you for making such a great donation to the Finlandia Foundation!

Congratulations also to other winners, in miscellaneous order: Mark Marlow, Antti Korhonen, Tabitha Takala, Andrew Sostek, Hanna Bloom, Dennis Anderson, Bruce Luxon, Tenna Rahkonen-Lambeth, Karin Rahkonen, Brenda Monaco, Riittamaija Pulli, Janne Syrjänen, Maija Budow, John Herweg, John C. Wetzel, Dennis Harrington, Sirkku Sky Hiltunen and Esther Ghazi.

Last but not least, on the behalf of the FFNCC Board of Directors, we want to thank our President Leila Takala and her crew Lisa and Randy Grove and Tabitha Takala, for working hard in the kitchen. Dinner was fantastic, and the input Leila gave to the event was truly valuable. We also thank the Embassy of Finland for letting us use their beautiful facilities. All volunteer work was also greatly appreciated. Thank you all, together we can make these Finnish gatherings happen!

## Next event!

New York Finnish Lutheran  
Congregation,  
Finlandia Foundation National  
Capital Chapter, Finn Spark, Inc.  
and The Finnish School of Washington, DC



### The Children's Christmas Party with Santa Claus

December 10, 2011 at 3.00 p.m.  
Coffee, Rice Pudding and Glogg at 4.15 p.m.  
and

**The Most Beautiful Christmas Carols** at 5.00 p.m.

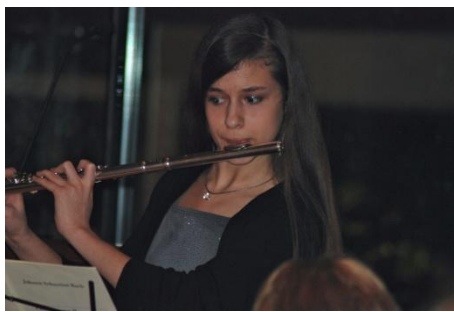
Resurrection Evangelical Lutheran Church  
6201 Washington Boulevard, Arlington, VA

Please remember to bring a small gift  
with your child's name on it.



Dave Junttila, Ambassador Ritva Koukku-Ronde, Ossi Rahkonen, Kirsti Frenzen-Noring, Anita Hakkila-Smiley at the Gala

Photos by Tabitha Takala →



Gala Concert and Dinner performers  
Photos by Tabitha Takala  
more Gala photos:  
[www.finlandiadc.org](http://www.finlandiadc.org)

## Finn Spark's Finnish Christmas Bazaar, November 19

We had a great opportunity to shop for some Finnish products at the annual Finnish Christmas Bazaar at River Road Unitarian Church in Bethesda, MD. The bazaar was a great success; the turnout was overwhelming. There were plenty of Finnish delicacies and baked goods, Finnish crafts, littala-products, jewelry, books, clothes, candy, and beautiful Christmas gift baskets. In the cafe you could enjoy Karelian pie with eggbutter, salmon and herring sandwiches, Christmas pastries, glögg and more!

Finn Spark at Arlington Independent Media  
[youtube video](#)

Finn Spark's website [www.finnspace.org](http://www.finnspace.org) and [Facebook page](#)



## FFNCC's Sauna Evening, December 2



We were delighted to once again use the Finnish Embassy's facilities for saunailta. Plenty of people came and we had a relaxed, informal gathering. The weather was cold, so it was the perfect occasion for sauna, beer, sausage and delicious side dishes with great friends. The Christmas tree, candles and Finnish Christmas music at the Embassy--not to mention rutabaga and carrot casseroles--gave the evening a pre-christmas party, or *pikkujoulut* feel. There is no better way to meet other Finns and Finnish-Americans than to partake in one of the most important components of Finnish culture: SAUNAILTA!

