



NEWS LETTER

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL CLUB DELHI
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D E C E M B E R 2023

**DISCOVER OUR MONTHLY PROGRAM
CREATED ESPECIALLY FOR YOU**

**PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS - GENERAL MEETING
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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Fatimata KANE HAIDARA, *President*



Dear ladies of Women's International Club,

If I tell you : "It always seems impossible until it's done. » Who are you thinking of?

I know you guessed it right away!

This beautiful quote is indeed from Nelson Mandela.

This month, through the magic of cinema, we will travel to South Africa, in the homeland of this greatest hero of Africa.

From there we will travel to Ukraine, always through the magic of art, where we will immerse

ourselves in the culture of this beautiful country located in Eastern Europe. After that we will come back to India for equally exciting activities detailed in the calendar.

Dear WIC members,

Let's welcome the month of December, the month which rhymes with generosity, secret Santa, best wishes and decorations worthy of Walt Disney's fairy tales, for the great happiness of all those who have managed to keep their childish soul.

To our members who return to their home countries, I wish you all the best and do enjoy your reunion with your respective families and especially your gifts under the Christmas tree.

I would not be able to end without thanking, as usual, our hostesses of the month of November and all the members who take their time to attend the programs.

With my warmest wishes.



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CIRCLE LEADERS 2023/2024



ART AND BOOKS

Art : Sunaina Suneja, Véronique Dieu
Books : Svetlana Romanova, Anita Dua



CULTURAL HERITAGE / INTERACTIONS

Seema Bhalla, Rene Singh , Yulia Aryaeva



FASHION AND TEXTILES

Madhu Jain, Leena Singh, Radhika Anand



FINANCE AND ECONOMICS

Gitanjali Mehta, Madhavi Divan Goradia, Smita Mankad



FOOD AND FITNESS

Frenny Billmoria, Sunaina Aggarwal, Bogusia Dhingra



LUNCH BUNCH

Bindu Talwar, Megan Reid, Surinder Sarna



MOVIES / DOCUMENTARIES / THEATRE

Sinia Duggal , Alice Cheng



PERFORMING ARTS

Shovana Narayan, Shivani Pasrich, Saskia Rao De Haas



SPECIAL PROGRAM MEMBERS CHOICE

Bubbles Suneja, Sunandini Kapur, Anita Dua



TRAVEL

Ruchika Rajan, Ashima Singh, Raveena Khurana



WORLD TODAY

Rosie Sahni, Anat Brenner, Peggy Bhohi



WORLD FESTIVAL (for information Only)

Sheila Ghatate, Smita Divan, Seità Vaidialingam



CIRCLE MEETING

FOOD AND FITNESS

Monday December 4th 2023, 11 am

Farm Fresh Delights: Organic salads and soups demonstration

Venue : Residence of Sunaina Aggarwal , 2 Church Road. Opp St Martin's School, Delhi Cantonment. New Delhi 110010

Limit : 25

Please register yourself with RSVP or Simrit SINGH (Hospitality Chairperson), mobile 98107 52525 - email simritksingh@gmail.com

Confirmation based on first come basis in view of limited slots.

Come and learn to make Salads and Soups from organically home grown fresh vegetables and fruits by Sunaina an expert at salad making !



The demonstration will be followed by lunch.



GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday December 6th 2023, 3 pm
**Conversations with Kiran Nadar: Art,
Philanthropy and the Power of Vision**

Venue : Kiran Nadar Museum of Art (KNMA) No. 145
DLF South Court Mall Saket, Saket District Centre
New Delhi, Delhi 110017

Dress code : **Red** and/ or **Green** accents

We will be in conversation with **Kiran Nadar**
the Chairperson of Kiran Nadar Museum of
Art and a trustee of the Shiv Nadar Foundation.
Besides being an avid art collector, she is an
acclaimed international bridge player and a
philanthropist.



Do join us for a specially curated
walkthrough of the exhibition *Mirror
Maze* featuring Marina Abramovic,
Anish Kapoor, and others personally
led by **Roobina Karode** Director and
Chief Curator OF KNMA.

A Christmas recital by
the **Neemrana Music
Foundation** will follow
this.





CIRCLE MEETING

LUNCH BUNCH

At L'OPÉRA

Thursday, December 7th 2023, 12:30 PM

Mediterranean Food and French desserts go hand in hand with European artworks and the Indian heritage environment.

**Venue: L'Opéra Art Café Bikaner House,
Pandara Road, Near India Gate, New Delhi 110011**

**Price: INR 1,290 (Inclusive of GST)
Limited to 20 People**

*Please register yourself with RSVP or Simrit Singh (Hospitality Chairperson),
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Please join a pre-Christmas L'Opéra lunch with delicious Mediterranean Veg and Non-Veg food choices which will take you back to the flavours, warmth, joy and colours of the Mediterranean shores. For the desserts a selection of mini French pastries will bring you the sophistication of the Parisian Salon de Thés.

