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# Finger Lakes Finns

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## Scholarship Report

*By Joann Neal, Chair, Finger Lakes Finns Scholarship Committee*

The Finger Lakes Finns is pleased to announce the 2009 Scholarship winners. This will be the 9<sup>th</sup> annual presentation of scholarships to promote awareness of Finnish culture and the education of area students of Finnish heritage.

Announced at the Finger Lakes Finns Juhannus festival on June 20, the 2009 winners are: Heather Radcliffe from Groton, New York and Thomas Conner of McLean, New York. Both students were present at the announcement. Heather will be attending TC3 and Thomas, who completed his GED while taking college coursework at TC3, is to start at Cornell University in September. Upon successful completion of their 2009-2010 academic year, they will receive a \$500.00 check by the Finger Lakes Finns. We offer our congratulations and encouragement to both winners!

At Juhannus, we were also pleased to announce the successful completion of the 2008-09 school year for the 3 student awardees from 2008: Brendan Hatlee of Horseheads, Kevin Latson of Spencer and Kaarin Washburn from Ithaca, New York. Each enjoyed a stimulating academic year and did well in their studies.

The organization earns funds for the scholarship program through fund raising activities. Over the many years, various members have participated in designing,

sewing and completing beautiful quilts for scholarship raffles.

We are especially pleased this year that Barbara Twombly, a faithful member of many years, has graciously donated materials and time to sew a beautiful blue and white quilt for the raffle. Tickets will be on sale at the Spencer Picnic and until the Finger Lakes Finns' Finn Funn Weekend, when the winner will be chosen. Please consider donating to this very worthwhile effort in support of Finnish heritage in the Finger Lakes region.

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## Finger Lakes Finns Christmas Shopping Trip To Helsinki

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

November 30 – December 8, 2009

**\$1,525\***

(Price based on double occupancy)

\*Price lowered by hotel (lower than 2007 price)

Get on board for a Christmas shopping trip to Finland. Price includes round trip flight on Finnair from JFK/New York to Helsinki, living at the superior Helsinki Sokos Hotel Vaakuna located near center of city and convenient to all transportation.

Enjoy all the beautiful Christmas/holiday lights and decorations. The woman's craft fair is also scheduled for this time frame so you can shop for that special person or unique Finnish item.

50% deposit due by August 25, 2009 with balance due September 30, 2009.

For more information call Jean Lindblad at 607-229-3012 or email [jelindbl@twcny.rr.com](mailto:jelindbl@twcny.rr.com).

# Finn Funn Weekend 2009

Hosted by the Finger Lakes Finns

Clarion University Hotel

Ithaca, NY

October 2, 3, 4, 2009

Please get your reservation in early. There are many other events going on at the same time in the Ithaca area and demand for lodging will be competitive. **Don't miss the registration deadline, August 21, 2009.**

Anyone wishing to exhibit items, rent a vendor table or participate in programs please indicate your interest to us.

**Registration forms and information are now on our website, [www.fingerlakesfinns.org](http://www.fingerlakesfinns.org).**

Any questions email Jean Lindblad at  
[jelindbl@twcnny.rr.com](mailto:jelindbl@twcnny.rr.com)

- Krister Björklund, Finland, Jaana Nislin, Finland, Carl Rahkonen, Sharon Rahkonen, Börje Vähämäki, Lisa DaCunha-Koski, Marilyn Loos, Marita Cauthen, Donna Palomaki, Dan Gordon, Dan Miller, Vesa Oja, Finnish American Singers from Farmington Hills, Michigan.
- Special performance by the Spencer-Van Etten School Band.
- Finlandia Foundation will hold their Board Meeting during the weekend.

**Event photography:** David Pakkala

**Tori:** Veikko and Laura Malkamaki

**Prizes:** Woolen Throw (Saali) Hand Woven in Nokia, Finland. Tickets are on sale [contact Jean if you haven't been offered tickets yet]. There will be hand woven rugs and baskets, with various themes, filled with many valuable prizes.

**We Need:**

- Coordinator for Bakers. This is a telephone job for getting baked goods together. We have a list.
- Registration volunteers
- People to sell raffle tickets

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## Event Planning Notes and Update for Finn Funn Weekend 2009

- Registration will begin Thursday night.
- Friday will be the Wine Tour.
- Banquets will be on Friday and Saturday nights.
- Saturday will be a full day of demonstrations, music and presenters.

### Banquet Program and Presenters:

The following people have been asked and expressed interest in participating in the festivities:

- Osmo Kanerva, MC, Anita Smiley, Krister Björklund, Richard Koski, Jason Koski and Thomas O'Connor with Carl Rahkonen.
- Finland's Consul General Ritva Jolkkonen based in New York City, Terhi Miikki-Broersma, Finlandia Foundation's Performer of the Year, Vic Aijala with dance music and Richard Impola singing a few songs.

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## Finlandia Foundation Comes to Ithaca

**The fall Finlandia Foundation meeting will be held in Ithaca in conjunction with our Finn Funn Weekend. The entire Board of Directors will meet on Sunday and Monday at the Clarion Hotel.**

**Plan to attend the weekend and meet Finlandia Foundation Board members from around the country.**



A Word from Our President  
*Lisa dC-Koski*

Summer has finally arrived and everyone seems busy enjoying the good weather.



