



FINLANDIA FOUNDATION NATIONAL CAPITAL CHAPTER

NEWSLETTER - March 2013

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EVENTS 2013

Through March 17
NORDIC COOL

Kennedy Center ([Link](#))
Washington, DC

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Dance**

Embassy of Finland

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Greetings FFNCC Members, This is our first newsletter of 2013. I hope you all had a pleasant beginning of the year and that the rest of it will be happy and successful.

The generous donations received at the Children's Christmas Party and the Most Beautiful Christmas Carols in December totaled \$591. We gave \$200 to the Resurrection Lutheran Church and the rest, \$391 to the Finnish Congregation of New York.

This year the FFNCC again received *grant applications* from the Finnish Language School Association, the Nordic Dancers and the Finnish (Children's) School of Washington, DC. We awarded \$1,500 to the FLSA, \$800 to the Nordic Dancers and \$750 to the Finnish School.

We had a successful *Sauna Night* in February. Thank you to all who worked hard to make it happen.

The invitations to the *Kalevala Dinner-Dance*, as well as the raffle tickets are out. We have a fine program with *Alex van Oss* giving his views on the Kalevala, pianist *Kent Washburn* playing a great selection of Finnish music, and the *Nordic Dancers* doing their thing. Their group *Skandal* will provide the dance music which, I hope will draw many people to the dance floor. We have again been very lucky to have a generous group of sponsors and donors for the event and the raffle. The prize list is excellent and could not be much better. I hope many of you will join us celebrating the Kalevala, as well as the 60th Anniversary of the founding of the Finlandia Foundation.

On the same weekend, the main celebration of the Finlandia Foundation's 60th Anniversary will be held in Pasadena, California, where many Chapters are sending their representatives. We will be represented by *Kirsti Frenzen Noring*, our 1st Vice President. You may remember that Kirsti's mother Irja Frenzen was one of the founding members of the FFNCC. In that respect, it is very fitting that Kirsti will represent our Chapter.

In April, we will have a *Movie and Pizza Night* at the Resurrection Evangelical Lutheran Church. More information will be coming soon.

The yearlong celebration of the 375th Anniversary of the arrival of the first Swedish and Finnish settlers will culminate in May with the visit of the King and Queen of Sweden, as well as the Speaker of the Finnish Parliament. You can find more information on the celebration at www.colonialnewseden.org. One of the main events for general public is June 15 at Penn's Landing in Philadelphia. One of the organizers of that day's program is the FFN POY *Marja Kaisla*, who will also be the soloist at a concert on the same evening at the Independence Seaport Museum.

The *Annual Meeting and June Picnic* will be held early this year, on June 1st. *Jaana Moller* has again been kind enough to invite the chapter members to her beautiful neighborhood park by the Chesapeake Bay. As usual at this time of the year, the nominating committee which consists of *Anna-Mari Barrineau* is hard at work at shaping the new board which will be voted on at the annual meeting.

Mark your calendars and join us in these events.

Leila Takala

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at the Embassy of Finland on Friday March 22, 2013



Under the gracious patronage of
Her Excellency Ritva Koukku-Ronde,
Ambassador of Finland,
and Dr. Ronde

The Finlandia Foundation National
Capital Chapter

invites you to the

Kalevala Dinner and Dance

with

Alex van Oss,

Kent Washburn

and

The Nordic Dancers

On Friday, March 22, 2013

at 6:30 p.m.

The Embassy of Finland
3301 Massachusetts Ave., NW
Washington, DC

BLACK TIE OPTIONAL

Tickets: \$50 for members
\$60 for non-members
Invitations due latest 19 March

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Alex van Oss

Alex van Oss first traveled to Finland in 1987 as a reporter for National Public Radio, and has returned there many times. Currently he teaches at the Foreign Service Institute, as Caucasus Area Studies course chair.

Kent Washburn

Kent Washburn grew up in Ithaca, NY where his mother Raili Tontti and Finnish-by-marriage father Carl Washburn were founding members of the Finger Lakes Finns. He has played piano and organ since age 9, studied music at Syracuse University, and especially enjoys playing at Finnish Heritage events in New York and the D.C. metro area where he now lives. In May, he will return to Ithaca to perform a concert of Finnish orchestral music transcribed for organ.

