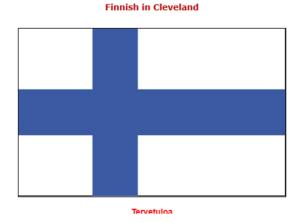
## **ClevelandPeople.Com Honors Ethnic Diversity**

By Wally Huskonen

"The Cleveland area is home to 120 or so different ethnic groups - each bringing their unique customs, costumes, music, religion, art, food and so on. We believe that our community is richer because of the ethnic diversity we have and that it could be even better if we promoted and celebrated the cultures more." That's the opening statement of the website <u>ClevelandPeople.com</u>

Because my father's family emigrated to America in 1902 and 1903 from Finland, I was interested in seeing what this website offered about Finnish culture. When I clicked on the heading Finnish, up popped the Finnish National Flag.



That was followed by an interesting note that I had to check out:

## Visit our on-line Finnish Store Books, Music, DVDs, Clothes, Flags and More

The organization has cleverly linked a list of product categories such as Finnish Apparel, Finnish Music, etc., to products available on Amazon.com. I found some interesting ebooks to add to my library.

ClevelandPeople is a huge supporter of the Cleveland Cultural Gardens Federation and the One World Day. The most recent One World Day was held on Sunday, Aug 24, 2025, and featured a Parade of Flags followed by exhibits at each of the 35 cultural gardens along East Boulevard.



Finnish Americans participated in the 2025 Parade of Flags on One World Day.

ClevelandPeople offers to keep you informed about Cleveland and Northeast Ohio Ethnic and Cultural Events. You can sign up for a free newsletter at <u>Cleveland Ethnic Events Calendar</u> <u>Cleveland Cultural Events</u>.