#### WELCOME TO THE CONFERENCE

# european perspectives

Helsinki, Finland June 17, 2011

The conference will bring together various Eastern and Western European cultural organisations that operate in the field of Outsider Art and that work to promote its unique artistic qualities and together support the continuation of the Outsider Art tradition and history.

The object of the conference is to discuss in depth some general questions concerning the conditions of Outsider Art in different parts of Europe. Adapting a historical and political view, the conference will focus on art and culture in Eastern European countries and examine how artistic expressions by people outside the norm have been acknowledged and discussed there.

### LECTURES DISCUSSIONS NETWORKING

The Union for Rural Culture and Education in Finland will host a conference for a broader circle of specialists and others interested in the topic. The conference fee is EUR 50, students EUR 30.

NOTE! There will be a general assembly and post-conference programme on 18 June for members of the European Outsider Art Association.

Outsider Art Past Forward is a joint project between four countries, with Gaia Museum in Randers, Denmark as its main organizer. It is part of the EU Culture programme and receives funding from it. The other partners are Kunstahaus Kannen in Münster, Germany, Museum Dr. Guislain in Gent, Belgium and the Union for Rural Culture and Education in Finland.

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Finnish Contemporary Folk Art

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The Finnish contemporary folk art website will be launched during the spring. Please visit the website at www.itenet.fi.

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