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Calendar

Upcoming Events

Apr 1		FFSC Scholarship Application Deadline	
Apr 1	8 – 1:30	Pancake Breakfast $7 – 3 groups performing 10:00 Folk Voice Band 11:45 Northwest Pelimannit	SCC
Apr 1	4 pm	Mostly Nordic Concert – Finland Program	NHM
Apr 3	7:30 pm	Pittsburg Symphony Orchestra plays Sibelius	Benaroya Hall, Seattle
Apr 5	6 – 8:30 pm	Reception for artists for the You, I & Fairy Tale - Sä, Mä ja Satu exhibit.	NHM
Apr 6 – Jun 3		Exhibit: You, I & Fairy Tale - Sä, Mä ja Satu featuring artists Pirjo Berg, Susanna Liukkonen, Satu Nikko	NHM
Apr 8		Easter Sunday	
Apr 14	8 pm	Northwest Pelimannit plays for Pat McMonagle's dance lessons	SCC
Apr 21		Folk Voice Band performs at Bayview Hall Folkdancers Anniversary Party. An international program. ($5)	Bayview Hall
Apr 22	4 pm	Marianne Forssblad Retirement Gala Affair	Nile Shrine Center & Country Club Mountlake Terrace
Apr 25	6:30 pm	FFSC Annual Meeting – Immediately preceding the Film from Finland. Light refreshments.	SCC
Apr 25	7:30 pm	FFSC Films from Finland Series: *Äideistä Parhain (Mother of Mine)*	SCC
May 1		VAPPU – May Day	
May 5	6 – 11 pm	Vappuhippa – Spring Fling	NHM
May 6	4 pm	Mostly Nordic Concert – Denmark Program	NHM
May 15		Deadline for June/July FFSC Newsletter	
May 23	7:30 pm	FFSC Films from Finland Series: *Tyttö, sinä olet tähti (Beauty and the Bastard)*	SCC
May 29	3:30 pm	Mia Spangenberg's presentation of dissertation project. Info/RSVP: spangm@u.washington.edu	UW Dept of Scandinavian Studies, Raitt Hall, 3rd Floor
Jun 2	7 pm	Finnish Choral Society Spring Concert with Dinner	FLC
Jun 3	4 pm	Mostly Nordic Concert – Iceland Program	NHM
Jun 15 – 17		Scandinavian Midsummer Festival	Clatsop County Fairgrounds, Astoria, Oregon
Jun 23		JUHANNUS – Midsummer	
Jun 24	11 – 5 pm	Skandia Midsummer Festival, Saint Edward State Park	Kenmore WA, Juanita Dr. NE & NE 155th St.

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Notes: While we strive for a complete listing of all upcoming events, that is not always possible. These are only events that have been reported to us. Contact information for most of the events in our calendar is available elsewhere in this newsletter.

FLC = Finnish Lutheran Church, 8504 13th Ave NW, Seattle (206-789-0864)
NHM = Nordic Heritage Museum, 3014 NW 67th St, Seattle
SCC = Swedish Cultural Center, 1920 Dexter Ave N, Seattle

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Finland's 90th Anniversary Activities



President's Message

While attending the recent Kalevala Day celebration, I was impressed by Mistress of Ceremonies Pirkko Borland's reference to our local "Finnish community." It may be my imagination, but I seem to be hearing that expression with increasingly frequency, and I've certainly been using it more often myself.

Community, according to one of the dictionary definitions, refers to people held together by common characteristics or interests who live within a larger society. Doesn't that accurately describe the association of those of us who are bound together by our common affinity for Finland?

One of the major evidences of our sense of community is the good feeling that prevails in relationships between and among the various organizations that connect us to Finland. When I tell friends and acquaintances outside this community that there are about a dozen local organizations of Finns, Finnish-Americans and friends of Finland, they are typically very surprised. How can such a relatively small ethnic cohort have such a multifaceted and vital organizational life? An even more relevant question might be, "How do they get along so well together?"

There are any number of recent examples of this high level of cooperation and mutuality.

One is the Kalevala Day celebration itself. Sponsored by the Seattle Finnish Choral Society, there was participation by the chorus, Quartet Masters and the Kalevala Trio, but also by Suomi Koulu and Katrilli. Moreover, there was Leo Utter, from the Finnish American Heritage Committee, who had set up a portable bookstore outside the main stage. In the audience were appreciative members of all Finnish organizations, plus a healthy sprinkling of students from the University and other interested listeners.

The 90th anniversary of Finnish independence is providing an unusual opportunity to come together as a community. As indicated elsewhere in this newsletter, there was a very strong representation of Finnish organizations at a January 31 meeting to consider common celebrations of this important event. There was present at this gathering some of the same spirit that brought local Finnish organizations together behind the highly successful FinnFest 1999.

In the spirit of community (and at the risk of leaving someone out), may I extend congratulations to some sister organizations. Kudos to the Finnish Choral Society for keeping up the tradition of a Kalevala Day celebration for 31 years. And a big round of applause to SFCS director, Maria Männistö, Finlandia Foundation Performer of the Year, for her early appearances at such far-flung destinations as Colorado and Florida. Meanwhile, at the Finnish Lutheran Church, where Mia serves as choir director, newly-installed Pastor Timo Saarinen and his wife warrant great appreciation for their work there and for being such a visible presence wherever Finns gather.

As for the future, if Suomi Koulu continues to increase its student population at the pace it has during its first decade, we can be sure that the "Finnish community" will be secure for years to come.

