

# W I C NEWS

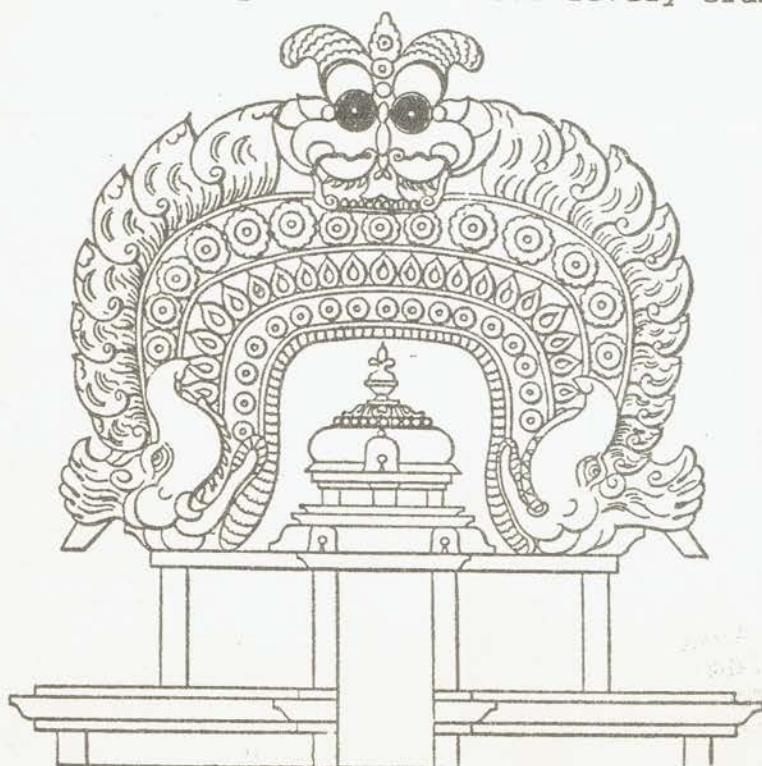


FEBRUARY, 1995

Dear Members,

In no time at all we are into 1995! Winter holds us in its grip and icy winds lash the city. How welcome is the bright sun now -- so searing only a short while ago -- as it turns the sky to a silvery blue and makes the roof tops and domes sparkle in its bright light.

To choose an executive committee for a club with a distinction and a heritage like ours is no small task: to choose one for a Silver Jubilee year a Herculean one. Nominations Chairperson Ildilko and her committee members -- Prama, Ayse, Deepak, Dolly, Frenny and Maggie -- have a challenging task ahead. I sincerely hope you have sent in your suggestions. Because it is your inclinations, your decisions that is going to guide them into putting together a team which will reflect the yearnings and the aspirations of our lovely club.



This month we are going to introduce you to some aspects of the living cultural tradition of the temple state of Tamil Nadu. Whether it be Tanjore art or temples of Mahabalipuram, Kanchivaram silk or Chola bronzes, worship and aesthetic are closely woven into the fabric of Tamil Nadu's daily life. Temple architecture in the Deccan received great impetus and identity with the rise of the Pandya kings in 5th

century A.D. The Chola dynasty that followed carried forward the rich tradition, adding the concept of "Gopuram" or gateway. But the crowning glory in temple architecture came with the introduction of the gigantic hallway -- a massive corridor supported by a marching column of enormous and exquisitely carved pillars. An awesome sight indeed!

I am happy to tell you that Connie Gupta has very kindly agreed to be our new Newsletter Chairperson in the place of Jane whose husband has now been posted to Brussels. We bid a sad adieu to Jane. Connie brings a rare experience and expertise to her assignment. With her in charge we can confidently forge ahead.

Sincerely,

*Nayana Garadia*

President





# The Month's Programmes

## February

### General Meeting

Wednesday, February 8, 3 p.m. at Roosevelt House, U.S. Embassy, Shanti Path, the residence of Christine Wisner, Tel: 600-651 x 2226

Sunita Kohli will present an illustrated talk on the Tanjore paintings of South India. She will touch on the history, techniques and depiction of themes of these works. Her research on this craft will be the subject of her forthcoming book to be published by Banyan Books.

Because of strict security all names must be turned in ahead of time. If your name is not on the list, you cannot attend, so return your cards to Jyotsna by January 30.



