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strong Finnish America*

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for 2007-2008 season.

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FINLAND—90 PROGRAM

Finlandia Foundation® Florida Chapter is acting as the major coordinator for the Celebrations and Events for the 90th Day of Independence of Finland.

The tentative program:

8 AM Flag Raising at Lepokoti, Lake Worth

9 AM Visit to the War Veterans' Monument, at Bryant Park, Lake Worth

10 AM Flag Raising and Cultural Event at Suomi Talo, Lantana

1 PM Service at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Lake Worth

5:30—7:00 PM Cocktail hour and music presentations at Restaurant Benvenuto, Boynton Beach

7 PM GALA Dinner at Benvenuto, Boynton Beach
Guest Speaker: Anne Lammila, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Finland, New York
Main Performer: Opera singer Reijo Ikonen
Guest Speaker Col. Jari Väärä, Tampa
Additional performers TBA

MARIA KARKI:



The Art of Maria Karki—The True Nature of Mind. Maria Karki is equally at home using antique painting methods, digital photography and sculpture to explore the true nature of mind, the search for spontaneity, and clarity shown in her art as the shimmering interface between presentation and abstraction. In her paintings she creates striking meditative images with colors drenched in intense sunlight and surfaces that glisten with the glaze of layer upon layer of thinned oils. Transformation is also at play in Karki's use of digital imaging tools to mine her digital photos for the small details that enlarged become entire universes. By pouring translucent resins into molds, assembled with found wood and onto natural stone basins, Karki gives us circular sculptures playing in the light..Norton Sculpture Garden, April 2008

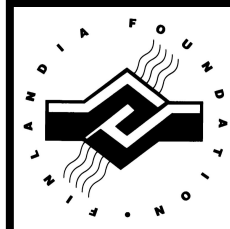
CONSULATE CORNER:



Honorary Consulate of Finland reminds that Finnish Citizenship Declarations must be submitted by 31 May 2008 at the latest.

The petition to request a possibility to take care of passport matters through Honorary Consulate of Finland, Lake worth, has been brought up. **Please come in and sign !**

Honorary Consul Peter Makila or Anne Hyppönen/assistant
tel. 561-582-2335 or by e-mail: finnishconsulate@bellsouth.net



FFFC NEWS



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BIRGITTA KAANTO:



As the outgoing President of FFFC, I wish to welcome each of you to our 2007-2008 Season. I do not know where the past 3 years have gone. But, what I do know that I am delighted to serve as your President during this significant year in celebrating 90 years of Finland's independence. I wish to express that growing up in Lake Worth, I have always looked up to FFFC. Many of its members have and still are my mentors in life. I believe that your investment and/or involvement in FFFC will reward you, your children, and your fellow Finns in many ways. FFFC events are invaluable opportunities for you to share your Finnish heritage with your non-Finn friends. I assure you that a trace of Finn will be upon them at the end of the event. Also, FFFC events provide not only a venue to make new friends but also will rekindle the old. I thank you for your continued support and membership. Also, my deepest gratitude to those members who volunteered at our past season's events, including Aker Yards, Alice Osman, Terttu Voskressensky, Seppo Palokas, Tula Antikainen, Sami Makela, Rodney Paavola, and Eero Laukkanen and several others. Also, my heartfelt thanks to Barbara Kaskinen. We are fortunate to have such a talented pianist in our midst.

KALEIDOSCOPE:

Greetings from Kaleidoscope Central!

I'm pleased to tell you that the awards for our Celebration of Many Cultures keep rolling in. In June, we were awarded a City Livability Award from the U.S. Conference of Mayor's for Kaleidoscope. The City Livability Awards are given out to programs and projects which make a great contribution as to why people want to live in our City! Just recently, we won two awards from the Florida Festivals and Events Association for Kaleidoscope 2007: top honors for Community Involvement and our :30 television advertisement.

Mary Pinak
Community Events Manager

FINLAND—90

The theme for Finlandia Foundation®Florida Chapter season 2007-2008 will be celebrating "Finland's 90th". Each of us can relate to this number, one way or another. 90 is a big number and Finland is a big country. Not perhaps outwardly but definitely inwardly. That "Sisu" pit inside of a Finn can grow into a tremendous power in order to preserve such beauty and grace as our mother country Finland. So let us celebrate together this year. Hyvä Suomi!!!