You will enjoy your culinary experience in the refined and modernised Louis 16th French décor surrounded by a collection of peaceful Landscapes of European artworks from the beginning of the 20th century in the historic heritage building of Bikaner House.



SPECIAL PROGRAMME

FASHION AND TEXTILES

Friday December 8th 2023, 3 pm

Unravelling the Evolution of the Indian Fashion Industry from Roots to Runways with the designer Ashish Soni .

A short film, followed by conversation with Neelam Pratap Rudy

Venue : Residence of Neelam Pratap Rudy

22, Tughlak Crescent Road, New Delhi -110011

Limit : no limit, all are welcome.

Ashish N Soni is known for his sharply refined, intuitive & deceptively simple sense of aesthetics. He interned with the guru of fashion, Rohit Bal, while studying at the National Institute of Fashion Technology in Delhi.

He launched his own label, Ashish Soni, in 1992 and began retailing from the then very popular store, Mutiny and expanded the label to retail in Ffolio, Bangalore and Ensemble, Mumbai. His signature pieces are mostly handcrafted & characterized by extreme simplicity. Perfect finishing & impeccable garment construction create stunningly minimal yet dramatic garments. Attention to detail derived from a menswear background remains the brands forte. With design as his primary focus, embellishments are subsidiary & used with great restraint in the brands offerings, most of which are immaculately tailored & individually hand-finished.

Ashish became a founding member of the Fashion Design Council of India in 1998 and played a strategic role in pioneering its creation. His experimentation with Indian fabrics used in contemporary fashion by blending & infusing them with unusual textures & treatments have won him many accolades as an Indian designer who speaks a global language.

He was the first designer to be officially invited to hold a runway show at Olympus Fashion Week in New York. At his debut show in New York, he was hailed as "one of New York's new discoveries" by International Herald Tribune's Suzy Menkes. In 2017, Ashish Soni completed 25 years in the world of fashion and celebrated his journey with "Welcome to my World " at The Lodhi Hotel, New Delhi.





SPECIAL PROGRAMME

MOVIES, THEATRE & DOCUMENTARIES

Monday December 11th 2023, 3 pm

Venue : Alliance Française, 72 KK Birla Marg, Lodi Estate,

No limitation, spouses and family are most welcome.

Kindly carry an ID along with you.

Hosted by Fatimata Kane Haidara

INVICTUS, Unconquerable

" I thank whatever Gods may be
for my unconquerable soul
I am the master of my fate,
I am the captain of my soul..."



WIC movies, documentaries and theatre circle is delighted to open its season with a movie on Nelson Mandela, celebrating this hero from South Africa.

The movie directed by Clint Eastwood, tells the true inspiring story of how President Mandela (brilliantly played by Morgan Freeman) gets Francois Pienaar, the Captain of the South African Rugby team to join forces with him to help unite the country through the universal language of sport. He rallies around the team as they make their run to the 1995 Rugby World Cup.



Inspiring and at the same time emotional INVICTUS promises to keep the audience glued to the edge of their seats even as they become one with the cheering crowds.

Moreover INVICTUS is particularly fitting following the recent brilliant triumph of the Springboks at the Rugby World Cup.



CIRCLE MEETING

WORLD TODAY

Thursday December 14th 2023, 2.30 pm

Ukrainian culture - the cradle of Slavic civilization

Venue : Rosie Sahani residence, F 3, Roseleen Farm, Pushpanjali Bijwasan New Delhi 110061

Limit 40. Confirmation based on first come basis in view of limited slots.

The Ukrainian community in India offers an engaging presentation on Ukrainian culture. This program comprises three segments: **music, cuisine, and dance.**

Situated in Eastern Europe, Ukraine has long nurtured Slavic traditions, playing a significant role in shaping the broader Slavic identity. From its language and customs to its music and culinary traditions, Ukraine is an essential component of the intricate tapestry of Slavic culture.



Ukrainian folk music, with its captivating melodies and lively rhythms, mirrors the resilience and spirit of the nation. Rooted in rural customs and heartfelt storytelling, it serves as a bridge to cultural heritage, connecting generations.

Ukraine has also played a role in enriching the culinary landscape of Slavic civilization through its cuisine. **Julia Danylenko**, a Ukrainian pastry chef, will guide you through the preparation of iconic dishes like Borsht, Syrnyky, and Varenyky.

Ukrainian traditional dance is a captivating art form that tells stories through graceful movements and vibrant costumes. It embodies the spirit of Ukraine's diverse regions, celebrating its rich agricultural heritage and cultural identity - Gutsulochka dance - from the Western part of Ukraine, and Tatarochka dance performance - from Crimea, will be performed by Ariana Bhadhopaya - a professional Ukrainian dancer who lives in India. With intricate footwork and energetic performances, Ukrainian traditional dance preserves history and showcases the resilience and passion of a nation that has endured and thrived throughout its history.