— FFSC President, Gary London

Carl W. Jarvie, 1925 - 2007
Memorials

FFSC has received memorials towards our scholarship fund in memory of Carl Jarvie from

Fred and Aini Messmer
Esther E Sellers
Dale and Doris Snow

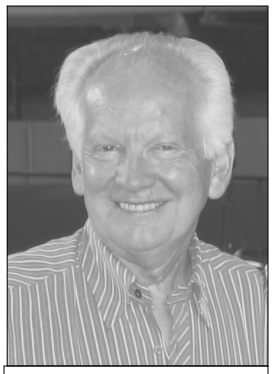


Donald Forsman, 1935 - 2007

Donald Forsman was born in Ballard on Sep. 2, 1935, one of 9 children. He died unexpectedly Thursday, Jan. 18, 2007, on his daily walk around Discovery Park. Don is survived by his wife of 45 years, Syrene; daughters Britt (Rick) Hedges and Siri (Ricky) Forsman-Sims; granddaughters Emma and Olivia Hedges; and siblings Vivian Ojala, Robert Forsman, and Arlene Crane, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Don's family moved to Tacoma in 1947 and he graduated from Stadium High School in 1953. He attended PLU, then joined the Army. As a youngster, he spent summers in Tieton with his sister's family. Don was an outdoorsman and an inveterate traveler. After 30 years with Chevron USA , he retired in 1992, then explored Europe, China , North America, and made annual trips to family and friends in Finland and Sweden .

Don was very proud of his Swedish Finn heritage and directed the Genealogy Office for the Swedish Finn Historical Society for almost 15 years. Active and energetic, he always had several projects going, in construction and landscaping, for family, friends, and neighbors. His infectious smile, twinkling eyes, his generous nature and his interest in others endeared him to all who knew him.



Don at Marquette FinnFest.

A Memorial Service celebrating Don's life was held on February 10 at Magnolia Lutheran Church, Seattle, WA. Memorial donations may be made to The Swedish Finn Historical Society, P.O. Box 17264, Seattle WA 98127-0964

Roy Smith's Accordion Is Silent, 1919 - 2007

The recent death of Roy Smith on January 26 evokes many fond musical memories, especially from those of us who accompanied our immigrant parents to the Finnish Hall activities in Seattle. Roy's parents, Tobias and Gustaava Seppälä-Smith, encouraged Roy and his sister Sylvia to play instruments and to participate in programs at the Finnish Brotherhood Hall on 15th Avenue West and Boston Street in Interbay, at the Finnish Workers Hall on Washington Street and 14th Avenue, and at the Ninth Avenue Hall at Broadway and Yesler Way on First Hill. The Finnish Socialist Hall at Lake Washington Boulevard and Madison Street had burned down in 1920, soon after Roy's birth in 1919. Roy on the accordion and Sylvia on drums played many a valssi, sottiissi, and polkka for the Saturday night dances, which followed several act plays, choral presentations and variety programs, including poetic readings and instrumental solos.

Roy went to serve with the Army Air Corps for four years in 1942, returning to Seattle as an accountant and several decades of teaching piano, organ and accordion in studios and privately, as well as playing in musical combos in countless clubs in the Seattle area. Still Roy would play for wedding dances and programs for his Finnish friends over the years.

Other second generations musicians also played for the Seattle halls dances, including accordionists Gladys Turri Ranta, Gilbert Lahti, Eino Mannery and drummers Toivo Ava and Walter Wilson and pianists Aili Rein Casey and Sirkka Lehto

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In Memoriam

Arnold Saarela

Roy Smith



The Arts

Finnish Artists at Nordic Heritage Museum

The works of three Finnish women artists is featured in "Sä, Mä ja Satu" (You, I and Fairy Tale) – an exhibit at the Nordic Heritage Museum from April 6 to June 3.

Satu is not only the Finnish word for fairy tale, it is also the first name of one of the participating artists – Satu Nikku. She, along with Pirjo Berg and Susanna Liukkonen will present art works reflecting a variety of media and forms.

While born in Finland, Pirjo Berg is well-known in the local Finnish community for she has lived, worked, and exhibited in the Seattle area since the early 1990s. She has also served as a member of the board of Finlandia Foundation Seattle Chapter. Inspired by the Finnish tradition of rug weaving, Pirjo's recent art combines shredded fabric and paint on canvas to create collages that resemble rugs.

Susanna Liukkonen resides in Vantaa, outside Helsinki, but her art has taken her all over Europe for exhibits and artist residency programs. She is interested in conveying mythological and spiritual elements through her work, which often places the female form in symbolic landscapes. Color and subject matter are used to evoke an emotional response from the viewer.

Tampere is the home of Satu Nikku, whose artistic interest is in the relationship between humans and their surroundings. She exposes power structures in society by using the human forms of underprivileged and helpless individuals and families broken apart by violence.

A reception for the artists will be held on April 5 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Museum, which is located at 3014 NW 67th Street in Seattle. Regular hours for the exhibit are from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and from noon until 4:00 p.m. on Sunday.



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Has your newsletter been mangled in the mail?

While our newsletters are delivered to the post office in mint condition, sometimes they don't arrive that way in your mail box.

If you have received a ripped and torn newsletter, please let us know. If you would like to receive a replacement newsletter we will be happy to mail you another one. Please contact us by:

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Films from Finland 2007

March 28 *Juha,* 1999, 77 minutes, K-3.

April 25 *Äideistä parhain* (Mother of Mine), 2005, 104 minutes, K-11.
Finland's entry into the Academy Award race for Best Foreign Film, this is the poignant story of one "war child" of the 70,000 sent to Sweden from Finland during the Winter and Continuation Wars. Many awards, including Jussi for Best Actress Maria Lundqvist.

May 23 *Tyttö, sinä olet tähti* (Beauty and the Bastard), 2005, 96 minutes, K-11.
What teenage girl wouldn't like to be a singing star? This romantic comedy looks at one such star-struck dreamer (played by Pamela Tola) and her bumpy ride to success. Nominated for eight Jussi awards, *Tyttö* was applauded by critics and audiences alike.

June 27 *Lupaus* (The Promise), 2005, 112 minutes, K-11.
While there have been many films about the Finnish Winter and Continuation Wars, this is the first to focus on the work of the Lotta women's volunteer organization. Following three young members, *Lupaus* personalizes heroic efforts by the 240,000 Lotta women.

July 25 and August 22 No film.

