



# NEWS LETTER

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL CLUB DELHI  
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**M A R C H 2024**

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# PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Fatimata KANE HAIDARA, *President*

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**Dear Ladies  
of the Women's International Club,**

Here we are! The women's month par excellence, the month that includes the day dedicated to us. Soon, we will be celebrated worldwide, and the centuries of struggle for our rights will yet again be acknowledged. Truly, it's well-deserved! Let's relish in this celebration, but remain alert.

Globally, women still endure various forms of violence and inequalities. Therefore, my heartfelt thoughts go out to those suffering in silence.

Finally, I would like to pay tribute to all the women, especially to the pioneers in our wonderful association. I deeply admire how the dynamic of the Women's International Club was kept since 1970, taking into account the diverse profiles and backgrounds of members. Hats off for embracing our differences as our strength! Bravo to everyone for holding the torch high!

Dear WIC Members,

The executive committee and circle leaders are delighted to invite you to participate in various thrilling programs this month. A big thank you to everyone for the hard work accomplished. Also, gratitude to our gracious hostesses in February.

Long live WIC, and Happy Women's International Day in advance.



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## 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



# GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday March 13th 2024, 3 pm  
**Celebrating International Women's Day 2024  
with Shanno Khurana**

Venue : Lecture Room I (Annexe), India International Centre,  
40 Max Mueller Marg, New Delhi

As we commemorate **International Women's Day**, 8 March 2024, a day marked by inclusion and pride, we take a moment to celebrate the remarkable achievements and unwavering resilience of one of our longstanding Members, **Shanno Khurana**.

Join us in revisiting the memorable chapters of her life's journey, a testament to her indomitable spirit.

Shannoji has been an integral part of our Women's International Club (WIC) since its inaugural meeting in 1970. Her commitment and dedication shine through as she has actively contributed to every committee within WIC. In 1989, she held the position of President, leaving an indelible mark on our Club.



To revisit her remarkable journey, Shannoji will engage in a heartfelt conversation with her grandson, Prof. Naman Ahuja. Together, they will recount some of the most cherished and impactful episodes from her life, offering insights into a legacy marked by resilience, leadership, and a deep connection to our community.

Join us as we reflect on the rich tapestry of Shanno Khurana's experiences, a source of inspiration for generations to come.





**Shanno Khurana** was born in Jodhpur, Rajasthan, in 1927 and stands as one of India's preeminent musicians, garnering widespread recognition for her outstanding contributions to the world of music.

She broke all manner of conservative social barriers to be allowed, not just to perform publicly, but to be able to learn music at all. She has been performing live on the radio since 1945 when her career started in Lahore. Her accolades include the prestigious Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri, conferred upon her by the President of India.

UNESCO, in a glittering ceremony in Samarkand, honoured her with the title 'the Golden Nightingale' or Oltin Bulbule, adding another layer to her illustrious career.

**Dr. Naman P. Ahuja**, a distinguished Professor of Art History at JNU, holds the position of General Editor at Marg, India's oldest surviving publishing house devoted to art and culture. With a background at the Ashmolean, Oxford, and the British Museum, he has curated several significant exhibitions showcasing Indian art. His extensive body of work, spanning scholarly writings and contributions for wider audiences, has been translated into Hindi, Marathi, French, Spanish, and Dutch.



## **Announcement**

**Due to unavoidable circumstances  
the 1st March special Programme  
of Fashion and Textile Circle  
“A Royal Tale Legacy and Revival”  
at the Embassy of Russia  
has been postponed to a later date.**

**Apologies for the inconvenience.**



# CIRCLE MEETING

ART AND BOOKS

Monday March 4th 2024, 11 am

## Waking dream

Venue : Vadehra Art Gallery, D 53 Defence Colony

We look forward to a curated walk-through at Delhi's eminent VADEHRA ART GALLERY.



Houston-based artist Zaam Arif presents a suite of large -and small-scale oil paintings for the first time in India. His cinematic

compositions feature personable protagonists who are ridden with a kind of existential ennui, often posited among surrealistic scenes of exterior-spliced interior spaces.