Juhannus wasn't blessed with warm, sunny weather, but we enjoyed fellowship, good food, and excellent music. We announced the winners of two scholarships, which went to Thomas Connor and Heather Radcliffe.

Checks for \$500 were given to Brendan Hatlee, Kaarin Washburn, and Kevin Latson, our three winners from last year. The checks are presented one year after winning; on the condition the recipients have done well in their first year of college.

The Juhannus program consisted of a brass quartet with Lars Washburn, Walter Baer, and two other members of the Ithaca Community Orchestra. A trio consisting of Thomas Connor on fiddle, Jason Koski on mandolin, and Richard Koski on accordion played traditional Finnish dance music. I read several original poems about New England Finns and saunas.

Once again we thank the Huttunen family for all they did in making their beautiful Southview Farm available to us as the perfect setting for Juhannus.

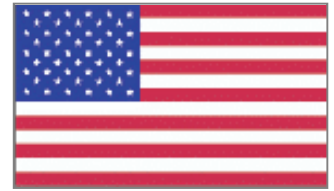
There are two raffles to buy tickets for: the woven woolen wrap from Finland to benefit Finn Funn weekend and the quilt made by Barbara Twombly to benefit our scholarship fund. Tickets will be available at the Finger Lakes Finns' table at the Spencer Picnic on Saturday afternoon, August 15. Stop by to visit us there.

Save the first weekend in October for Finn Funn Weekend at the Clarion Hotel in Ithaca. Many interesting activities are planned for your enjoyment.

Mission Statement  
of the  
Finger Lakes Finns

*The Finger Lakes Finns is organized to promote cultural and educational appreciation of Finnish heritage and customs, to provide a social setting for enjoying old and new friendships in the Finnish tradition, and to pursue charitable community activities.*

*Membership shall consist of persons of Finnish descent, those married to persons of Finnish descent, and any other persons interested in the work and activities of the society.*



**Finger Lakes Finns Officers**

**President:** Lisa Koski

**Vice President:** Virpi Loomis

**Treasurer:** Barbara Twombly

**Secretary:** Jeanne Frandsen

**Membership and Change of Address Coupon**

Join \_\_\_ Change \_\_\_ Renew \_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

To join/renew Finger Lakes Finns membership, please send \$10 per person, payable to **Finger Lakes Finns**, c/o the Membership Chair:

**Jeanne Frandsen 502 Donalds Dr. Ithaca, NY 14850**

Please send address changes to the same address.

**Donations to the Finger Lakes Finns**

If you would like to make a monetary donation to the Finger Lakes Finns, please indicate whether you want it to go to the scholarship fund or the general fund. If you want the donation to be made in memory of someone, please indicate who it should be in memory of and to which fund it should go.

We would like to acknowledge your gift in our February newsletter. We will not print the dollar amounts of the gifts. *If you wish your donation to be anonymous, let us know and we will not print your name.*

Make checks out to Finger Lakes Finns, and send to our Treasurer, Barbara Twombly, PO Box 435, Spencer, NY 14883.

*Thank you.*

*As a non-profit organization, contributions to the Finger Lakes Finns are deductible to the full extent of the tax law.*

## Calendar of Coming Events

August 15, Saturday, Finger Lakes Finns at the Spencer Picnic: quilt raffle benefit of the scholarship fund and woolen wrap raffle benefit of the Finn Funn fund.

August 26, Wednesday, 7pm, Toivo presents a free concert at the Trumansburg Library on Main Street. Toivo also performs at Felicia's Atomic Lounge on W. State Street in Ithaca from 5:30 -8:30 on August 28, The Pourhouse on Main Street in Trumansburg from 7-10 pm on September 16, and the Stonecat Cafe on Rt. 414 in Hector from 9-12 pm on October 10.

September 20, Sunday, 1pm, FLF dish-to-pass luncheon, business meeting, and program, at the Newfield Fire Hall.

October 2, 3, 4, Finn Funn Weekend at the Clarion Hotel in Ithaca.

October 18, Sunday, 1pm, FLF dish-to-pass luncheon, business meeting, and program, at the Newfield Fire Hall.

November 15, Sunday, 1pm, FLF dish-to-pass luncheon, business meeting, and program, at the Newfield Fire Hall.

## Mission and Membership

Membership in Finger Lakes Finns is open to anyone of Finnish origin or with an interest in Finnish culture. Dues are \$10 per person per calendar year. Payment may be made at any time during the year, but only covers membership for the remainder of that calendar year.

Help us provide information and activities for Finns and Finn friends to enjoy. Although you do not need to be a member to attend our meetings and activities, your dues entitle you to continue receiving this newsletter and to vote on all FLF business at our meetings.

For membership please use the form in this issue or at **[www.FingerLakesFinns.org](http://www.FingerLakesFinns.org)**. Mail the form with your check or money order, payable to Finger Lakes Finns, c/o **Jeanne Frandsen, 502 Donald's Drive, Ithaca NY 14850**, or you may use a credit card at our web site.

The Newsletter is produced four times each year. We welcome members to contribute content sent to: FLF Newsletter, c/o Jim Loomis, 19 Upper Clark Ave., Van Etten, NY 14889, [Email [loomis@htva.net](mailto:loomis@htva.net)]. The Editorial committee is Jim Loomis, Richard Koski, and Lisa Koski. **Submissions for the newsletter are due on the 15th of the month before publication.**

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