September 26 *F C Venus,* 2005, 107 minutes, K-11.
This light-hearted treatment of the war between the sexes takes the battleground to a soccer field where a group of women, tired of their husbands' preoccupation with the game, decides to form its own team and beat them. The stakes? Not high, but hilarious.

October 24 *Letters from Karelia*, 2004, 76 minutes, Unrated.
This Canadian documentary reveals the effects on one family of the "Karelia fever" of the 1930s that saw hundreds of Finnish immigrants in North American going to the USSR to build communism. Directed by Kelly Saxberg; fine music by Ari Lähdekorpi.

November 28 *Helmiä ja sikoja* (Pearls and Pigs), 2004, 113 minutes, K-11.
What happens when the father of a boot-legging Hirvonen clan goes to the slammer and his four slacker sons must pay off family debts? They decide to make their angelic half-sister a star through a children's talent competition. The audience is a sure winner.

December 26 Audience Choice (Submit your nominees at ffsc@finns.org.)

All films are shown at the Swedish Cultural Center, 1920 Dexter North, at 7:30 p.m.
A $5.00 donation is requested at the door to cover the costs of* Films from Finland. *Refreshments are available, and there is ample free parking near the Swedish Cultural Center.

Finnish Lutheran Church - Events & Programs



FLC Bible Studies:
Gospel of Mark Every 1st and 3rd Tue at the FLC 7-8pm with pastor Timo Saarinen
Women in the Bible Every 2nd and 4th Mon at the FLC 6pm with Hellen Tuomi-Schmid

Sunday School:
Sunday school is open every Sunday with Marika Saarinen and Päivi Kiaer.
For little ones we have toddler care if needed!

Donations:
Non perishable food, clothes (especially men's) and toiletries (toothpaste, shave cream, shampoo and soaps) for people in need - you can bring these items to FLC Entrance Hall - we will deliver them to Ballard Food Bank. Thank You!
"He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward him for what he has done." Proverbs 19:17

Confirmation School—Rippikoulu:
If you have your 15th Birthday in 2008 or you are older and not yet had your Confirmation School — please contact Pastor Timo Saarinen for details.
Confirmation School classes are planned to start in fall 2007 with confirmation in January 2008.

Concerts:
Saturday June 2, 2007 at 7 pm
Finnish Choral Society Spring Concert
The Choral Society will sing in the summer season and serve you dinner.



Wednesday June 27th at 7 pm
Panis angelicus - Leivästä enkelten
Pirjo Turunen (mezzo soprano) and Maija-Leena Anttila (dir.cant.) from Tampere Finland, will give a concert at the Finnish Lutheran Church on Wednesday June 27th at 7pm.

Saturday August 4th at 6 pm at the University Unitarian Church
Helsingin Evankelinen Kuoro and Pohjanmaan Puhallinorkesteri will give a concert on Saturday, August 4th at 6pm at the University Unitarian Church. Helsingin Evankelinen Kuoro, directed by Kullervo Puumala, is a mixed choir singing classical and new church music and "Sion's Harp" choir arrangements. Pohjanmaan Puhallinorkesteri has classical music and "Sion's Harp" arrangements on their repertoire. The whole group includes some 50 musicians. Please reserve time for this unique event. We arranged it at the University Unitarian Church to accommodate a larger audience.

Auction:
The Annual Fall Auction is coming up sometime in October 2007.

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THOUGHTS TO PONDER !

You cannot plow a field by turning it over in your mind.

You can lead a fool to wisdom but you can't make him think.

After all is said and done, more is said than done.

FFSC Annual Meeting To Be Paired With April Finnish Film April 25 at the SCC

Noting increased interest and attendance in recent years at annual meetings accompanied by a film, the FFSC board has decided to combine this year's meeting with a showing of *Äideistä parhain (Mother of Mine),* the April 25 selection in "Films from Finland."

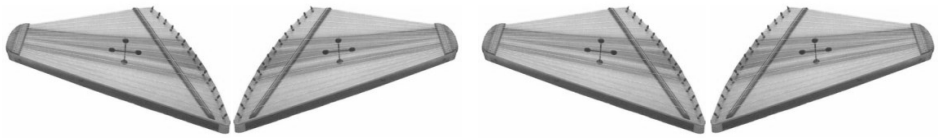
The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Swedish Cultural Center on 1920 Dexter Avenue North. Brief reports will be given on the state of Finlandia Foundation Seattle Chapter, and elections for officers will be conducted. (See slate of candidates elsewhere in this newsletter.) Members will also be invited to bring their suggestions for improving the organization by making it more responsive to their needs. All dues-paying members of the FFSC are strongly encouraged to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

At 7:30, the meeting will give way to the Finnish film, nominated in 2006 as one of the five best foreign films by the Motion Picture Academy of Arts and Sciences. *"Mother of Mine"* is a beautifully-realized story of one of the 70,000 "war children" sent from Finland to Sweden during the Winter and Continuation Wars. Not only does the film look good, with its superb production design, costumes, and cinematography, it has a strong script and cast, headed by Maria Lundqvist, who won a Jussi in 2006 for her portrayal of the Swedish "foster mother," who has strong reservations about taking into her home a Finnish boy.

This film is 104 minutes long and is suitable for adults and teens. A $5.00 donation is suggested for this and other films in the series. May's film is *Tyttö, sinä olet tähti (Beauty and the Bastard)*, a 2005 romantic comedy about a young woman's dream of becoming a pop music star. It will be shown on May 23 at 7:30.

Our Kantele Players Preparing for Finland



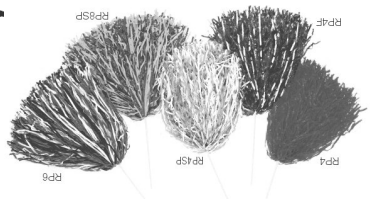


Evergreen Kantele Ensemble performed the now much acclaimed Kantelemessu in Portland on January 27th. The group from the Northwest is busy fundraising to help pay for their Finland trip in the latter part of July and early August this summer. The group has been invited to play at several parishes in Southern Finland, starting July 22nd — with a "grand finale" August 3rd at the closing service of the Expatriate Conference arranged by the Lutheran Church of Finland.