# CIRCLE MEETING

## WORLD TODAY

Thursday March 14th 2023, 11 am

### Beautiful Sweden!

*by Maria Lavonius*

Venue : Embassy of Sweden  
4-5, Nyaya Marg, Chanakyapuri,  
New Delhi, 110021, Arrival from Gate 1.



Limit : 30 members, need to bring Id card for security check.

Maria will take you on a journey to explore Sweden's dynamic intersection of modernity and tradition. You will be introduced to the country's history, people, culture and society as a whole. She will also explain why Sweden stands out as an alluring tourism destination with its scenic landscapes



#### About Maria Lavonius

Her professional background is as project manager within communication and sustainability. In India she has taken the opportunity to study environmental science, climate leadership and innovation, She does some voluntary work, paint, sing in two choirs and enjoy her growing network of fantastic people. She is a trailing spouse to her husband who's with the Embassy of Sweden.





# CIRCLE MEETING

## FOOD AND FITNESS

Frenny Billimoria, Sunaina Aggarwal and Bogusia Dhingra present a lecture about **"SLEEP"**

Tuesday March 19th 2023, 11.15 am

Venue : At the residence of Nima Malhotra, B 30, Maharani Bagh, New Delhi - 110065

Followed by Lunch.

Limit : 30. Please register yourself with RSVP or Simrit SINGH (Hospitality Chairperson), mobile 98107 52525 and email [simritksingh@gmail.com](mailto:simritksingh@gmail.com)  
Confirmation based on first come basis in view of limited slots.



Our Speaker **B.K. Kamla**, Bachelor in commerce from Delhi University holds a masters degree in Value Education has served in various defence organisations in the country. She has 17 years corporate work experience with renowned multinational organisations.



# CIRCLE MEETING

## ART AND BOOKS

Friday March 22nd 2024, 11 am

### The art of zardozi through the eyes of Faizan Uddin Shams

Venue : Residence of Ashima Singh, Apt 902, Ashadeep building 9 Hailey Road, New Delhi 110001

Limit : 20. Confirmation based on first come basis in view of limited slots.

Faizan Uddin Shams, 16th generation of embroiderer, grand-son of the inventor of the tridimensional zardozi embroidery will take us to a journey through needles, silk threads, semi-precious stones and hours of intricate work by talented Indian craftsmen.





# CIRCLE MEETING

## LUNCH BUNCH

Wednesday March 27th 2024, 12 pm

**A taste of Italy, using the very best ingredients just add friends and family for the perfect meal!**

Venue : Jamie Oliver, Ambience Mall, Vasant Kunj,  
escalator to 3rd Floor  
1500 INR per person



At Jamie Oliver's Italian, we're all about feasting with family and friends, sharing good food and creating memorable experiences. Inspired by Jamie's love for all things Italian, our menu celebrates the best of Italy, including vibrant antipasti, freshly made pasta, hand-tossed pizzas, flavour-packed grills, healthy salads and satisfying desserts. And to wash it all down, we have beers, expertly sourced wine and delicious cocktails and mocktails – there's something for every occasion!



"I should have been Italian. There is such diversity in lifestyles, cooking, traditions and dialects. That's why, as a chef, I find this country so exciting, and it's what inspired me to create Jamie Oliver's Italian." - Jamie Oliver





