

Boston Public Library

Winchester resident helps to land Luukkanen exhibit



RITVA LUUKKANEN
art exhibit at Boston
Public Library

WINCHESTER — High praise has been given to Ritva Luukkanen's stone mosaic art work which has been a featured exhibit this month at the Boston Public Library.

Sponsored by the Finlandia Foundation Trust, Mrs. Luukkanen's exhibition tour has been arranged by Winchester resident Vera Smith of Meadowcroft Road.

For the past 22 years, Mrs. Luukkanen has collected stones of various colors and shapes from all parts of Finland. Splitting the stones with a hammer, the resulting colored fragments "tend to create their own personality into portraits, landscapes, and religious mosaic art."

To enhance the meaning of her work, Mrs. Luukkanen writes poetry which accompany the individual art pieces.

A reception for the artist and her son, Reino, held at the Boston Public Library on July 9, was well attended by local Finnish-American dignitaries including the Finnish General Consul for Boston, Leonard Kopelman.

Following the Boston exhibition, which ends early next week, Mrs. Luukkanen's future venues include Augsburg College in Minneapolis, the Nordic Heritage Museum in Seattle and the Finish Embassy in Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Smith, who has served as Trustee of the Finlandia Foundation Trust for several years, previously served as president of the Boston Chapter. She has expressed her gratitude that Mrs. Luukkanen's initial exhibition in the U.S.A. has been in Boston and, as such, is helping to celebrate the local observance of Finland's 80th year of independence.