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WIC News

The President's Letter - March, 1999

Dear Members,

March strides in to the throbbing beat of drums and a riot of colour! The Bacchanalian celebration of Holi-the most boisterous festival of India-will greet us on the first days of the month. The origins of this merry fest have several fascinating interpretations, but all said and done, it is in fact a celebration of Life and of Love, the pulsating surge of a new awakening after the numbing chill of Winter.

You have to be *en garde!* If you do not wish to be a spoil sport, you have two choices: face up or flee! I must confess I've reached the stage where I'd rather flee...

Celebrations abound this month - the birth of Lord Rama, the Prophet Ibrahim's gesture of sacrifice, the birth of the Lord Mahavir-all these are commemorated with great rejoicing.

The weather should be perfect for the last WIC Gala before the millenium. Do come in full strength to make this fun filled evening one to remember.

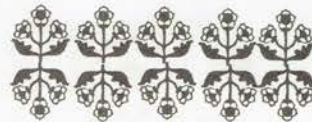
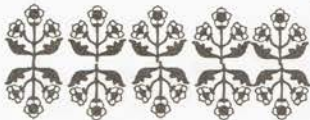
The General Meeting will be held on the 10th of March at 3:00 p.m. in the refined ambience of Abidah Qazi's beautiful home, where we will be regaled with even more beauty and colour in the form of India's rich wealth of textiles.

All good wishes,

President

General Meeting

Wednesday 10th March 1999
at 3:00 p.m.
at the home of Abidah Qazi
Pakistan House, 8B Tilak Marg, New Delhi



VISHVAKARMA - TRADITION AND BEYOND CONTEMPORARY TEXTILE DEVELOPMENTS

Ms. Rita Kapur Chisti and Mr. Rahul Jain will present a slide programme on selected textiles from the seven (7) Vishvakarma exhibitions held between 1980-1990. Treasures from the world of textiles including pigment painted, dye painted, resist dyed textile, and the myriad weaves of master craftsmen will be presented for your enjoyment. Ms. Chisti and Mr. Jain are associates of Mr. Martand Singh and have worked closely with him to present the Vishvakarma series. If you want any unusual fabric spoken about, please do bring it !


Please remember that due to security reasons, names of guests will be required to be submitted in advance. Your cooperation is requested to avoid embarrassment to yourself and your guest.

From the Editor

ITHAKA

I would like to share with you an adaptation of Constantine Peter Cavafy's immortal classic, **Ithaka**, by Sarah Ban Breathnach. It profoundly moved me as someone who is on her own personal odyssey. Sarah's adaptation is addressed to all women who as daughters, friends, lovers, wives, and mothers are seeking their authentic selves, their Ithaka.

(Ithaka was the beloved island home of the legendary Greek hero, Odysseus. After playing a leading role in the Trojan war, Odysseus roamed the world for ten years, having adventures, meeting challenges, and learning lessons that profoundly changed him. Today an odyssey means a long, often exhausting, exhilarating and/or excruciating transformation journey.)




*Pray that your journey be long,
full of many summer mornings
when with much pleasure and much joy
you anchor in harbours never seen before;
Browse through Phoenician markets,
to purchase exquisite treasures --
mother of pearl and coral, ebony and amber
and sensual perfumes of all kinds --
as much as you desire.*

*Visit many Egyptian cities, content
to sit at the feet of sages, eager
and open to receive learning.
Keep Ithaka always in your mind.
Your arrival there is your destiny.
But do not hurry the journey at all; be patient.
Better that it lasts for many years --
longer than you can even imagine.*

*So that finally, when you reach this
sacred isle, you will be a wise woman,
abundantly fulfilled by all you
have gained along the way;
no longer expecting Ithaka to make you wealthy,
no longer needing Ithaka to make you rich.*