The programme will culminate with a display of Malva European Fashion collection, by a Ukrainian designer.



CIRCLE MEETING

ART AND BOOKS

Thursday December 21st 2023, 3 pm

Curated Visit to the exhibition «The Hourglass Show: Pouring the Past into the Future by The Glass Makers Club

Venue : Living Traditions Centre (LTC) Bikaner House (Next to Haldirams)

Tea Hosted by Ashwini Pai Bahadur at Haldirams

Meeting Point: Living Traditions Centre (Entry from Shahajahan Rd side)

Limit 30. Please register yourself with Simrit SINGH (Hospitality Chairperson), mobile 98107 52525 and email simritksingh@gmail.com
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Join curator Kristine Michael as she explores this unique exhibition displaying glass sculptures which allows the audience to have access to the past, the future and the present simultaneously.

Discover the compelling connections with history as an inspiration and its contemporary interpretations all created in glass as a medium.





DECEMBER

2023

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3	4 FOOD & FITNESS Farm fresh delights 11 am	5	6 General Meeting Kiran Nadar Museum of Art 3 pm	7 LUNCH BUNCH Lunch at l'Opéra Art Café 12.30 pm	8 FASHION & TEXTILES Ashish Soni 3 pm	9
10	11 MOVIES THEATRE & DOCUMENTARIES Invictus 3 pm	12	13	14 WORLD TODAY Ukrainian culture 2.30 pm	15	16
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31 HAPPY New Year Eve 						



IMPORTANT



Please confirm your attendance at the physical meetings only by filling RSVP Google form (link attached to the Newsletter).



Please DO NOT reply on the WIC WhatsApp Forum as your reply may get lost in all the messages. Confirmations on the forum will not be accepted.

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Proud moments for the WIC Family



Congratulations to our member **Madhu Jain**, Designer and Textile revivalist for receiving an award in the field of visual arts from The Asian Academy of Arts and The international Women's Film Forum.

Update of the WIC Directory

Dear Members,

We are planning to print a new Directory of Members this year. We would be grateful if you could send in changes, if any, in your address, telephone numbers, e mail, etc. to the undermentioned numbers by WhatsApp:

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We request only those members whose addresses, etc. have changed to send in their new details.

The last date for acceptance of any change will be the **31st of December, 2023**.

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Welcoming our new members



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MEMORIES

PERFORMING ARTS

Dance of Joy : Garba and Dandiya Dance, October 2023



Dandiya Dance, the Gujrat folk dance performed by our WIC members this morning was festive, delightful and colourful. The dance is performed during the time of Navaratri festival. It is believed to be performed in memory of Goddess Durga's victory over Mahishasura (a demon).



Graciously hosted by Shivani Wazir with Guru Anirudh Das choreography, the function was enjoyed by 25 ladies, both international and local.



A big thanks to Shivani for this beautiful second event of the performing arts circle.

MEMORIES

WORLD TODAY

The program on Cutting edge beauty and a discussion on the latest Japanese, Korean technologies was a great success, attended by 32 ladies.



Ladies were all attention and praise for Kaoru and Heejin Park as they delved into the beauty enhancing and wellness techniques.



Our gratitude to the hostess Megan Reid for accommodating extra members and serving delicious snacks.

MEMORIES

CULTURAL HERITAGE

Delhi Darbar, Empire, display and possession of History, November 2023

The second program of cultural Heritage circle, a curated walk at Delhi Art Gallery depicting three important Delhi Darbars during British Raj, was very well attended .



Thanks to Seema Bhalla and the curator Rana Safvi supported by circle members Yulia and Rene.



MEMORIES

GENERAL MEETING

The story of Diwali : Ek Shlokhi Ramayana by kathak dancers, November 2023



«Congratulations to Guru Shovana Narayan for the amazing performance that her two disciples presented. What energy. Loved it.»



Special thanks to Seità Vaidialingam for being such a wonderful host.



MEMORIES

FASHION AND TEXTILES

Weaving threads of Tradition - Exploring the rich textile heritage of Northeast India with Jahnabi Phookan, November 2023



Fashion and Textiles circle headed by Madhu Jain, Leena Singh and Radhika Anand had yet another successful program.



Showcasing the breathtaking array of North Eastern textiles and motifs, reflecting the history, belief and rituals of the communities that craft these fabrics.



The speaker was charismatic, Jhanabhi Phhokan who is an authority on the subject. We saw the natural lustre of Muga silk, Eri Silk, ahimsa or the cruelty free silk, as the pupa is saved, no life is harmed and Mulberry silk. Interesting to know that weaving is sustainable livelihood for women's economic upliftment in North East.



Our gratitude to Kavita and Aashti for hosting much appreciated program in the cosy ambience of Ogaan.