

# FINLANDIA FOUNDATION NATIONAL CAPITAL CHAPTER

NEWSLETTER - September 2013

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## EVENTS 2013

**Sat., September 21**

### Fall Picnic

Olney Park, Falls Church, VA

**Sun., October 20**

### Finnish Church Service

Resurrection Evangelical  
Lutheran Church  
Arlington, VA

**Sat., October 26**

### Performer of the Year

**2013 Recital,**

### Pianist Marja Kaisla

With Baltimore Chapter at  
Paint Branch Unitarian  
Universalist Church  
3215 Powder Mill Road,  
Adlephi, MD 20783

**Sun., November 17**

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**Fri., November 22**

### Saunailta

Embassy of Finland, DC

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### Finn Spark

### Christmas Bazaar

River Road Unitarian  
Universalist Congregation  
Building, Bethesda, MD

**Sat. December 14**

### Children's

### Christmas Party

Resurrection Evangelical  
Lutheran Church  
Arlington, VA

**Sun., December 15**

### Embassy Finnish Christmas Service

Embassy of Finland, DC

## Message from the President



Welcome back to a new FFNCC season! The changing of the seasons also brings about several changes to our 2013-2014 board.

Many thanks to our president of the past 3 years, Leila Takala, for all of her hard work and dedication and for the delicious food she has provided at our events. We are grateful she will remain on the board as a member-at-large.

Thanks also to Bob Cavanaugh for his years of service to FFNCC. Tabitha Takala is taking Bob's seat on the board. She has been our website coordinator and a familiar face behind both the camera lens and the scenes at many of our functions.

We also wish board member, Jenna Reilly, a fond farewell. Jenna is moving to Finland next month to marry her Finnish fiancé. She has been a valuable member of our group and will be greatly missed. Best Wishes to Jenna!

And finally, some of you may already know of my connections to FFNCC. My parents, Donald and Irja Frenzen, were two of the dozen co-founders of our chapter in 1959. My mother served in various board positions before becoming president in the early 80's. My father was the legal consultant way back when. Thirty years after my mother's tenure on the board ended I've agreed to become president - partly because Leila made the job look so much easier than it really is and partly because our board members are so involved and dedicated to FFNCC.

Our first gathering will be at our annual fall picnic in Falls Church next Saturday, September 21st. We hope you can join us for an afternoon of tasty food, fun games and fellowship.

On Saturday, October 26th we are co-sponsoring a piano concert and reception with the Baltimore chapter and Finlandia Foundation National. The FFN 2013 Performer of the Year, Marja Kaisla, will perform music by various Finnish composers. Look for more information in this newsletter.

Mark your calendars for Sauna night at the Finnish Embassy on Friday, November 22nd. It is our first and only saunailta of the season so don't miss out on this uniquely Finnish experience!

The next newsletter will come out in mid-November. We look forward to seeing you at the picnic - rain or shine - and at future FFNCC gatherings!

*Kirsti Frenzen Noring*

### FFNCC Board of Directors 2013-2014

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**Finlandia Foundation  
National Capital Chapter's**

## **FALL PICNIC**

**Saturday, September 21, 2013**

**1 - 4 pm**

**Olney Park, Falls Church, VA**

**Soft drinks, grilled sausages and dessert provided by FFNCC! Please bring a side dish large enough to serve your group + two**

**Finlandia Foundation members welcome ... along with family and friends!**

**Fee: \$10 per adult - collected @ entrance (children 0 - 12 free)**

**Please respond by September 19 to Susanna Andersson at [finlandiafoundationncc@gmail.com](mailto:finlandiafoundationncc@gmail.com) - with number attending - including children!**

**Olney Park, 1840 Olney Rd. Falls Church, VA 22043**

**Directions via Beltway I-495s from Virginia/inner loop**

**Merge onto VA-123/Dolly Madison Boulevard via exit 46B toward Chain Bridge Road/McLean**

**Turn right onto Great Falls Street/VA-694**

**Turn right onto Magarity Road Take first left onto Olney Road**

**Directions from Beltway I-495 from Maryland/outer loop**

**Take left exit 45B toward I-66 Merge onto VA-123/Dolly Madison Boulevard via exit 19B toward McLean**

**Turn right onto Great Falls Street/VA-694**

**Turn right onto Magarity Road Take first left onto Olney Road**





LISTEN TO THE  
**LANDSCAPE  
OF FINLAND**

*You can hear the melancholy and loneliness of the Finnish landscape in their music.*

MARJA KAISLA

**PIANO MUSIC FROM  
FOUR FINNISH COMPOSERS:**

**SIBELIUS / MADETOJA / PALMGREN / ENGLUND**

featuring Finlandia Foundation  
Performer of the Year

**MARJA  
KAISLA**

Born in Helsinki, Finland Marja Kaisla began piano studies at age three. As a chamber musician, recitalist, and concerto soloist, she has performed in Europe, the former Soviet Union and the United States.