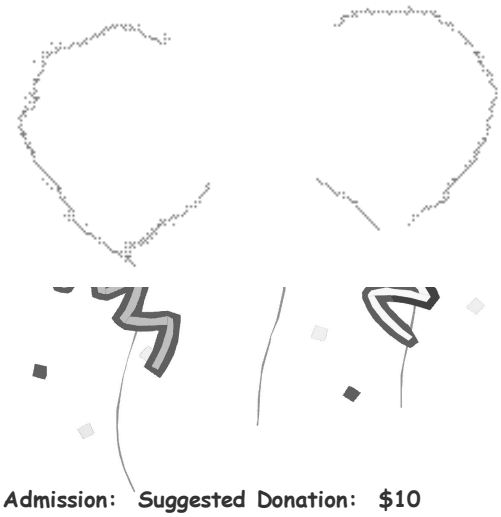
VAPPUHIPPA - SPRING FLING



Saturday, May 5, 2007
starting at 6 PM
at
The Nordic Heritage Museum
3014 NW 67th Street, Seattle

PROGRAM:

- **Music Performances**
  - Instrumental/Vocal
  - Sing-a-long
- **Games**
- **Food**
  - Sima & Munkit
  - Karelian Pastries
  - Sandwiches
  - Hot Dogs
  - Traditional Vappu Herring
- **Mini-Auction**
- **Door Prizes**
- **Dancing**
  - Tango Soloist



Admission: Suggested Donation: $10
Children under 12 Free
Child Care Facilities available:
$10 first child; $15 max. per family

Organized by:
Evergreen Kantele Ensemble
Additional information:
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Upcoming Events

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Jun 25		Concert, Finnish pianist Marja-Leena Antila & singer Pirjo Turunen. Contact Nina Tetri Mustonen at: ninatetrim@msn.com▫	Seattle, WA
Jun 27	7 pm	Concert: *Panis angelicus - Leivästä enkelten* Pirjo Turunen (mezzo soprano) and Maija-Leena Anttila (dir.cant.) from Tampere Finland	FLC
Jun 27	7:30 pm	FFSC Films from Finland Series: *Lupaus (The Promise)*	SCC
Jul 4		Yhdysvaltain ITSENÄISYYSPÄIVÄ - Fourth of July	
Jul 9 – 10		Tivoli / Viking Days	NHM
Jul 15		Deadline for August/September FFSC Newsletter	
Jul 22	1 pm	Tacoma Finns Picnic	Buckley Finn Hall, Hwy 410 & 234th Ave E.
Jul 26-28		FinnFest USA '07 at Kent Ashtabula Campus Route 531, Ashtabula, OH 44004 http:// www.finnfestusa2007.com	PO Box 2838, Ashtabula OH 44005-2838
Aug 4	6 pm	Concert: Helsingin Evankelinen Kuoro and Pohjanmaan Puhallinorkesteri	University Unitarian Church
Aug 25	10 am - dark	Finland's 90th Anniversary Year Celebration & Festival Family friendly event with music, dance, sports, games for all ages, Finnish foods; organized by the FFSC & sponsored by all local FinnAm organizations.	Vasa Park, Issaquah WA (West Lake Sammamish Pkwy) Contract: Gary London at garyjlondon@comcast.net or Rita Vermala-Koski at ralport@hotmail.com or 206/363-0225
Oct		FLC Annual Fall Auction	FLC
Nov 3	10 – 3	Finnish Community Bazaar	NHM
Dec 2		Finland's 90th Independence Day Celebration	Nile Shrine Center & Country Club Mountlake Terrace

Heritage
NordicMuseum
An Active Contemporary Cultural Center

The Nordic Heritage Museum is currently located at 3014 NW 67th Street in Ballard, 14 blocks north of the Ballard Locks.

Museum Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 10am – 4pm, Sunday 12noon – 4pm, Monday closed.
Admission: $6 for adults, $5 for seniors and students, and $4 for children K-12

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Nordic Knitting Café

The third Sunday every month a large group of knitters come together at the Museum to knit Nordic patterns and share techniques in a relaxed café-style setting. We knit, chat and have refreshments. Event is free, but donations are encouraged.

Mia Spangenberg Awarded Prestigious Fellowship

Mia Spangenberg, Seattle Chapter board member and Ph.D. student in Finnish Studies at the University of Washington, has received the prestigious Birgit Baldwin Fellowship. One fellowship is awarded annually to a graduate student conducting doctoral research on the literature and/or film of one or more Scandinavian countries that can best be realized in libraries and archives in Scandinavia. The award is administered by the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study (SASS), the scholarly community for Scandinavian Studies in the United States.



According to Mia, being awarded the fellowship stands as recognition of the importance of supporting Finnish Studies, still a marginalized field in Scandinavian Studies. Mia will spend the academic 2007-2008 year as a visiting student at the University of Turku working on her dissertation project entitled "It's Raining Men! Masculinity in Finnish Fiction and Film 1995-2006." The dissertation will analyze new constructions of Finnish masculinity in the reception of popular novels like Leena Lehtolainen's *Tappava Säde (Killing Ray,* 1999) and Kari Hotakainen's *Juoksuhaudantie (Trench Road,* 2002) and films including *Pahat Pojat (Bad Boys,* 2003) and *The Dudesons* (2006).

The Birgit Baldwin Fellowship was established in 2004 to honor the memory of Birgit Baldwin (1960-1988), a promising young scholar who was fatally injured by a drunk driver. Mia is the third recipient of the fellowship first awarded in 2005. To find out more about the award or SASS, go to: www.scandinavianstudy.org.

Mark your calendars! If you would like to hear more about Mia's scholarship, you are welcome to attend a presentation of her dissertation project on Tuesday May 29 from 3:30-5:30PM in the Department of Scandinavian Studies at the University of Washington's Seattle campus. The department is located on the third floor of Raitt Hall. If you would like more information or would like to RSVP to the event, please contact Mia via email at spangm@u.washington.edu.

