



FINNISH HERITAGE SOCIETY, SOVITTAJA, INC.

Rutland, MA
www.sovittaja.org

Membership Application

The Finnish Heritage Society, Sovittaja (FHSS) is a social, cultural and charitable organization interested in promoting scholarship and a better appreciation of Finnish Heritage. FHSS is a non-profit organization. Its membership consists largely of people of Finnish and Scandinavian descent and of others who share an interest in the activities of the society.

Social activities include business meetings, summertime dinners and dances, barbecues, potluck meals, day trips around New England and other events and activities that promote Finnish heritage in a social setting.

Cultural activities include hosting guest speakers at meetings, participation in other organizations' Finnish-American activities and hosting groups from Finland, such as athletic, choral and folk dance groups and other related activities.

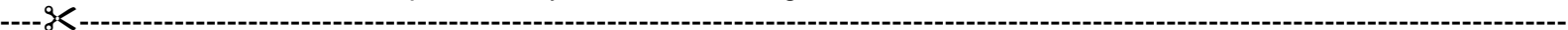
Charitable activities include the awarding of scholarships to young people of merit who are furthering their education in institutions of higher learning, as well as making donations to Finnish-American historical archives and civic organizations.

FHSS is responsible for the upkeep, maintenance and repair of Sovittaja Park on Finn Park Road in Rutland, MA.

Members enjoy participation in the social and cultural events and are expected to voluntarily assist in those events at times they feel best able. Specific examples of assistance include serving on event committees, providing kitchen assistance, preparing coffee table refreshments and general set-up and clean-up at regularly scheduled dinners, dances and other major events that are hosted by FHSS. The FHSS membership roster is sufficiently large so that members can usually plan to be on a committee for two or three events per year.

Membership dues of \$10.00 per person are payable annually in January. Youth dues for family members (12-18 years of age) are \$2.00 per person with no voting privileges. Checks are payable to **Finnish Heritage Society, Sovittaja**.

Please retain the upper portion for your records and mail the bottom portion, along with your dues, to Membership Secretary Eva Hirvi, 4 Ridgewood Road, Paxton, MA 01612.



Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____ Cell _____

Address _____

Interests (check all that apply):

- Newsletter Grounds/maintenance Kitchen help Event planning Publicity
- Kids' events Grants/fundraising Decorations _____

Sponsors' names: 1. _____ (FHSS Member)
2. _____ (FHSS Member)

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Date received: _____ Payment received? Y / N