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26<sup>TH</sup> AT 6 PM**  
**PAINT BRANCH UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST  
CHURCH**  
**3215 POWDER MILL ROAD**  
**ADELPHI, MD 20783**  
**TICKETS: \$25 AT [FINLANDIADC.ORG](http://FINLANDIADC.ORG)**  
**RECEPTION WITH FOOD AND WINE BEFORE  
CONCERT**

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Finlandia Foundation Baltimore and Finlandia Foundation National Capital Chapter

## Spotlight on our FFN Performer of the Year Pianist Marja Kaisla

Marja Kaisla received her education in piano performance at the Sibelius Academy in Helsinki, Finland, at the St. Petersburg Conservatory in Russia, with György Sebök in Switzerland and with Susan Starr in Philadelphia.

Since moving to the US in 1987 she has enjoyed an active career on stage, radio, television and in major motion pictures while advocating for the importance of music education.

Earlier this year Marja Kaisla was the key organizer of numerous events for the celebration of the 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Finns' and Swedes' settlement of the Delaware Valley in 1638. She was recently awarded the Commemorative Medal of the Centennial of the Parliament of Finland for her work promoting Finnish and Nordic culture.

The concert will be held together with the FFN Baltimore chapter on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church located at 3215 Powder Mill Road in Adelphi, MD, a mile outside of the beltway and less than 2 miles from I-95.

We will serve light hors d'oeuvres and wine at a reception before the concert - weather permitting - on the tree-lined panoramic deck surrounding the church. This will be a lovely, lovely event. Please come and join us.

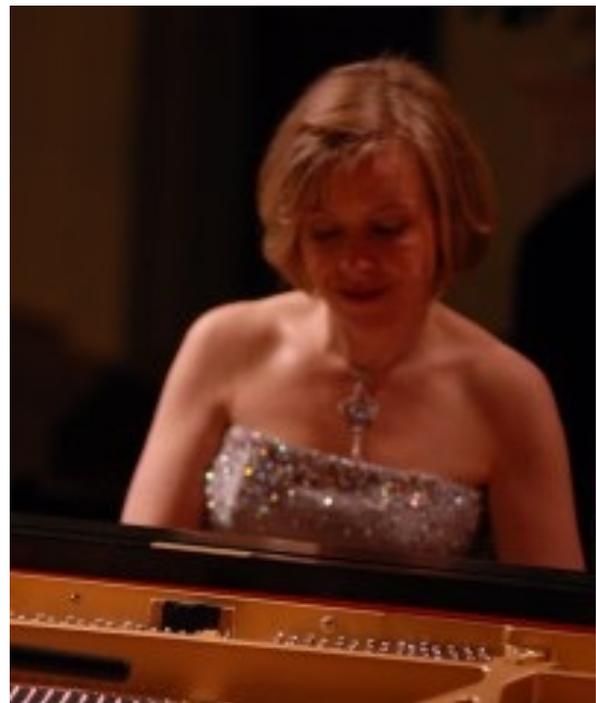
Tickets are \$25. Please send a check payable to FFNCC with names of people attending by October 24th, to Mikko Mäkäräinen, FFNCC Treasurer, 2100 – 11th Street, NW, #307, Washington, DC 20001.

OR REGISTER ONLINE at [www.finlandiadc.org](http://www.finlandiadc.org).



Marja Kaisla, New Sweden Alliance vice president, receives honors from Finnish Speaker of the parliament Eero Heinäluoma.

Source: <http://www.finlandiafoundation.org/Photos>



Marja Kaisla at a concert

Source: <http://marjakaisla.wordpress.com/>

## Finlandia Foundation National celebrates its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary

Finlandia Foundation National's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala dinner and concert was held in Pasadena on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. The program included many speakers, among them trustees, recipients representing FFN grants and scholarship programs and two graduates from the Soiva Music and Salolampi Language camps.

The concert following the dinner showcased the talents of soprano, Maria Mannisto, (FFN POY 2007) and concert pianist, Marja Kaisla, (FFN POY 2013).

Glenda Dawn Goss, FFN LOY 2012, presented her lecture on "Sibelius and National Awakening" the night before the Gala at the Pasadena Museum of History – the birthplace of FFN in 1953.

FFN President Ossi Rahkonen said, "the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration in Pasadena was a resounding success based on the feedback from the events."

"The keynote speaker at the gala, H.E. Ambassador Ritva Koukku-Ronde encouraged us to work together in fostering common goals in making Finland better known in the United States."

"Mr. Ville Itälä, Chairman of Suomi-Seura/Finland Society, FFN's counterpart organization in Finland and the (then) Speaker of the Finnish Expatriate Parliament, brought greetings from Finland and outlined initiatives of importance to the Finnish American community."

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Finn Times by Tomi Hinkkanen  
<http://finntimes.com/?p=4309>



Her Excellency Ambassador Ritva Koukku-Ronde praised the foundation's work and achievements throughout the years.