### Fisker Karma made in Finland

#### **We're in The Business of Winning, That's Why We Chose To Build Cars In Finland**

ABC NEWS and iWATCH NEWS

Oct. 20, 2011

With the approval of the Obama administration, an electric car company that received a \$529 million federal government loan guarantee is assembling its first line of cars in Finland, saying it could not find a facility in the United States capable of doing the work.

Vice President Joseph Biden heralded the Energy Department's \$529 million loan to the start-up electric car company called Fisker as a bright new path to thousands of American manufacturing jobs. But two years after the loan was announced, the job of assembling the flashy electric Fisker Karma sports car has been outsourced to Finland.

"There was no contract manufacturer in the U.S. that could actually produce our vehicle," the car company's founder and namesake told ABC News. "They don't exist here."

[Read more](#)

### Clinton: America Should Be Like Finland

U.S.News, The Daily Beast

Sep. 21, 2010

In his opening remarks at CGI, former President Bill Clinton said America should be more like the tiny, social democratic Finland—then promised that would be his lone political statement.

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#### **Google made Finland logo for Independence Day**

[Read more](#)

#### **Angry Birds gown at Finnish Palace**

[Read more](#)



#### **Suomikoulu DC, The Finnish School of Washington DC**

has their beautiful website

[www.suomikouludc.org](http://www.suomikouludc.org)

### Finland among the three least corrupt countries in the world

Transparency International's Corruption Perceptions Index for 2011. The Corruption Perception Index assigns countries and territories with scores between 0 (highly corrupt) and 10 (very clean). New Zealand tops the list as the least corrupt country, while North Korea and Somalia are all the way at the bottom.

[Thomson Reuters, Global Corruption Index](#)

### Information about immigration from Finland to the United States

#### **Taru Spiegel, Reference Librarian**

This presentation provides information about immigration from Finland to the United States, and about the activities of Finnish-American immigrants in the United States from the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Information is contained in a chronology and selected bibliography.

[The Finns in America](#)

[European Reading Room, Library of Congress](#)



#### **Yhdysvallat opas**

The Finland Society and the League of Finnish-American Societies in Finland jointly published the USA-guide in Finnish last summer. It is targeted toward people who move from Finland to the U.S., and contains a lot of information about important issues such as taxation, visas, Finnish contacts, etc. Click the picture for more information.

[www.suomi-seura.fi](http://www.suomi-seura.fi)

[www.sayl.fi](http://www.sayl.fi)

### **Finnish Rye Bread in the U.S.**

Nordic Breads, Long Island City, New York

[www.nordicbreads.com](http://www.nordicbreads.com)

Scandia Bread, Fayetteville, Georgia

[www.skabakery.com](http://www.skabakery.com)



### Frozen Hell by Mika Kulju

Frozen Hell is the first enhanced book to describe the dramatic early battles of the Second World War between the Soviet Union and Finland in the winter of 1939-1940. This unique interactive book includes stunning photographs and film material that demonstrate how the small nation of Finland overcame an enemy many times bigger in unbearably cold conditions.

Frozen Hell focuses on the legendary Battle of Raate Road, providing a step by step account of the fighting with a wealth of information about events during the battle and its aftermath. The battle marked the turning point in the war between Finland and Soviet Union, and it had a decisive effect on Finland's ability to remain independent. Dramatic photographs and authentic film material bring the era and the events of the Battle of Raate Road to life as never before.

The book includes detailed maps describing the course of the fighting, and all the film clips are subtitled in English. The text has been translated directly from the contents of the original best-selling book in Finnish. "The Battle of Raate Road is well known and often referenced in military history, and it continues to interest people all over the world. This particular battle is often used in many military schools as an example of defeating an enemy far greater in numbers and equipment," explains the author and historian Mika Kulju.