~ Submitted by Karoliina Kuisma



Nordic Heritage Museum (NHM)

Executive Director Marianne Forssblad to Retire on April 30, 2007

Members, staff, volunteers and friends of the Museum are invited on **Sunday, April 22, 2007** to honor Marianne at a gala affair at the **Nile Shrine Center and Country Club Mountlake Terrace**. She has given 27 years of dedicated service from opening day in 1980 to the 2006 acquisition of a site for a permanent home and will bequeath to a new Director a priceless regional treasure on the verge of a major leap forward.

- Cost: $50 for dinner and wine; no-host cocktails available
- The M.C. for the program is KOMO-TV News Anchor Kathi Goertzen
- Time: 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM
- The Gala Committee invites you to submit your personal stories or congratulatory letters for inclusion in a book of memories being prepared for Marianne. Please send your submissions to the Nordic Heritage Museum, Attn: Gala Committee by **March 23, 2007**.

News from the UW

By Karoliina Kuisma

New Web Site

The Finnish Program proudly presents a new website developed by Lotta Lähde, our visiting intern fall 2006. The website can be found at http://depts.washington.edu/finnish/ The site aims to provide useful information about both the program and Finnish topics of interest.

As many of us do, we too, receive a lot of questions about the history of Finland, language learning opportunities, availability of materials in the UW library, etc. To facilitate spreading this information, the website contains sections on Finland, Books about Finland, Finnish language online, and similar topics. We hope that you will find a use for the website as a resource, and that anyone seeking information about Finland will turn to it.

Relevant organizations and activities are also linked to the site. If your organization is not linked, but would like to be, please contact Andy Nestingen (akn@u.washington.edu) with the appropriate info.

Please visit the new website at your convenience and find out why our students have chosen to take Finnish classes and what they have to say about the program!

Finnish Studies Endowment Ready to be Invested

Since fall 2004 the Scandinavian Studies Department advisory board and Finnish Program faculty have been raising money to support the Finnish language and culture lectureship, partially funded by the Finnish Ministry of Education. Due to financial uncertainties and budget cuts, the future prospects of smaller lectureships, such as Finnish, vary accordingly. On top of individual donations, we are currently looking to Finnish foundations as potential contributors to our excellent program. Many community members have volunteered their time and efforts to find contacts in Finland and have thus speeded up the lengthy application processes. We are happy to announce that as of March 2007 the endowment has reached the $25,000 threshold at which monies are invested. *Suurkiitokset!* Thanks for your support!

As you can tell, we are off to a good start but have only reached ten percent of our $250,000 goal. That amount would provide enough interest to cover the half of the cost of the lectureship. We depend on community members' support, financial contributions and enthusiasm in staying at the top level of Finnish instruction in the U.S. You can support us by sending your check made out to "Finnish Studies Endowment" at the Department of Scandinavian Studies, University of Washington, Box 353420, Seattle, WA 98195-3420. You can also support the program via the link provided on the new Web site, http://depts.washington.edu/finnish/development.shtml. We appreciate your support and investment in education!

About the Program

The Finnish program is part of the Scandinavian Studies Department at the University of Washington in Seattle. The core of the Finnish program is language instruction on three levels, which is offered every quarter. The Finnish program enrolls 50-70 students in Finnish-language instruction and



Finnish First- and Second-Year Classes, 2006

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Finnish Highlighted at the UW World Language Day

The University of Washington organizes several programs and events for K-12 educators and students. One of the most popular ones is the World language Day which attracted more than 1,260 high school students around the state of Washington. On March 2, 2007, some 30 high-school students also attended Finnish language classes on campus. The event has more than doubled in size since it was launched in 1998.

The World Language Day originally started at the Department of Mathematics. A popular event combined presentations and hands-on activities to encourage visiting students' interest in math. Pretty much the same can be said about the World Language Day today. The students have a unique opportunity to observe academic lectures, attend presentations and activities on a variety of cultural topics. They also get to learn about careers using world languages and tour the UW campus.

About seven high-school students attended Mia Spangenberg's class and learned about Finnish food along with a few phrases and names of food items. Karoliina Kuisma gave a lecture titled "Everything you need to know about Finland in ten phrases" to 20 students, most of whom had Finnish heritage. They were also eager to ask questions (about their Finnish names for example) and find out about the Finnish activities in the greater Seattle area. The students learned some catchy phrases like Ääliö älä lyö enää lisää löylyä! and Hyvää syntymäpäivää, and of course, important cultural information relating to these fun tongue twisters.

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cultural courses taught in English by the program faculty every year.

Since 1990, Finnish Studies has been an important part of the University, preparing the next generation of leaders in business, science, education and culture with strong connections to Finland. Finnish studies faculty also contribute to the Finnish community in Seattle.

The Scandinavian Studies Department is one of the oldest departments at the University of Washington. Established in 1909, the department offers courses in language, literature, history, politics, folklore and cultures of Denmark, Iceland, Finland, Norway and Sweden and is the home of the Baltic Studies program.

UW Library Finnish Collection

The Finnish collection in the University of Washington Libraries contains a research collection of Finnish materials, which support the basic needs of the Finnish program.

When the collection was first established, Scandinavian librarian Jerry Anderson focused on works about Finland in the English and Scandinavian languages. However, as the Finnish program in the Scandinavian Department grew, the need for materials in Finnish increased accordingly. Subsequently, acquisitions have focused on the following areas: contemporary Finnish and Finland-Swedish literature and literary history, as well as older "classics" in these areas, Finnish language, Finnish folklore, Finnish history, economics, and political science. We currently have over 3000 volumes in Finnish, not including journal subscriptions. We also have over 30 Finnish journal subscriptions, including magazines like *Suomen Kuvalehti*, the major news weekly in Finland. The books about Finland in English amount to close to 800 volumes. There are over 400 books about Finland in Swedish. Some of these English items are from the Finnish American community and thus deal with Finnish immigration and Finnish-American history.

