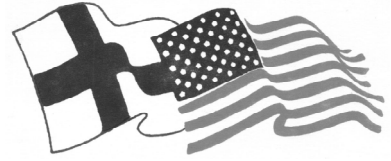


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Core Creek Park, Bucks County, PA September 15th FASDV Annual Picnic

We were so lucky to have a beautiful fall day. Had a nice crowd and the grill was hot. We all enjoyed visiting and catching up with news after the summer.

The day was the Season opener for Suomi-koulu. The students were exploring the woods and creating shadow boxes from leaves and other treasures they found.

Photos by Anitta Williams



375th Anniversary Celebration in Wilmington, DE May 11 2013

In March 1638, the Swedish ship Kalmar Nyckel dropped anchor at “The Rocks” on the shores of the river that the settlers would name for their queen, Christina. Both Swedish and Finnish colonists thus established New Sweden, since Finland was a part of Sweden at the time. Today, both Sweden and Finland share the pride of having founded the first permanent European settlement in the Delaware Valley and jointly celebrate its 375th Anniversary.



Their Majesties King Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia of Sweden and Speaker of the Parliament of Finland, Mr. Eero Heinäluoma and his wife, Ms. Satu Siitonen-Heinäluoma, visited Chester Monument in Wilmington on May 11 in honor of the Jubilee 375th Anniversary Celebration. The monument is a joint gift from the people of Finland and Americans of Finnish descent to commemorate the first Finnish settlers in North America. The monument was designed by Wäinö Aaltonen and erected in 1938.

Vice President Joe Biden got a chance to get in the picture with Marja Kaisla At the 375th Anniversary jubilee dinner May 11. (Finns and Swedes in America since 1638)— in Wilmington, DE.

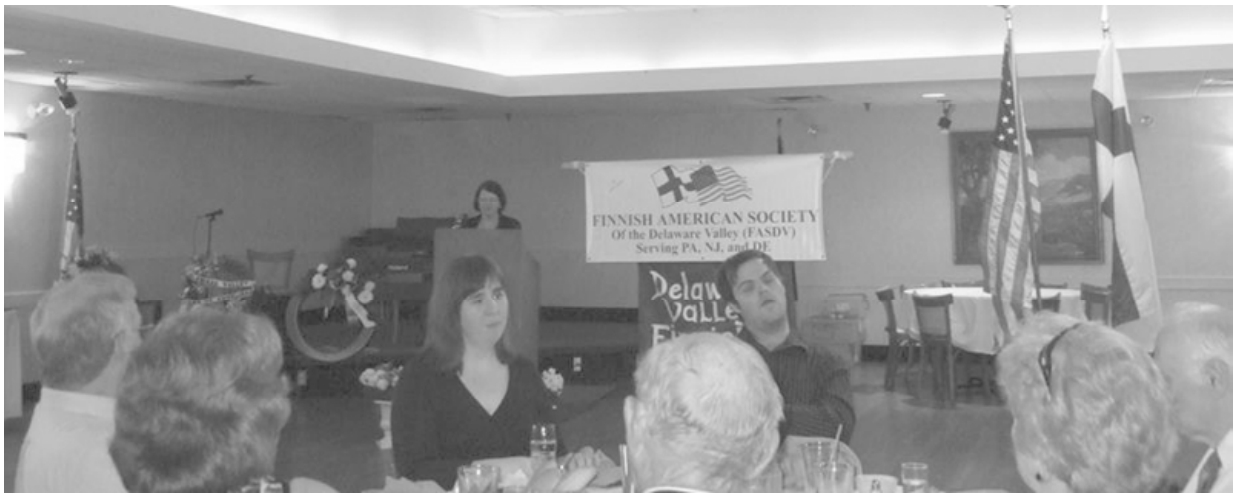


Aimo Tuomi with his daughter Karen Marosi and Ossi Rahkonen, President of Finlandia Foundation at 375th banquet in Wilmington on May 11 2013.

Marja Kaisla, Vice President of New Sweden Alliance, receives the Finnish Government's Commemorative Medal of the Centennial of the Parliament of Finland, Eero Heinäluoma for her work promoting Finnish and Nordic culture in the US.