- Military power meter indicating the relative fighting strengths of the adversaries as the battle progressed
- Thermometer indicating the temperatures of the "Frozen Hell" that the soldiers were forced to withstand
- Over 70 outstanding original photographs of the battle and war loot
- Video clips totalling 30 minutes
- Archive documentary videos from 1939 to 1940 subtitled in English
- Colour maps describing the course of the fighting
- English translation of the original bestseller published in Finland
- And much more

<http://appshopper.com/books/frozen-hell>



### The Horse That Leaps Through Clouds by Eric Enno Tamm

A complicated, ambitious travel adventure through modern Inner Asia, tracing the 1906–08 trek by a Russian spy commissioned by Tsar Nicholas II.

The account of the secretive two-year journey undertaken by Baron Gustaf Mannerheim was not published until 1940, when it was highly admired by Hitler. Journalist Tamm (*Beyond the Outer Shores: The Untold Odyssey of Ed Ricketts, the Pioneering Ecologist Who Inspired John Steinbeck and Joseph Campbell*, 2004, etc.) only discovered Mannerheim's Across Asia from West to East recently, and embarked on his trip in 2006 to retrace the baron's arduous ethnographic journey through the last years of the Qing Dynasty, when modern currents were eradicating the old order—not unlike the cataclysmic changes shaking China to this day. In 1906, Russia was reeling from its humiliating defeat by Japan in the Russo-Japanese War, and enlisted Mannerheim, an officer in the Imperial Army, to undertake the mission through the Asian provinces to gather information on all aspects of Chinese reforms, defensive preparations, politics, colonization and the role of the Dalai Lama (whom Mannerheim got to meet), all in preparation for a possible Russian military incursion. →

Like Mannerheim, Tamm is intensely curious about the role of China on the world stage, and pursues similar questions about what kind of China will emerge from these wrenching attempts at modernization. Tramping from St. Petersburg to Peking proved a mind-boggling trajectory, penetrating myriad ethnic pockets, Mannerheim by caravan, Tamm by airplane, train, bus and car. Each man encountered all manner of suspicious or friendly people, mishaps and illness. Along the way, Tamm read Mannerheim's diary—"aloof, impersonal and even churlish at times"—to gain a deeper understanding of this singular character.

A well-edited work chronicling a truly inspired journey, leaving readers hopeful about Chinese progress as well as full of questions.

Eric Enno Tamm is an author, journalist and analyst with more than 15 years' experience in the media and non-profit sector. His first book, *[Beyond The Outer Shores: The Untold Story of Ed Ricketts, the Pioneering Ecologist Who Inspired John Steinbeck and Joseph Campbell](#)*, was a Kiriyaama Prize Notable Book in 2005.

Eric has worked as executive director of the B.C. Coastal Community Network, communications director of Ecotrust Canada, and as a correspondent in Europe. His writing has appeared in *Wallpaper\**, *The Globe and Mail*, *Los Angeles Times Magazine*, *Canadian Geographic*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Toronto Star*, among others.

Born in Tofino B.C., Eric developed his interest in history and current affairs at a young age. His father, an Estonian refugee, would often recount gripping first-hand accounts of the Soviet invasion of the Baltic States during the Second World War. At the age of 15, Eric became the editorial cartoonist for the local newspaper, and went on to earn a master's degree in journalism from the University of Southern California in Los Angeles and a master's degree in European affairs from Lund University in Sweden. Eric remained in Sweden for three years, working as the Nordic Contributing Editor for *Wallpaper\** magazine.

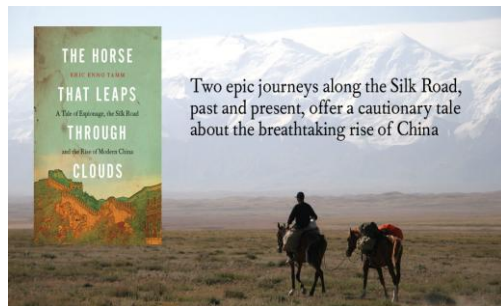
While studying in Lund, a Finnish friend told him about Gustaf Mannerheim's epic trek from St. Petersburg to Peking in 1906. Several years later, and back in Vancouver, Eric read Mannerheim's travel journal and was mesmerized by its piercing insights and the striking parallels between the country's modernization in the late Qing Dynasty and Communist China today. He began intensive historical research and logistical planning to retrace Mannerheim's route on the centennial in 2006.