# CIRCLE MEETING

## ART AND BOOKS

Thursday March 28th 2024, 3 pm

### "THE GALLERY" - Book Discussion

**Seema Kohli in conversation with Manju Kapur**

Venue : Residence of Jyoti Wazir, C-515 Defence Colony

Limit : 25

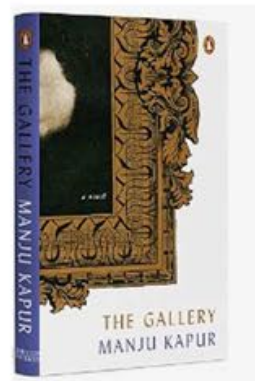


#### About the author

Manju Kapur's *Difficult Daughters*, won the Commonwealth Prize for best first novel, Eurasia region and at present is being made into a film by Soni Razdan. *A Married Woman* was shortlisted for the Encore Award, and made into an eponymous TV series {OTT} by Balaji. *Home* was shortlisted for the Hutch-Crossword prize, *The Immigrant*, short listed for the India Plaza Golden Quill Award, and the DSC Prize of South Asian Literature in 2010. *Custody* [2011] was made into one of Balaji Tele's longest running serials, *Yeh Hai Mohabbatein*. *Brothers* [2016] was shortlisted for the Sushila Devi Literature Award. *The Gallery* [2023] is her latest novel. Her work has been translated into German, Portuguese, Italian, Spanish, Dutch, Hebrew, Marathi, Malayalam & Hindi. She has also edited *Shaping the World : Women Writers on Themselves*.

**Seema Kohli** is a multi-disciplinary artist. Her work primarily celebrates the cosmic feminine and its relationship to forces of creation and destruction. Kohli's works live in multiple museums and institutional collections all over the world, including the British Museum (UK), Kiran Nadar Museum of Arts (India) Birth Rites Collection (UK), Rubin Museum (USA, Lalit Kala Akademi (India) to name a few. Kohli has done several large-scale murals, some of which are included in the Supreme Court (New Delhi and Mumbai International Airports, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation). Her works have also been shown at collateral events such as the Kochi-Muziris Biennale (2016), Venice Biennale of Art/Architecture (2015, 2016), ARCO [Madrid] (2008), Art Basel, and at the India Art Fair (2010-2024).

*THE GALLERY* pursues the question of what it takes for a woman to stand up for herself, through the intertwined lives of Minal and Ellora Sahni, wife and daughter of a successful New Delhi lawyer, and Maitrye and Tashi, wife and daughter of the office peon at the Sahni law practice. In her new novel, Manju Kapur brings together themes of independence, identity and womanhood by focusing on a set of principal characters who are connected through work and physical proximity, yet separated by class and power.





# MARCH

2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3	4 ART & BOOKS Waking dream at Vadhera Art Galery 11 am	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 General Meeting 3 pm	14 WORLD TODAY Beautiful Sweden! 11 am	15	16
17	18	19 FOOD & FITNESS talk followed by lunch 11.15 am	20	21	22 ART & BOOK The Art of Zardozi from Agra 11 am	23
24 Happy HOLI!	25	26	27 LUNCH BUNCH Cooking demonstration/ lunch : Jamie Oliver 12 pm	28 ART & BOOKS book discussion by Manju Kapoor 3 pm	29	30
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# Welcoming our new members

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# MEMORIES

## LUNCH BUNCH

*Olive Bar and Kitchen at Qutab*



# MEMORIES

## GENERAL MEETING

*Love in Today's parlance : Unraveling its Essence in the era of St Valentines Day*



«Lovely afternoon today at Ravina's beautiful home in Lodhi Estate. Live singing, European dancers dancing to music of their origins and to Hindi music too! Wonderful food made by Ravina, Ladies in red, a warm sun, a full house on the lovely lawn with peacocks calling in the distance, Editors of prominent magazines were the guest speakers is a conversation with the 2nd VP at her ebullient best throwing up yet another GM. A lovely time was had by all.»



# MEMORIES

## ART AND BOOKS

*Khursheed R Nariman, Sculptor : talk and presentation*

A spellbinding presentation this afternoon by a famous Sculptor, Khursheed Nariman organised by the Art and Books circle.



Our gratitude to the gracious hostess Madhavi Goradia Divan and Sunaina Suneja of Arts circle.

# MEMORIES

## FINANCE AND ECONOMICS

*Artificial Intelligence : how it will impact the economy and our lives*

Program by Samit who explained so engagingly how Artificial intelligence approximates the human brain. Our members were curious, and had lot of questions to ask - overall a great learning experience about AI tools.



Gratitude to Finance and Economics Circle, particularly Madhavi and our gracious hostess Nayana Ji for welcoming us to her beautiful home. Thank you ladies for attending the program .