Photo by William Bretzger of The News Journal.

The 35th FASDV Anniversary Celebration & the 75th Annual Monument Ceremony



Delegate from the Embassy of Finland, led by Ms. Valkama, thanking our organization for the hard work during the 375th Anniversary Year of Finns and Swedes in the Delaware Valley in promoting our culture in America. On foreground our entertainers Brent and Christa Bruswell.

We celebrated together with our sister society the Delaware Valley Finnish Americans on Saturday June 8. First there was the traditional wreath laying at the Chester monument and later in the evening a Dinner dance at Kannstatter Volksfest Verein in Philadelphia. Brent Buswell played the accordion for our dance!

Thank you to Roy and Barbara Palo and Henry Passi for organizing the event.



FASDV retiring President Jukka Kervinen with our new President Marja Kaisla and secretary Hanna Lin



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The Finnish-American Society of the Delaware Valley
Philadelphia Suomi koulu



Barbara Palo teaching Steve Lin how to polka Finland style. Anja DiCio and Hanna Lin going full speed ahead.



Wow, **LUMENE** came really tough. The first price in the raffle at Finnish American Society's 35th Anniversary dinner Saturday 8th of June.
Thank you LUMENE!

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The Finnish-American Society of
the Delaware Valley

Photos courtesy of Hanna Lin.

PECO Multicultural Event June 15 at Penn's Landing



Roy and Barbara Palo meeting our new member Jim Richards from Prospect Park, PA.



Aimo Tuomi and Hanna Lin with Tall Ship Kalmar Nyckel in the background.

PECO multicultural Event
“ Finns and Swedes in the Delaware Valley
since 1638”

Finnish and Swedish music, food, games
Tall Ship Kalmar Nyckel.
and

**Gala Symphony in the evening
at Independence Seaport Museum**



Karelain Band Sattuma. **Sattuma** is one of the most famous folk bands of the Russian Karelia from Petrozavodsk (Petroskoi) . Their music blends tradition and modern times.



Children enjoyed a coloring activity at the Philadelphia Suomi-koulu booth

The Finnish American Society of Delaware Valley and Philadelphia Suomi-koulu booth was a busy spot during the Scandinavian Festival at Penn's Landing on June 15, 2013. We met many Finns and friends of Finland — some from as far away as Minnesota and even Finland! Our Finland-quiz stumped most, but we did have 2 winners, who both chose PSK T-shirts as prizes.

The festival program included music by the Finnish Karelian band Sattuma, New Sweden Band, Swedish American singer Iva and Abba tribute band Abba Girlz.



We had fun seeing many of you at the Penn's Landing festival!

If you missed it but would still like to get a PSK T-shirt, please send Hanna Manninen a message or email. The member price is \$15 (for both PSK and FASDV) - Shirts are green, white or pink with navy blue collar and graphics.

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Earl Seppala congratulates Marja for a job well done. Marja was the major organizer of the festival in addition of being the soloist at the Gala Symphony.

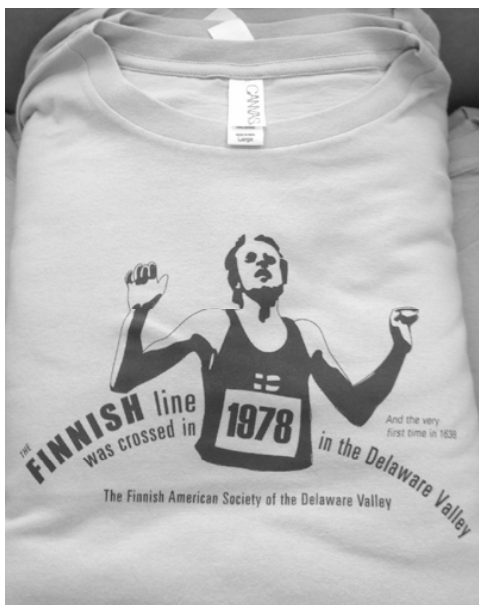


Marja Kaisla and Hanna Lin at the Seaport Museum Reception sponsored by Finlandia Vodka



FinnFest was held June 19-23 in Hancock, Michigan. Aimo (pictured) and Mark Tuomi, Earl and Sylvia Seppala attended.