However, before he departed his home in Vancouver, the Chinese consulate, through its network of spies and informants, caught wind of his plans to venture into China's restive and rugged borderlands. He was repeatedly denied a visa. Like Mannerheim, he devised a cover and snuck into China's back of beyond.

*The Horse That Leaps Through Clouds* chronicles two epic journeys along the Silk Road—past and present—that offer a cautionary tale about the breathtaking rise of modern China.

Eric currently lives and works in Ottawa, Canada.

Visit Eric's personal website at [www.ericennotamm.com](http://www.ericennotamm.com).



Used books and movies in Finnish!

[www.finnishedbooks.com](http://www.finnishedbooks.com)



### NEW, FREE SERVICE TO SWAP USED BOOKS IN FINNISH

**[Finnishedbooks.com](http://www.finnishedbooks.com) allows Finnish Americans and Finns in the U.S. to swap, sell books**

Launched in October 2011, [Finnishedbooks.com](http://www.finnishedbooks.com) is a free service for buying and selling Finnish books, movies and music. The website is geared towards all Finnish-speakers in the United States. The website was developed by Antti Koskenrouta, a Washington, DC based web developer.

The idea for [Finnishedbooks.com](http://www.finnishedbooks.com) was born when Koskenrouta noticed the number of Finnish books increasing in the bookcase. The books were circulated among friends and small groups, which lead to the thought of scaling it up to a bigger scale. For now, the service works only in the U.S. to keep mailing and money transactions as simple as possible.

The system was developed with ease-of-use in mind. When adding a new book for sale, for example, the user enters the book's ISBN number on the page. Based on the ISBN, the system attempts to retrieve the basic information on the book (title, author) and a picture of the cover. The user can also add the back cover text as well as their own description on the book.

Each seller sets the prices for their products, but the idea is that they would be nominal. "The idea is not for people to make money on the books, but to save money by buying books locally rather than ordering them from Finland,"

Koskenrouta says "and if the service can help strengthening the Finnish society in the U.S., all the better" he adds.

[Finnishedbooks.com](http://www.finnishedbooks.com) is a marketplace that brings buyers and sellers together. The transactions take place between the buyer and seller. That's why there are no commissions on the sales. "I wanted to make the website free for individuals so that as many people as possible would use the site," Koskenrouta says and hopes that people sell their books using Finnishedbooks.com.

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**Käytettyjen suomenkielisten kirjojen välityssivusto [Finnishedbooks.com](http://www.finnishedbooks.com) avattu**

[Finnishedbooks.com](http://www.finnishedbooks.com) on ilmainen osto- ja myyntisivusto, jolla kävijät voivat myydä tai ostaa suomenkielisiä kirjoja, elokuvia ja musiikkia. Sivusto toimii tällä hetkellä Yhdysvalloissa. Lokakuussa 2011 auenneen sivuston isä on Antti Koskenrouta, Washington, D.C:ssä asuva Internet-alan yrittäjä.

Sivuston idea syntyi siitä, kun Koskenrouta huomasi hyllyyn kertyneen lomamatkoilta ostettuja kirjoja. Kirjoja lainattiin ristiin tuttujen kesken paikallisesti, mistä syntyi ajatus saada kirjat kiertoon suuremmalle piirille. Palvelu toimii ensi alkuun vain USA:ssa, jotta maksuliikenne ja tuotteiden postittaminen olisi yksinkertaisinta.

Sivustoa kehittäessä tärkeimmäksi asiaksi nousi helppokäyttöisyys. Palvelussa myyjä syöttää lomakkeelle kirjan ISBN-numeron, jonka perusteella järjestelmä etsii niteen tiedot ja kannen kuvan Internetin tietolähteistä. Perustietojen lisäksi myyjä voi lisätä kirjan takakannen tekstin ja oman kuvauksensa teoksesta.