FF NATIONAL NEWS:

Six fortunate young people will enjoy a one week session at Salolampi Finnish Language Village in northern Minnesota free of charge. Columbia-Pacific Chapter revitalizes **Finnish Classroom** at Portland University. Kaleva Lodge 21 promotes a Major Project for restoring the **Berkley Hall Stage**, California. FFN Grant assists **update of Lähetyskirkko** in Maine. FFN Grant helps **City of Vaasa Symphony** slated for U.S. Northwest Tour. Landscape Architect Susan Saarinen, granddaughter of Eliel Saarinen was selected as **Lecturer of the year**. 25 students honored with **FFN Scholarships**. These students are studying in 14 different States, with California and Massachusetts being leaders with 4 each.

FFFC Events for 2007/2008:

MEMBERSHIP MEETING
10/20/2007 @ 4PM
41 South Lakeshore
Drive, Hypoluxo, FL
33462

**INDEPENDENCE DAY
FINLAND —90**
12/6/2007
Gala @ 7 PM Ben-
venuto, Boynton beach,
FL 33435

CHRISTMAS CONCERT
12/15/2007 @ 4PM
Coral Ridge Presbyterian
Church, Ft. Lauderdale.
Contact Seppo (561) 582-
9315

MARIA KARKI EXHIBITION
4/1/2008
Opening Seremony, Nor-
ton Sculpture Garden.
West Palm Beach, FL

ANNUAL MEETING
4/20/2008
Suomi Talo
Lantana, FL



Kaleidoscope 2007 West Palm Beach



Come learn about the various cultures woven into the societal fabric of South Florida. Held in downtown West Palm Beach, Kaleidoscope features over 12 mock villages for visitors to explore and music from around the globe. Be sure not to miss the International Bazaar, filled with exotic arts and crafts and a delightful selection of ethnic eats.

Kaleidoscope, a “Celebration of Many Cultures”, was once again designated the “Best Community Outreach Program” in the world by the International Festivals and Events Association. Kaleidoscope 2008 will feature two stages of multicultural entertainment, an International Bazaar, ethnic foods, and villages from around the world created by Palm Beach County elementary, middle and high schools paired with local cultural organizations.



Friends of Finland who want to share their talents and/or resources with school age children and their teachers are especially welcome to participate in partnership with FFFC and the Consulate of Finland. There are opportunities behind the scene as well as being present to talk with visitors coming to the Finnish village on Sunday, **January 27, 2008**.

We all thank AKER SHIPYARDS and Mr. Jarmo Seppala for your participation and making Finnish participation such a success.



Mayor Lois Frankel



Mayor Lois Frankel has been immersed in the fabric of West Palm Beach's local community since 1974. Ms. Frankel was elected strong Mayor of West Palm Beach in March of 2003 where she serves as the chief executive officer of Palm Beach County's largest and busiest city.

Mayor Frankel has strongly supported Kaleidoscope and held the starting press conference in PB Maritime Academy, our Finnish school counterpart of 2007, to announce Kaleidoscope 2007 work started.

Alice Osman: FFFC Volunteer of the Year 2006



Congratulations, Alice!

Alice Osman, lifetime member and past FFFC President, was awarded the 2006/2007 FFFC Volunteer of the Year Award. Alice is the chief liaison for the Finnish Collection at Palm Beach Community College, has served on numerous committees, coordinated FFFC involvement with the Kaleidoscope program, hosted several Performers of the Year, and was one of the founding members and original Board of Directors for Finlandia Foundation® New York Metropolitan Chapter.



EVENTS 2006-2007

The Finlandia Foundation® Florida Chapter hosted a **2006 Holiday Gala** at Benvenuto Restaurant on November 2nd. Guests enjoyed champagne at the Art and Cocktail hour and socialized with old and new friends, artists and dignitaries before the dinner. Finnish and Finnish-American artists Rodney Paavola, Sami Makela, and Tula Antikainen displayed their art, from international and mystical oil paintings, to gorgeous life-sized nature photography. Accordion music by Merja Hulkkonen gave a warm ambiance to the social hour.



FFFC Main Event was arranged on the 3rd of March at St. Andrews Lutheran Church, Lake Worth, FL. Finlandia Foundation® National Performer of the Year Maria Mannisto, vocalist accompanied by a bass. She showed her extraordinary talents performing various masterpieces from opera to tango.



Kravis Center



Finlandia Week 2007 was arranged in Lake Worth February 3rd to 11th. PBCC Library event during the week, featuring professor, poet and Finlandia Foundation® National 2006 grant recipient Beth Virtanen.



Annual Meeting was arranged April 19th 2007 at Suomi Talo.



FFFC members visited in **Popular Music Concert** April the 17th at Ft. Lauderdale.