Our own Marja Kaisla performed a solo recital of Finnish music at Finnfest to everyone's delight.



FASD 35th Anniversary T-shirts are now for sale at \$15. Shirts are light blue-grey with dark blue graphics. Shirts will be available at Christmas party. Soon they can also be purchased at our website through PayPal. <http://fasdv.org/>



Tuesday afternoon in March five of our original members got together for lunch at Bahama Breeze in King of Prussia. Some of them had not seen each other in a long time so it was nice to share memories and get caught up on what they have been doing.

Left to right are Marilyn Loos, Maija Kates, Anja DiCio, Eija Paunila and Anja Mikkola.



The Scandinavian Festival, September 1, 2013 at Vasa Park, Budd Lake, NJ., Many of our members attended to promote the 375 events and sell Suomi-koulu T-shirts. – In picture Pirjo (Smith) watching a medieval sword battle.





Thanks to Hanna Manninen for designing a new logo for our group.

Christmas Church and Christmas Party combined this year

Joulukirkko/Christmas church begins at 2 PM on December 15 at the American Swedish Historical Museum. We will gather in the Alfred Nobel gallery, which is on the main floor. Pastori Tiina Talvitie from The Finn Church of New York with Kanttori Kalle Toivio will conduct the Christmas service.

At about 3 PM, when the service is over, we move downstairs and our Pikkujoulu celebration starts. A special pre-Christmas appearance is scheduled. The Joulupukki will be on hand with little gifts for children. The Society will supply Christmas ham, turkey and coffee. Everyone is invited to prepare and share their own special holiday dish and bring along their own beverage. Suomi-koulu is setting up a separate activity area for the children. Also we have a bazaar table to benefit Suomi-koulu. We all stay until all the food is gone and all the Christmas songs have been sung!

Admission fee for adults: \$15, children under age 16 and exchange students free.

Watch for Google group, or our web page for registration information.

Contact Mari Opuda Marjukka@verizon.net or 609-823-5646



375th Anniversary

375th Anniversary New Sweden Conference in Newark, Delaware

Friday-Sunday November 8-10

ASHM is proud to be one of the organizers for the annual New Sweden History Conference, in partnership with the Council for Northeast Historical Archaeology and the University of Lund, Sweden. The conference commemorates the 375th Anniversary of the New Sweden Colony, and is titled "Encountering 'Others' in the Atlantic World: Perspectives from the Material World." The conference will take place at the University of Delaware's Clayton Hall in Newark, Delaware and will focus on the archaeological findings related to the New Sweden Colony. For more information www.americanswedish.org

Mrs. Mary Engblom

from Clarsboro NJ passed away October 4 2003.. The viewing for Mary Engblom was Saturday October 19th at 9:00 am at Saint Johns Catholic church in Paulsboro NJ.

Mrs. Engblom was predeceased by her husband Raymond, survived (among others) by her son Steven and grandson Steven, who used to attend Philadelphia Suomi-koulu many years back.

Marja Kaisla, President of FASDV has sent a condolence card to the survivors of Mrs. Englund on behalf of FASDV.

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MARK YOUR CALENDER 2013

November 1	Finnish and Swedish Music and Spirits since 1638 at the Barnes Foundation
November 8-10	375th Anniversary New Sweden Conference in Newark, Delaware.
November 10	Suomi koulu at ASHM 12noon
December 15	Christmas Church and Christmas Party at ASHM

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375th Anniversary

**Finnish and Swedish Music and Spirits
since 1638**

November 1 2013. Time: 8:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.

**At Barnes Foundation,
2025 Benjamin Franklin Pkwy,
Philadelphia, PA 19130**

On November 1. at the Barnes Foundation New Sweden Alliance is hosting a 375th Anniversary Music and Spirits night, with a background of the Barnes galleries. Enjoy the music of Iva, Finlandia Vodka, and freedom to tour the galleries. Check 375th.org for more details!

Updated news about FASDV is available. Send an email to
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 for news of current and upcoming events.



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