*Ithaka offered you the profound journey,
the chance to discover the woman you have always been.
Without Ithaka as your inspiration, you
never would have set
out in search of Wholeness.
And should you find her poor,
Ithaka did not deceive you,
Authentic as you have become, full of wisdom,
beauty and grace, enriched and enlightened
by all you have experienced
you will finally understand what all
of life's Ithaka's truly mean.*



Priscila R. Confiado



Circle Programmes



BOOKS

URVASHI BUTALIA will speak on her book "THE OTHER SIDE OF SILENCE." This remarkable book, the outcome of a decade of interviews and research, looks at what Partition was intended to achieve, and how it worked on the ground and in people's lives. Voices from the Partition of India in 1947 which caused one of the great human convulsions of history. The statistics are staggering. Twelve million people were displaced; a million died; families were divided; properties lost; houses destroyed.

Monday, 8th March 1999 at 3:00 p.m.
Residence of Mrs. Susan Carter
Bungalow No. 3
British High Commission, Shantipath
Chanakyapuri, New Delhi
Tel. No. 687-2161 Ext. 2494
Limited to 40 persons

Note : As there is no parking allowed at Shantipath, cars will have to be parked at the side street in between the Norwegian Embassy and the British High Commission.



At the beginning of this year, the common European currency, the "EURO," was introduced in 11 European countries, an important date in the post - World War II economic history.

What will be the consequences of the introduction of the new European currency ? Will it create a new economic dynamism in Europe and the world economy? Will it grow into a serious competitor of the United States Dollar? Will INDIA, for which the European Union is the most important trading partner, benefit from it?

Dr. Heinrich-Dietrich Dieckmann, Ambassador of Germany-the country which has taken over the Presidency of the EU during the first 6 Months of this year - will speak to us about this important subject and discuss with us the implications of the EURO for India and the world.

Thursday, 18th March 1999 at 3:30 p.m.
At the residence of Mrs. Etelka Dallos
2/50-M Niti Marg, Chanakyapuri,
New Delhi. Tel. No. 611 4737
Limited to 60 persons

Recipe for Living

"SIMPLY WOMEN"-an inward journey of self-awareness exploring personal and social issues that affect being a woman of the 90s. This year (1999) is the ideal time to look back over the years and into ourselves and to assess our personal achievements as we look forward to the new millenium with confidence and determination.

Our very own Ma. Theresa Herzog will share with us her insights on this matter. Tess is a Human Resources Development consultant and has conducted extensive lectures and seminars on this.

Monday 22nd March at 3:00 p.m.
At the residence of Mrs. Jyoti Wazir
C-5/15 Defence Colony, New Delhi
Tel. No. 469 8143, 463 1983
Limited to 35 persons



CULTURE/ PERFORMING ARTS

The Culture Circle brings you a debate between two (2) of Delhi's most articulate and witty gentlemen, **Suhel Seth and Pavan Varma**. The topic is "THIS HOUSE BELIEVES THAT WHAT INDIA NEEDS IS DEVELOPMENT, NOT CULTURE !" Speaking for the house will be Suhel and the devil's advocate will be played by Pavan. There will be a panel of three (3) judges from the audience who will decide on the winner.

Please send any questions or points you may have in advance to Lakshmi Chandra, tel. No. 614 5545 or Fax No. 614 9503. The speakers will address these questions after they have made their initial presentations. We request that there are no interruptions during the debate. We hope you will enjoy what promises to be an enjoyable and stimulating afternoon.

Friday, 19th March 1999 at 3:00 p.m.
At the residence of Mrs. Gnana Moonesinghe
Sri Lanka High Commission
27 Kautilya Marg, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi
Tel. No. 379 2420
Limited to 60 persons

Circle Programmes

Excursion

AN EXCURSION WITH A DIFFERENCE

We welcome the spring with a picnic (you heard of picnics years ago!) - yes? Well, we are headed towards the beautiful surroundings of the Aravalli Hills.