Through the added support of endowments, such as the Jarvie fund, we will be able to further increase our collection. Some of the areas in which we would like to increase our acquisitions are Finnish film (including DVDs), music, and other literary genres, such as crime fiction. These new areas of acquisition reflect the growing and changing interests of the faculty and students. We are continually working to improve the collection with the aim of being the best Finnish collection in the United States.



Sibelius Tour in Southern Finland

Sibelius Festival Tour in Finland
3 September – 9 September 2007

We are delighted to present a tour to the 8th Sibelius Festival in Lahti, Finland, where the Lahti Symphony Orchestra and Osmo Vänskä (currently Music Director of Minnesota Orchestra) present a selection of the great Finnish composer's works with the theme "Sibelius - 50 Years On". We offer a full Sibelius tour spending 3 nights in Helsinki, visiting Ainola the Sibelius family home, enjoying the lake scenery that inspired the master himself, as well as joining the Sibelius Festival during a 3 nights' stay in Lahti.

TOUR PROGRAM 3 Sep - 9 Sep 2007

Mon 3 Sep
Arrival in Helsinki. Accommodation in downtown Helsinki in superior class rooms including buffet breakfast. Free time to explore the city. Welcoming dinner at Restaurant Kappeli.

Tue 4 Sep
Helsinki sightseeing tour including the most important sights of the capital city. In the afternoon a private piano recital at the National Opera House.

Wed 5 Sep
Guided tour of Arabia Centre, an ideal place to purchase Finnish design like littala glass and kitchen utensils, Fiskars and Hackman tools and Arabia pottery.

Thu 6 Sep
The tour continues 100 km up north from Helsinki to Lahti, which is located at the heart of the big Lake District of Finland. Before arriving in Lahti, a visit to Ainola on the scenic shores of Lake Tuusula in Järvenpää, the home of Jean Sibelius and his family from 1904. Our guided tour will include the gardens of Ainola and a visit to the graves of Jean and Aino Sibelius. In Lahti accommodation in donwtown hotel in superior class rooms including buffet breakfast. An evening concert of Sibelius Festival at Sibelius Hall. Dinner.


Osmo Vänskä, conductor

Fri 7 Sep
Lahti sightseeing tour. Sibelius Festival concert at Sibelius Hall. Dinner.

Sat 8 Sep
Sibelius Lake Cruise on Lake Vesijärvi in the same scenery which inspired also Sibelius when he spent the summer in the Lahti region. Onboard a traditional Finnish festive buffet table with local delicacies, a narrated Sibelius show and a miniature concert of Sibelius and his contemporaries. Sibelius Festival concert at Sibelius Hall.

Sun 9 Sep
Chamber music concert at Sibelius Hall. Return back home.

PERFORMANCE PROGRAM

Date	*Performance*
6 Sep	**Lahti Symphony Orchestra** Kullervo *Osmo Vänskä, conductor* *Lilli Paasikivi, mezzo-soprano; Jorma Hynninen, baritone; YL Male Voice Choir*
7 Sep	**Lahti Symphony Orchestra** Impromptu for string orchestra, Sibelius orchestral songs, Scaramouche *Osmo Vänskä, conductor* *Jorma Hynninen, baritone*
8 Sep	**Lahti Symphony Orchestra** Night Ride and Sunrise, Symphony No. 4 and 5 *Osmo Vänskä, conductor*
9 Sep	**Sibelius on a Sunday Morning chamber music concert** Sonatina for piano, Three pieces for Violin and Piano, Piano Quintet in G minor *Musicians of Lahti Symphony Orchestra*

PRICE PER PERSON

Tour Price	$2025
Single room supplement	$425

Tour price includes: All transfers in Finland, accommodation, breakfast daily, 1 x buffet lunch, 3 x dinner, sightseeing tours as described including guides and entrance fees, private concerts in Helsinki and onboard the lake cruise, first category tickets for four performances, the services of a Musician Escort from USA during the whole tour. The price includes land arrangements in Finland only. Airfare additional.

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All you need to know about Sibelius — http://www.sibelius.fi/

Scandinavian Tours Offered This Summer

For travelers interested in unique Scandinavian tours, the summer of 2007 has some rich offerings, even when Finland is not included.

Scandinavian Seminar and the Nordic Heritage Museum are offering two tours – one from July 23 to August 3 that will feature Swedish cuisine and another from June 24 to July 5 that spotlights Swedish gardens.

The culinary program will travel through central Sweden to Stockholm by luxury coach and feature demonstration classes by experts and dining in some of Sweden's finest restaurants. The garden program will take visitor through southern and central Sweden to Stockholm, stopping at different types of gardens. This tour will be led by Elisabeth Svalin Gunnarsson, the President of the Swedish Horticultural Society.

The University of Washington Alumni Association is sponsoring a Scandinavia Discovery Tour from July 19 to 29. It will take participants to Bergen, Norway, then via the scenic Bergen Line to Oslo and then Stockholm. First class accommodations are offered along the way, along with a flexible blend of guided tours and personal discovery.

For additional information on the Scandinavian Seminar/Nordic Heritage Museum tour, visit the website at www.scandinavianseminar.org. Those interested in the UW Alumni Tour can access www.UWalum.com/tours or call 1-800-289-2586.

FINNGUIDE

http://www.finnguide.fi/

Finnguide is an English language portal website, made in Finland, focusing on providing information about Finland and things Finnish.

Whether you are a foreigner living in Finland, a tourist planning to travel to Finland, a Finnish American, a Finnish Expatriate living abroad or just generally interested to read information about Suomi, the Land of a Thousand Lakes, Sauna, Sisu, Sibelius and the Archipelago, you will find something of interest to you.

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Try Translating Fractured Finnish

Leo Salo, a friend of Seattle Finns and a former Seattleite himself, sent the following examples of fractured Finnish to Pirkko Borland, who in turned has passed them on to those of us who want to test our language skills. Most of these are headlines from Finnish newspapers, while others are from articles or advertisements that have appeared in the press there.