The Nordic Dancers

The Nordic Dancers of Washington, D.C., return for their 28th presentation at the Finlandia Foundation National Capital Chapter's Kalevala program. The group, founded in 1972, preserves the traditions of community dance groups that were brought to this country by immigrants from Finland, Denmark, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden. The group is composed of about twenty people, most of whom were either born in one of these countries or are of Nordic descent. The group's repertoire consists of traditional village dances, both for couples and groups, and set dances choreographed from traditional forms and figures. They are accompanied by fiddler, Paul Carlson.

Skandal

Skandal is a quintet that plays traditional folk music from the Nordic countries. The group has been playing for Nordic events in the Washington area since the 1980s and has also played several times at the Finnish Embassy for a variety of events. Members of the group are accordionist, Lee Magnuson, and fiddlers, Paul Carlson, Mary Louise Cohen, Chris Kalke, and Richard Smith.

Mr. Dave Junttila

Dave, returning as master of ceremonies for the Kalevala event, is a member of FFNCC (former Newsletter Editor/Corresponding Secretary). He is a marketing designer who resides with his wife Valerie along with their three children in Chantilly, Virginia.



375th Anniversary of the Swedish and Finnish

Settlement of the Delaware Valley



Swedes & Finns in America

It was 375 years ago that the ship Kalmar Nyckel brought the first Swedish and Finnish settlers to the Delaware Valley. To celebrate the anniversary, The New Sweden Center will host the 2013 Colonists' Day on April 13 in Fort Christina Park, Wilmington, and other nearby locations. We invite you to join us telling the public about colonial America, from the earliest days to the Revolution. For a full list of events please check the website: www.375th.org

Partial List of Events

(See website for full list)

Trade Jubilee/Symposium

May 11 9-11 am
Philadelphia area

Gala event/All afternoon celebration in Wilmington and gala dinner at the Chase Center

May 11 2 PM-11 PM (dinner 7:30-11 pm)
Wilmington, DE

Phillies Heritage Night

DATE/TIME to be confirmed

Penn's Landing/PECO Multicultural event

June 15 12-6 pm
An all-day, outdoor, free public event featuring Swedish and Finnish music groups on stage, vendors, Kalmar Nyckel

375th Jubilee Symphony Gala Concert

June 15 7:30-11 pm
Independence Seaport Museum
Orchestra is combined of Philadelphia musicians, Delaware Symphony and the Sibelius Academy in Helsinki. Music director of Delaware Symphony, David Amado, will conduct. Marja Kaisla will perform as soloist with all-Swedish and Finnish music. A ticketed event. Bonfire on Delaware River

Finnish and Swedish Music and Spirits since 1638 subtitled "Greatest Scandinavian Party"

November 1 6-10 pm
Barnes Foundation
Finnish and Swedish music groups playing; Finlandia and Absolut spirits tasting, demonstration of mixed drinks with traditional Finnish and Swedish berry juices

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**River Road Unitarian Church,
6301 River Road, Bethesda, MD**

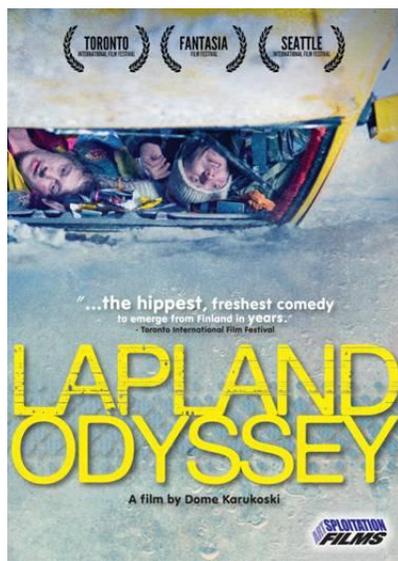


**Kennedy Center for the
Performing Arts
2700 F St NW Washington, DC
20566**

Request for Stories and Info – Finns who Traveled to the New World from Hanko

The museum in Hanko, Finland is planning a special exhibit for the summer of 2013 honoring the close to half a million Finns who left for the U.S. and Canada from the Port of Hanko in the early 1900s. The museum is seeking stories and information about some of these early emigrants from Finland to be used in this exhibit and then stored permanently in their archives.

If you have family members who were in this group of emigrants, please get in touch with Laura Lotta Andersson at Laura.Lotta.Andersson@hanko.fi with any documentation you can provide. Useful information includes From where they came in Finland, what their life had been like in Finland, what happened to them in the States, what did they do there, did they return to Finland or not. Did they go by their own or with their family or in a group. The time frame would be emigrants leaving via Hanko 1865-1930.