Former FFN President, Anita Häkkinen Smiley and the new FFN President, Ossi Rahkonen were very pleased with the event.



Nadia Lin, the representative of Salolampi Camp students, captivated the audience with her wit and charm.

## 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the First Finns and Swedes in America Continues

The New Sweden Alliance hosted an all-day celebration at Penn's Landing In Philadelphia on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Karelian folk group, Sattuma, and the Abba tribute band, Abba Girlz, performed among others.

Vendors sold Scandinavian food and gifts. A replica of the Kalmar Nyckel, the first ship that brought the Finnish and Swedish settlers to the Delaware Valley in 1638, was on view. The crew offered tours to the public.

A Gala Symphony Concert at the Independence Seaport Museum followed the daytime festivities. The concert featured musicians from Philadelphia and Finland – including the Delaware Symphony and FFN POY, Marja Kaisla, who was instrumental in planning the day, as well as the Jubilee events in May.

The evening ended with a reception and the lighting of a traditional bonfire along the Delaware River.



A replica of the Kalmar Nyckel, the first ship that brought the Finnish and Swedish settlers to the Delaware in 1638. Photo credit: Leila Takala



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**Embassy of Finland**  
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3301 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC

# NEW YORK FINISH LUTHERAN CONGREGATION



83 Christopher Street, New York, NY 10014, USA



Welcome to the Finnish Church Service every month's 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at Resurrection Evangelical Lutheran Church, 6201 Washington BLVD, Arlington, VA 22205

Next Service is on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>.

Delicious coffee afterwards!

**Seurakuntamme toimii myös DC:n alueella!**

**DC:n alueen seuraava messu 20. lokakuuta 2013**

**MESSU** kuukauden 3. sunnuntai klo 2pm.  
Messun jälkeen kokoonnumme kirkkokahveille seurustelemaan.

Resurrection Evangelical Lutheran Church  
6201 Washington Blvd  
Arlington VA 22205

Kirkko on vajaan kilometrin päässä East Falls Church metroasemalta.

## RAAMATTUPIIRI

Raamattupiiri kokoontuu kodeissa.  
Lisätietoja saat Mirjalta ([mirja.clement@finnchurch.org](mailto:mirja.clement@finnchurch.org)) ja Raililta ([raili.niskanen-maultsby@finnchurch.org](mailto:raili.niskanen-maultsby@finnchurch.org)).

## Join the Choir at Finnish Church

We are always looking for more singers for the choir at Finnish Church, which is third Sundays of the month at Resurrection Lutheran Church at 2:00pm.

This is not a high-commitment organization. We sing very easy anthems and hymns as well as the service music for a Lutheran Eucharist/communion service in Finnish. You can show up once or twice, or every month if you are available. No pressure. It does wonders for your Finnish pronunciation and helps build your vocabulary. You do not have to read music, as the hymn tunes are easy and very catchy.

We will begin the season with a rehearsal at 1:30pm in the downstairs chapel before the service at 2:00pm. Our first service of the season will be Sunday, September 15. It usually lasts about an hour, and there is a delicious coffee hour afterwards.

Please contact Scott at [sacooper@acc.edu](mailto:sacooper@acc.edu) and he will forward you the music beforehand. Or just show up half an hour before the service at 1:30 pm on the third Saturday of the month. Next Service is on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Save the Date: November 22nd!**  
**This is our only Saunailta this winter.**



**SAUNAILTA AT THE FINNISH EMBASSY**

**3301 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington D.C., Friday, Nov. 22nd**

Doors will open at 5:45 p.m. and the event will start at 6:00 p.m. Sauna will be open for women for an hour starting at 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. and for men starting at 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

Don't forget to bring your towel, "seat cover", soap, shampoo etc.

We ask you to bring some type of vegetable or potato casserole in a disposable container, large enough to serve your group and two other people. FFNCC will supply the sauna sausage, hot mustard, dessert, beer and soft drinks.

\$15 for members and \$30 for non-members and guests.

You can respond through the FFNCC web page [www.finlandiadc.org](http://www.finlandiadc.org) by using PayPal or sending your check, made out to FFNCC, and names of the members of your group to: Mikko Mäkäräinen, 2100 11th St, NW #307, Washington, DC 20001.

*Payments due by Nov. 20th!*

**Useful links:**

- Finlandia Foundation National Capital Chapter - [www.finlandiadc.org](http://www.finlandiadc.org)
- Finnish Children's School - [www.suomikouludc.org](http://www.suomikouludc.org)
- Finnish Language School Association, USA - [www.finnschool.org](http://www.finnschool.org)
- Finn Spark, Inc (Kipinä-Kerho) - <http://finnspark.homestead.com>
- Finnish Lutheran Congregation - [www.finnchurch.org](http://www.finnchurch.org)
- Embassy of Finland, Washington, DC - [www.finland.org/Public/Default.aspx](http://www.finland.org/Public/Default.aspx)



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