First stop being Howard's End, off Badshapur, where Annie will welcome us at her new Retreat. From there, we will continue to Sohna and before partaking of our lunch, we could perhaps take a dip in the Hot Sulphur springs in the Sohna complex. Sohna is approximately 50 kms from Delhi.

Thursday, 4th March 1999

Departure time at 9:30 a.m.

Meeting Place at the Parking Area of the India International Centre

INTERNATIONAL CUISINE & GARDENS



"RAMINDRA'S SALADS"

Salads have become through the years an art by itself! They make a charming light beginning to a meal, a splendid main course or a welcome interruption to a succession of courses. Our very own Ramindra Ajit Singh will share with us her best kept secrets on the preparation of her favorite vegetarian and non-vegetarian salad recipes.

Wednesday, 17th March 1999 at 11:30 a.m.

At Ramindra's Farm

15/1 Palam - Gurgaon Road

Old National Highway 8, Gurgaon

Tel. No. 913-42885 (6)

Limited to 25-30 persons



OUTREACH

OUTREACH will re-commence working as before on Friday mornings, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, either at Humayun's Tomb or directly at The Cambridge School from **February.**



GALA '99

THEATRE SUPPER

on Saturday 6 March '99

Please pick up your tickets for the Theatre Supper on 6 March from :

Kiran Anand Sharon Graefe
Jyotsna Govil Shireen Kehmchand

**Price Rs. 600/- per head
for Member and Partner**

**Price Rs. 800/- per head
for Guests**

Please indicate table reservations and your preference for veg/non veg. food. Tables for 6 or 8 are available. NO tickets will be available after Thursday 4 March.





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	Usha Venkateswaran	Tel. 2250730; 225-6804

We deeply regret to announce the resignation of our charming Secretary, Zubaidah Kamilan, for reasons of health, and we wish her with all our hearts, a speedy and complete recovery.

All Sunita Kohli's friends at WIC are thinking of her, recuperating from her frightful ordeal after a horrific fall. Sunita is in the private ward at the All India Medical Institute. Visiting hours are from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. our thoughts are with her and with her family and we wish her a speedy return to perfect health.



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WE BID FAREWELL TO :

1. Tirtasari ARDIYASA
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3. Marianna WHITE
4. Patricia HOLMES
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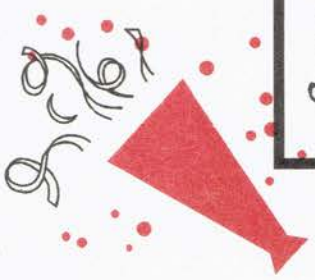
We welcome the following new members :

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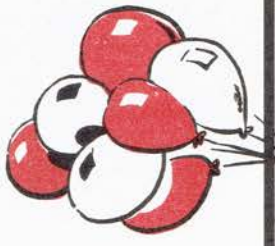
WELCOME BACK

Amrita MANKAD
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(husband - PIYUSH)



March

It's GALA Time!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	8 BOOKS "The Other Side of Silence" 3:00 p.m. Susan Carter Bung, 3 British High Comm. Shantipath		10 General Meeting VISHVAKARMA 3:00 p.m. Pakistan House 8B Tilak Marg	EXCURSION "Aravali Hills" 9:30 a.m. Parking Area of the IIC		GALA '99 8:00 P.M. Hungarian Embassy 2/50 M Niti Marg
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14	15	16	17 CUISINE "Ramindra's Salads" 11:30 a.m. Ramindra's Farm 15/1 Palam Gurgaon Rd. Old National Highway 8	18 FOCUS "EURO" 3:30 p.m. Etelka Dallos 2/50 M Niti Marg Chankayapuri	CULTURE "Development not Culture" 3:00 p.m. Gnana Moonesinghe Sri Lanka High Comm. 27 Kautliya Marg	20
21	22 RECIPE "Simply Women" 3:00 p.m. Jyoti Wazir C-5/15, Defence Colony	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	<i>Don't forget to Pick up your Tickets !!</i>		

