

Art Paimensaari

Exhibition is open in the summer

at another time by agreement



E. Jokipelto

M. J. Rautio

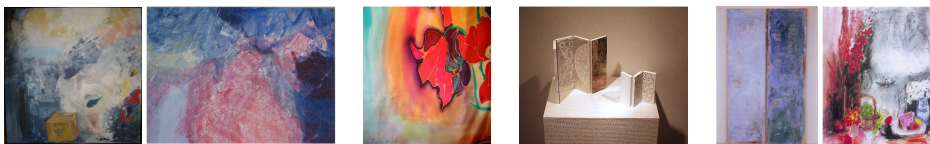
Short History of Art Paimensaari –Exhibitions 1970 -

Art Paimensaari is one of the oldest summer exhibitions in Finland. Mr **Väinö Rautio**, the artist born in Wyborg in 1894 (died 1974), was known mainly as a portrait painter. He started to spend the summers in 1935 in Paimensaari in the district of Savitaipale after he had moved as an evacuee to Lappeenranta in 1948. There he also built his studio. He also was a founder of the art school in Lappeenranta and was teaching there about 15 years.

Väinö Rautio was probably the only one who was painting the destroying Wyborg in 1940-44 during the war. You can find more information about him in Internet www.artpaimensaari.com or in the Visual Artists 1991 -book of Artists' Foundation of Finland.

Väinö Rautio's son **Matti J. Rautio** and his wife **Eeva Jokipelto** are the host and hostess of the Exhibition of Art Paimensaari nowadays and they are continuing the Paimensaari-tradition. Both of them are artists, too.

There have been tens of famous visiting artists during the years, mainly from Finland. Recent artists have been such as silk painter **Anna-Liisa Gillings** from London, painters **Annikki Poijärvi** from Helsinki, **Marjo Poijärvi** from Kellokoski and textile artist **Aino Uski** from Savitaipale.



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