Try your hand at translating these gems. After you've done so, send the results to us at FFSC, P.O. Box 75052, Seattle WA 98175 or email them to FFSC@finns.org.

We'll print the cream of the crop in the next edition of the newsletter. Maybe we can even figure out a prize by then for the person who does the most creative job of rendering bad Finnish into equally bad English. Language school students are especially urged to try their hand at this "sekosuomea."

1. Jollei haudasta oteta yhteyttä, hautaa hoidetaan 25 vuotta veloituksetta.
   - Turkulainen 28.8.

2. Naistohtorien osuus kaksinkertaistui Tampereella, enemmistö professorinpalleista pysyy silti miehillä vielä kauan.
   - Otsikko Aamulehdessä 13.9.

3. Väkivalta parisuhteessa on asia, jonka eteen kannattaa tehdä töitä.
   - Vantaan Sanomat 22.9.

4. Lapsena minulla oli housut jalassa koko ajan, mutta kun pojat alkoivat tulla kuvaan mukaan, aloin kiinnittää huomiota ulkonäköön.
   - Helena Petäistö TV-maailmassa 37/2002

5. Mies löi liikuntarajoitteista miestä pankkiautomaatilla.
   - Otsikko Koti-Kajaanissa 15.1.

6. Tutkijalautakunta kaipaa vielä lisää tsunamikokemuksia.
   - Otsikko Hämeen Sanomissa 23.2.

7. Pahoinpitely aiheutti aivovamman ja vei työkyvyttömyyden.
   - Otsikko Länsi-Suomessa 4.10 .

8. Päihdetyö vaatii selviämistä.
   - Otsikko Kalevassa 23.1.

9. Keskon pääjohtaja selvinnee elokuussa.
   - Otsikko Aamupostissa 2.5.

10. Presidentti selviää ehkä vasta ensi viikon lopulla.
    - Otsikko Helsingin Sanomissa 9.11.

11. Rattijuoppo kaahasi sataa poliisia karkuun.
    - Otsikko Warkauden Lehdessä 31.3.

12. Paikallisjuna kulki aikataulussa. Veturinkuljettajaa epäillään junaliikennejuopumuksesta.
    - Otsikko Lapin Kansassa 9.5.

13. Olutrekka ojaan Iissä. Alkoholilla ei ollut osuutta turmassa.
    - Helsingin Sanomat 4.5.

14. Hakijaryntäys Espoon hautausmaille.
    - Otsikko Espoon seurakuntasanomat Essessä 11.3.

15. Ne, jotka ovat päivittäin jutelleet vainajan kanssa selviävät tablettilääkityksellä
    - Savon Sanomat 7.1.

16. Malmin hautausmaan liikenne yksisuuntainen.
    - Ilmoitus Helsingin Sanomissa 24.12.

17. Vuodepotilaan syöminen voi olla hankalaa.
    - Otsikko Sydän-Satakunnassa 8.12.

18. Hankasalmen terveyskeskuksen pitkäaikaispotilaat eivät jää syömättä.
    - Otsikko Hankasalmen Sanomissa 18.2.

19. Etelä-Karjalan ensimmäinen krematorio tuotantokäyttöön.
    - Otsikko Etelä-Saimaassa 15.5.

20. Kauppiaan sydän on lihatiskillä.
    - Otsikko Kauppalehdessä 23.2.

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21. Huonokuuloisten maailmankongressissa huippupuhujia.
    - Kuulonhuoltoliiton tiedotteen otsikko 13.5.

22. Äkillinen tulva vaikeutti autojen kulkua Vammalan Kävelykadulla.
    - Tyrvään Sanomat 5.8.

23. Lahdessa kuollut ampui poliiseja.
    - Otsikko Pohjalaisessa 4.8.

24. Myydään. 2 langatonta lankapuhelinta.
    - Ilmoitus Helsingin Sanomissa 8.9.

25. Aiemmin nainen ilmoitti tulleensa pahoinpidellyksi Koivukujalla, jonka tekijöinä oli ollut kaksi outoa miestä. Nainen jätti valheellisen kertomuksen poliisille tämän entisen poikaystävän kehotuksesta.
    - Raahen Seutu 17.11.

26. Vastaaja oli omien sanojensa mukaan turhaan yrittänyt myydä bernhardinkoiraa. Saksanpaimenkoira oli puolestaan hänen poikansa.
    - Savon Sanomat 3.9.

27. Ikaalisten Ampujat panostaa nuoriin.
    - Otsikko Pohjois-Satakunnassa 16.6.

28. Lääkäreille ohjeet lapsen pahoinpitelystä.
    - Otsikko Aamulehdessä 3.2.

29. Sairaankuljettajan arkeen kuuluu väkivallalla uhkaaminen eri muodoissaan.
    - Pohjolan Sanomat 19.11.

30. Kymmenen hevosen emäntä myös ravaa itse, ja onpa voittanut Suomen mestaruudenkin.
    - Itä-Häme 8.3.

31. Alkosta halutaan piristystä Pöytyän liike-elämään.
    - Otsikko Auranmaan Viikkolehdessä 3.9.

32. Miehet ovat tavallisen näköisiä nuoria miehiä. Havainnoista voi ilmoittaa lähimmälle poliisille.
    - Helsingin Sanomat vankikarkureista 26.7.

33. Virkoja ei lakkauteta, vaan ne vähenevät luonnollisen poistuman kautta. Virkojen vähentymistä tapahtuu, sillä toista koulutoimenjohtajaa ei aiota täyttää, vaan lopettaa se.
    - Hangon lehti 13.10.

From the Kalevala Festival



Follow-Up Meeting Planned to Successful January Gathering — Planning Finland's 90th !!!