### EXCURSIONS

Wednesday, February 1, 10:15 a.m. Meet near the Green Park Free Church (near Hauz Khas) on Aurobindo Marg

Delhi has always played an important part in history, although it has not always been the capital of India. There have been at least seven cities around modern Delhi. With its long, checkered past, Delhi abounds in relics and remains.

On our excursion, we shall visit the 14th century Khirki Masjid built during the reign of Ferozeshah Tuglaq. We shall also visit the Jahaz Mahal, built in the 13th century, and probably so named because of its ship-like appearance by the side of a vast lake. It is said that the Prophet appeared to Illutmish in a dream and pointed out this site to him as suitable for building a tank. The waters of the tank are regarded as sacred. The procession for the "Phool Walon Ki Sair" fair starts from the overflow outlet of this tank.



## Visual Arts Circle

Thursday, February 2, 3 p.m. at the home of Bindu Talwar,  
B-370 New Friends Colony, Tel: 683-1242, 631-161

Come and experience the warmth and grandeur of shawls from Kashmir -- originally a "shal," and now a shawl! This talk and slide show by Mr. Nazir Ahmed will highlight the different types of Pashmina, Tush and Jamawar shawls. He will also explain how to distinguish between real and fake Pashminas or Tushes. On display will be some national award-winning shawls which are definitely worth seeing.

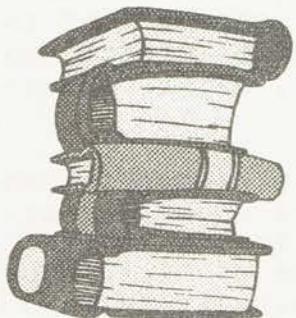
## Cultural Circle

Friday, February 10, 3 p.m. at the Russian Cultural Centre, 24 Feroze Shah Road

Shri Krishna Deva, a former Director of the Archaeological Survey of India, will speak to us about the temple architecture of Tamil Nadu. He is an eminent scholar of Indian architecture and archaeology with numerous excavations and explorations to his credit.

Shri Deva has been Archaeological Advisor to the Government of Nepal as well as a consultant to the American Institute of Indian Studies for their project on The Encyclopedia of Indian Temple Architecture. He is the author of numerous research papers and books and is currently editor of the "Journal of Indian Society of Oriental Art."

## Book Circle



Monday, February 13, 3 p.m. at the home of Tuli Mirchandani,  
B-114 Sarvodaya Enclave,  
Tel: 696-4261

Our book this month is In Their Own Voice: The Penguin Anthology of Contemporary Indian Women Poets, edited by Arlene Zide. Participants will be asked to read a poem from the book and a discussion will follow each reading. A short summary of Zide's introduction will also be presented.



## Gourmet and Garden

Wednesday, February 15. 12:30 p.m. at the home of  
Josefina Young, A-35 Vasant Marg, Vasant Vihar,  
Tel: 678-593

Hola! Josefina will demonstrate the preparation of some  
of her native Spanish dishes. The audience will  
demonstrate how to eat them. Sorry, there is room for  
only twenty.

## Performing Arts

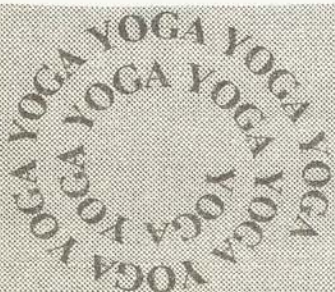
Friday, February 17, 3 p.m. at the home of Prama  
Bhandari, 9 Padmini Enclave, Hauz Khas, Tel: 686-2807

Join us for an introduction to Karnatic music and its  
compositional forms and concert pattern.

Tamil Nadu is the seat of Karnatic music. The area is  
unique from the point of view of the great composers and  
musicians it has produced and the patronage it has  
received in all arts.

Shri Vageesh, the noted musician, will give a short  
concert to our members. He has given many recitals at  
home and abroad. At present he is the Assistant Director  
of Karnatic music programs at All India Radio. As part  
of the musician's family, he is a disciple of Sangeet  
Vidushi H.S. Mahalakshmi.

This will be an exciting musical event so do come!



Monday, February 20, 10:30 a.m. in the  
garden of Rupa Sahni, 20 Amrita Shergill  
Marg, Tel: 461-1977, 461-9553

Dr. S.N. Gaur will give us a complete  
work out in thirty minutes. Please  
remember to bring your own mats.