Jokainen myyjä hinnoittelee kirjansa itse, mutta suosituksena on, että hinta olisi nimellinen. "Ajatus ei ole, että kirjoilla tehtäisiin bisnestä, vaan että saataisiin kirjat kiertoon ilman että niitä tarvitsee tilata tai tuoda Suomesta. Jos näin muodostuu uusia linkkejä suomalaisten välille Yhdysvalloissa, se on mahtava lisä", Koskenrouta summaa.

[Finnishedbooks.com](http://www.finnishedbooks.com) tarjoaa ostajille ja myyjille markkinapaikan, ja itse kauppa tapahtuu myyjien ja ostajien välillä. Finnishedbooks.com ei myöskään veloita välityspalkkioita. "Halusin, että sivuston käyttäminen on yksityishenkilöille maksutonta, jotta kynnys myydä kirjoja olisi matala", Koskenrouta sanoo ja toivoo että mahdollisimman moni kierrättäisi kirjansa lisäämällä ne palveluun myyntiin.

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## Membership renewal

Your Finlandia Foundation National Capital Chapter membership covers a one-year period beginning January 1st. As a FFNCC member, you support the organization's mission of promoting cultural and educational exchange between the United States and Finland. Plus, you receive benefits your whole family can enjoy, such as discounts on events and concerts; invitations to exhibition openings; and the newsletter. Over the past year, FFNCC has distributed more than \$3,000 in grants and hosted such events as Kalevala, Pikkujoulu, picnics, and sauna evenings.

Members make the difference! Dues from members like you help ensure that we remain strong for the future and are able to continue and expand our programming. On behalf of the Board of Directors, THANK YOU for your support and continued participation.

How to renew your FFNCC membership:

1. Print and fill in the form (under) and mail it with the check to Mikko Mäkräinen, 2100 – 11<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, #307, Washington, DC 20001, **OR**
2. Join via PayPal on [www.finlandiadc.org](http://www.finlandiadc.org)



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*New membership dues received after October 1, 2011, will cover membership through 2012.*



### CHRISTMAS WISHES TO FINLAND

You can send Christmas Wishes **to Finland** via Yleisradio by e-mail [radio.suomi@yle.fi](mailto:radio.suomi@yle.fi) or by filling in the form which will be posted on <http://yle.fi/radiosuomi> closer to Christmas.

Ilmasilta-program airs on Christmas Eve, December 24, 5.15 p.m.-9.00 p.m. (Finnish time). Radio Suomi. Foreign countries: web radio or satellite YLESAT2.

### FINNISH AMERICAN LIFE 2012 CALENDAR

Finnish American Life 2012 calendars speak to Finnish American heritage and culture. They were produced as a fundraiser for FinnFunn 2011 and the Finnish Center at Saima Park, Fitchburg, MA (hosting organization of FinnFunn 2011). Our calendars, thanks to the University of Helsinki Almanac Office, include Finnish holidays and special days. American holidays are, of course, included as well. Days of the week, months of the year and Finnish sayings appear in both Finnish and English. The calendar includes Finnish-related photos, primarily from New England, but also Finland.

You may view our calendar by visiting **the Finnish Center at Saima Park** web site: [www.saima-park.org](http://www.saima-park.org) and scroll mid-way down the page. Clicking on an image of a calendar page will enable you to enlarge the image and find information. Calendars may be obtained by contacting Mauri and Laila Auvinen ([mlauvinen@aol.com](mailto:mlauvinen@aol.com), 978-827-4387). Calendars are \$10 plus shipping and handling.

We appreciate your comments, suggestions and ideas for the next Newsletter. You can email them to [newsletter@finlandiadc.org](mailto:newsletter@finlandiadc.org)



## Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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