Representatives from nearly a dozen local Finnish organizations met on January 31 at the Finnish Lutheran Church to share with one another their plans for activities during 2007 and to discuss the prospects of cooperating in some major events to celebrate the 90th anniversary of Finnish independence. Special guests were Tapio Holma and Markku Kanervikkoaho, with ties to Bellingham and Vancouver, B.C. Finns.

Ideas flowed freely as to how best honor this banner year of Finnish independence. Included were suggestions for showcasing Finland with a picnic for Finns and friends from Seattle to Vancouver in early summer, at the annual Tivoli Days at the Nordic Heritage Museum in July, through a major indoor/outdoor festival in late summer, and in a lecture series by the University of Washington and the Museum in the fall.

Plans are percolating for all of these, and, indeed, a date and place have been established for the summer festival. It will be held on August 25 at Vasa Park just off I-90 near Issaquah. This all-day event, jointly sponsored by all participating local Finnish organizations, invites everyone to participate in an array of activities -- song, dance, sports, games, and eating, culminating in a huge dance in the ballroom in the evening. Space will also be available for vendors and for informational booths.

Details are also firming up for the Finnish Independence Day Celebration to be held on Sunday, December 2, at the Nile Country Club just north of Seattle on 244th Street SW.

Suomi Koulu will be joining forces with Finlandia Foundation Seattle Chapter to plan a celebration that is family-friendly and festive. More about this special event will be forthcoming, but now is the time to mark the date, along with August 25, on your calendar.

On March 29, there will be a follow-up meeting of Finnish organizational representatives at the Finnish Lutheran Church at 7:30. The purpose of that meeting is to assess progress in planning and preparing for all collaborative activities. If your organization was not represented at the January meeting, you are encouraged to attend this time.



Remember to give us your NEW addresses!!

Members who are moving are reminded to send us those address changes promptly! FFSC is charged by the US Post Office for every address when we don't have your correct address!

World Democracy Profile

WorldAudit.org is a useful site to check out world affairs. Right now Finland is ranking first in political rights, civil liberties, freedom of the press and corruption (or lack of it...):

Topics	Range	Ranking
World Democracy Audit overall ranking	1-150	1
Political Rights	1-7	1
Civil Liberties	1-7	1
Press Freedom	0-150	1
Corruption	0-145	1

http://www.worldaudit.org/countries/finland.htm

Please note, the deadline for the June / July 2007 Edition of the Newsletter is May 15, 2007.

Singing Improves Your Health and Quality of Life

Singing in a choir makes you live longer and happier; stay longer in the work force; and have a better perception of your health, according to Finnish researchers Markku T. Hyyppä and Juhani Mäki, http://her.oxfordjournals.org/cgi/content/full/18/6/770. That is the main reason you should join the Finnish Choral Society or Quartet Masters male choir, or both.

We are fortunate to have a very talented, young director, Maria Männistö, who also provides private voice training. Maria was elected Finlandia Foundation National Performer of the Year 2007. We have an active concert schedule and sing arrangements for choirs by Finnish and other composers. We have weekly practices through the season and meet Monday evenings at the Finnish Lutheran Church in Ballard.

We have great fun together and invite you to come and share. Come and listen to us practice, if you like. Every once in a while we start the evening with dinner. For more information, contact Eva or Gunnar or any choir member or visit our website http://www.finnsnw.com/FCS/index.html

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Wilson. Later the combo "Finn Power," consisting of accordionist Dorothy Raine Wilen, pianist Sirkka Lehto Wilson and drummer Signe Mäki, provided popular danceable music for many years, later billed as "Finlandia Trio." Indeed Dorothy can still play her accordion and remember good dances from the Finn Hill Hall in Juanita.

The Suomi-Finland Room at the Nordic Heritage Museum includes a Finnish Hall corner, consisting of parts of the Finnish Workers Hall portico and ticket window, and included in the floor is a section of the dance floor from the hall, truly worn and indicating some polka steps had made indentations of vigorous and joyous steps over the years! Perhaps Roy Smith's music echoes yet over the floor boards! We honor Roy and his musician friends!

Roy Smith is survived by his sons Gordon and Ronald, daughter Susan Bailey, and their families, his sister Sylvia Schwabe, seven grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and two more on the way!

~ Leo Utter

Finnish Proverbs

"Aamun torkku, illan virkku, se tapa talon hävittää."

- Literal translation: "Asleep in the morning, Awake all evening; this is the way to lose a house."
- Translation: "Asleep in the morning, awake in the evening; this way will destroy a house."
- Alternate Translation: "Sleeping in and staying up late; this habit will run down your household."

"Ahkeruus kovan onnen voittaa."

- Literal translation: "Diligence beats hard luck."
- Notes: By working hard one can get out of hard situations.

FFSC Annual Meeting & 2007-2008 Board Elections

Wednesday April 25, 2007
6:30 PM at the
Swedish Cultural Center

Our 2007 annual meeting is immediately preceding the Films from Finland series. Light refreshments will be served.

The FFSC Nominating Committee is presenting the following slate for your consideration:

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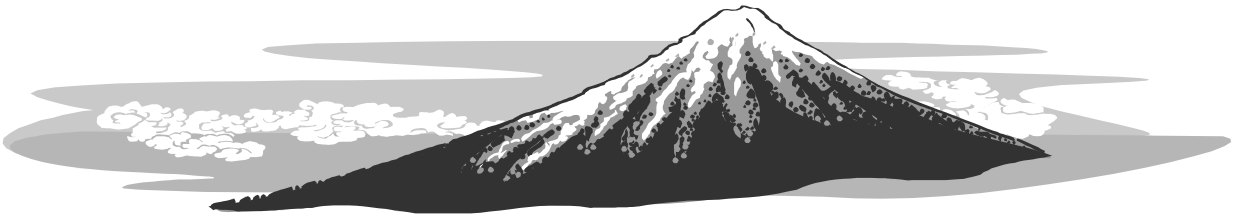
Satu Mikkola (incumbent)

Cathy Perry

Matt Wirkkala (incumbent)

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All FFSC members are invited and encouraged to attend.



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