

FinnFunn Weekend 2004

Ithaca NY is known for its beautiful and dramatic nature. Gorges and waterfalls, lakes and fields. Up-state NY attracted many Finnish immigrants during the great emigration years. In 1910 Finns began moving to farms mostly in the areas of Spencer, Van Etten, Newfield and Trumansburg. For many years a very active Finnish-American community made their own unique contributions to the region.

This year's FinnFunn Weekend was hosted by the Finger Lakes Finns in Ithaca from October 1st to 3rd. During these three days abundant activities were offered, everything from tours to performances and exhibits. The Institute of Migration took part in the

festivities by presenting the emigrant register and a lecture.

250 guests attended, most came from New York or neighboring northeastern states, but some came from as far as Florida, Texas, California and Washington as well as Canada and Finland. Fifteen states were represented so the theory of a northeastern gathering is expanding.

Next year's celebration is in Worcester, MA on November 4–6, 2005.



Brent Buswell and Susanna Paju kept the dance floor crowded. – *Kristen Björklund.*

Vierailuja Siirtolaisuusinstituutissa

Suomen ystävät Claes Iwar ja Ann-Margret Sjöberg Karlstadista, Ruotsista, ovat vierailleet Siirtolaisuusinstituutissa monena vuonna, ja aina on tuomina harvinaisia kirjalahjoituksia. Tällä kerralla saimme Amandus Johnsonin 2-osaisen "The Swedish Settlement on the Delaware 1638–1664". Kirjat on julkaistu vuonna 1911 Pennsylvaniassa. Lahjan vastaanotti kirjastonhoitaja Taimi Sainio (vas.).