There will be no Yoga Two this month.



# FOCUS

Wednesday, February 22, 3 p.m. at the home of Ayse Sungar, 22 Prithviraj Road, Tel: 301-3612

Well-known fashion designer Madhu Jain will give an interesting presentation on the "Evolution of Dress Designing in India," tracing its genesis in ancient vedic times through the different eras that influenced it -- such as the Mughal and the Raj periods -- and on to the contemporary trends in India.

Madhu is a stylist who introduced several influential innovations in Indian haute couture. She will also illustrate the talk with models wearing creations inspired by various regions, with a special emphasis on the arts and weaves of Tamil Nadu. Questions will be welcomed.



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The following telephone number corrections have been received:

Anita Meattle -- 301-2289 and 301-2221 (p.19)  
Tuli Mirchandani -- 696-4261 (p.19)  
Zohra Shaw -- 696-0198 (p. 25)  
Leena Singh -- 684-4204 and 691-1402 (p. 25)  
Sudarshana Singh -- 684-4204 and 691-1402 (p. 26)

If you have trouble reaching some telephone numbers, check to see if they start with 63 or 65. The 63 numbers have been changed to 691 and 65 numbers are now 696 with the last four digits remaining the same in both cases.

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MARCH EXCURSION

TRIP TO BUNDI AND KOTA

MARCH 5-7

Save March 5 through 7 and join us in our exciting excursion to the former princely states of Bundi and Kota.

The culture of Rajasthan with its battle-scarred forts, its palaces of luxury and charm, its riotous colors and even its romantic sense of pride and humor is still very much alive. With the vivid colored turbans and soup-strainer moustaches sported by its men and the bright mirrored skirts and silver jewelry of its women, Rajasthan is visibly unique.

Bundi is a picturesque little town still retaining a medieval atmosphere with its massive Taragarh (Star Fort) built in the 14th century, palaces, tanks and exquisite murals. An easy train ride from Delhi at 7 a.m. reaches Kota about 2:45 in the afternoon, leaving us plenty of time to visit interesting sites there. The next day's trip to Bundi will be by bus. We plan to return on the 7th by train from Jaipur.

Come explore the forts and palaces and enjoy the splendid murals and other exciting places in Bundi and Kota.

The total cost of this round trip, inclusive of travel by train and bus, accommodation and meals at Kota will be Rs. 3,500.

Pay by check or cash BEFORE FEBRUARY 8 to

Candy Rohde (674-854, 673-494)  
Sheila Ghatate (332-9823, 332-9346)  
Laxmi Chandra (688-5545)



FOR YOUR DELIGHT & ENTERTAINMENT . . . **THE WIC GALA**

The theme of this year's GALA will be  
**AN AUTHENTIC TAMIL NADU WEDDING**  
CELEBRATED WITH A COLORFUL AND UNUSUAL WEDDING CEREMONY

**COME** AS A WEDDING GUEST . . . THE DRESS IS *FORMAL*

**ENJOY** THE JOYFUL WEDDING PROGRAM, THEN . . .

**DINE** ON A SUMPTUOUS TAMIL BUFFET, THEN

**DANCE** THE NIGHT AWAY TO GREAT MUSIC  
TO SUIT EVERY DANCING TASTE AND STYLE!

**ENTER** A DRAWING FOR EXCITING PRIZES . . .  
YOUR GALA TICKET IS YOUR CHANCE



**SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 1995 at 7:30 PM**

(The Ceremony starts *promptly*)

AT THE RESIDENCE OF THE EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

**PLEASE ORDER YOUR TICKETS BY THE  
DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 24**

Purchase tickets from Board Members at WIC Circle meetings,  
or at the General Meeting on February 8.

**DON'T MISS THIS VERY SPECIAL EVENT!**

**PLEASE HELP US**

by donating wine and liquor to make this a truly gala celebration.

We need: GIN, VODKA, RED WINE, WHITE WINE, & BEER

Please deliver all donations to GISELA ELIAS at 4 Bhagwan Dass Road  
between 9-1 and 3-5 Monday through Saturday. Please be sure to include your name  
clearly with your donation!

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!!**



## Executive Committee 1994/95

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	Candy Rohde (US)	674854
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	Meenu Dugal (India)	8340010
<b>Yoga</b>	Anita Meattle (India)	3012289
	Lyd Hienkens (Netherlands)	4632801



# Month at a Glance

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