Lapland Odyssey - A Finnish comedy Now on DVD

Year: 2011, Director: Dome Karukoski

Language: Finish, English, Swedish and Russian with English subtitles

Quirky, laugh-out-loud funny and totally unpredictable, this action-packed Finnish road movie is an absolute charmer. Set in the dark, snow covered and frozen landscape of northern Finland, the story starts in a completely normal fashion: a young woman named Inari get frustrated that her good-for-nothing boyfriend Janne won't even get off his ass to buy the only thing she wants: a TV cable box. So she makes an ultimatum: either a converter box by morning or she's moving out. This propels Janne, along with his two hapless and equally lazy friends, out of the house and into a series of increasingly crazy misadventures, all in the quest of getting that elusive cable box. They soon encounter gun-shooting Russians, some very mean reindeer, Inari's vengeful former boyfriend, a watery oasis filled with topless water polo-playing beauties, and a naked run through the snow. All the while the police are on their heels. Reminiscent of the wacky characters that seem to inhabit Aki Kaurismäki films, this comedy, filmed at breakneck speed, is an absolute delight.

[\(Amazon Link\)](#)

Kalevala Dinner and Dance - Raffle Prizes

We have an excellent prize list for this year's Kalevala Dinner and Dance. Prizes include the following:

- Grand Prize: \$500 travel voucher, courtesy of FFNCC with Scandia Travel (www.scandiatravel.com)
- Original painting "Cows by the Lake", 2013, oil, 16" x 20" by Mirja Clement. See image below (www.artmia.com)
- Suunto "Ambit", the GPS Watch for Explorers, \$500.00, courtesy of Amer Sports Winter & Outdoor (www.amersports.com)
- Black Phoebe by Oiva Toikka, Special Edition for FinnFest 2012 (only 200 made), value \$295, courtesy of Fiskars (www2.fiskars.com)
- Original painting "Flowers", value \$200, courtesy of Arja Turtiainen
- 2 Skin care gift baskets, value \$200/each, courtesy of Lumene (www.lumene.com/us)
- Photograph "Iris", value \$150, by Susanna Andersson
- Set of Kalevala prints, courtesy of FFNCC (value \$150)
- Gift basket of Finnish products, courtesy of World Finer Foods (www.worldfiner.com)
- Gift baskets with cheese, courtesy of Finlandia Cheese (www.finlandiacheese.com), and Fazer chocolate bars, courtesy of Finn Ware of Oregon (www.finnware.com)
- The Dream of the New World by Elina Strandertskjöld, courtesy of Embassy of Finland
- When the Waves Awake, by Daniel Eriksson & Petter Loblåtén, courtesy of Embassy of Finland
- The Spirit of the Paradise / Paratiisin Pirinää – Markku Piri, courtesy of Embassy of Finland
- Storybook Helsinki and beyond, by Cody Douglas Preck & Octavian Balea, courtesy of Embassy of Finland
- Finlandia Vodka, courtesy of Brown-Forman Beverages (www.brown-forman.com)
- A Finnlayson Table cloth, courtesy of Adele Hagen
- A CD: Magnolias - Marjukka Tepponen & Martin Katz, recorded at the Embassy of Finland in 2012
- 2 boxes Fazer chocolates, Finn Ware or Oregon (www.finnware.com)

The raffle ticket prices are \$5/1 ticket, \$25/6 tickets and \$45/12 tickets.

You do not have to attend the dance to win a prize. Prize winners will be notified.



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DC:n alueen seuraava messu 31 Maaliskuuta 2013

MESSU kuukauden 2. sunnuntai klo 2pm. Messun jälkeen kokoontumme kirkkokahveille seurustelemaan.

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Kirkko on vajaan kilometrin päässä East Falls Church metroasemalta.

RAAMATTUPIIRI

Raamattupiiri kokoontuu kodeissa.

Lisätietoja saat Mirjalta (mirja.clement@finnchurch.org) ja Raililta (raili.niskanen-maultsby@finnchurch.org).

Website Links

Below is a list of assorted links

- Finlandia Foundation National Capital Chapter - www.finlandiadc.org
 - Facebook Group - www.facebook.com/pages/Finlandia-Foundation-National-Capital-Chapter/234551723228034
- Finnish Children's School - www.suomikouludc.org
- Finnish Language School Association, USA - www.finnschool.org
- Finn Spark, Inc (Kipinä-Kerho) - <http://finnspark.homestead.com>
- Finnish Lutheran Congregation - www.finnchurch.org
- Embassy of Finland, Washington, DC - www.finland.org/Public/Default.aspx