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AUGUST 2000 MONTH AT A GLANCE

Tuesday	1st August	Arts and Handicrafts Art of Flower Making – A Workshop	10.00 a.m.
Friday	4th August	Board Meeting Executive Meeting	9.45 a.m. 11.00 a.m.
Tuesday	8th August	Current Events The strange case of Elian Gonzalez	10.15 am
Thursday	10th August	Health and Ecology Concept of Vegetable Roof Gardens	10.15 a.m.
Friday	25th August	Music and performing Arts Inside Indian Modern Dance	10.15 a.m.
Wednesday	30th August	Philosophy and Religion	10.15 a.m.
Thursday	31st August	Book Discussion/Cooking Swapshop Face-to-Face with Rashmi Uday Singh Presenting "A Celebrity Cookbook"	10.15 a.m.

FROM THE PRESIDENTS

As this newsletter goes into print we are still working on the final details of the programme and entertainment for the Founder's Day. But you members would have already experienced the same and seen the involvement of our Board and Activity Chairpersons. We would like to make this, our fifteenth year, a memorable experience for you. July has been witness to innovative and interesting meetings which have also been well attended by our members.

Our appeal for suggestions regarding suitable venues – other than members' homes – for our meetings has met with a good response and the Activity Chairpersons are busy following up on the same. Thank you members and we await more of your suggestions.

This month our members are leaving for a short trip to Kerala and we wish them a happy time. We look forward to hearing about their experiences.

JAVANTHI PRABHAKARAN
EIRA DOSHI

BOARD MEETING

Friday, 4th August, 9.45 a.m.

EXECUTIVE MEETING

Friday, 4th August, 11 a.m.

Both meetings at
Eira Doshi's
53, Rukmani Road
Kalakshetra Colony
Chennai 600 090

FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENTS

When Nature makes an error – or can Nature never err? What happens when we find under hundreds of clover leaves one with 4 petals?



Yes ! It brings us luck ! What happens when we find an error in the newsletter?

We smile and apologise !

Change of door numbers

If there has been any change in your door number after filling in the renewal form, please inform the membership treasurer and secretary at the earliest. Otherwise your newsletter may not reach you.

**KAMALA MUTHIAH
ANGELIKA MANDAIAKER**

HISTORY, CULTURE & TOURS

A TOUR OF SOME HISTORIC BUILDINGS IN CHENNAI



A tour of some historic buildings in Chennai with Mr. Benny Kuriakose, a conservation architect as our guide, evoked feelings of admiration and nostalgia tinged with regret that we have allowed most of these buildings to be sadly neglected.

After a brief talk on Indo-Saracenic architecture and the work of the architects Robert Chisholm and Henry Irwin, we were taken to see the impressive hall of the Senate House, St. Mary's Church inside the Fort St. George, which is the oldest British church in India, the Fort Museum and the exquisite little Museum Theatre on Pantheon Road. After lunch we visited the Victoria Public Hall next to Ripon Buildings – a tribute to Queen Victoria on her Golden Jubilee. We felt that it had a lot of potential if only it could be renovated. The last stop was St. Andrew's Church built in the classical style with a beautiful blue dome.

A pleasant time was had by all and we look forward to more of such tours.

SARANYA JAYAKUMAR

ARTS AND HANDICRAFTS

Tuesday, 1st August, 2000 - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

At: Naina Shah's
7-B, Sathyanarayana Avenue
Off Boat Club Road
Chennai 600 028



Art of Flower Making – A Workshop

The tremendous response and interest generated during Norini Mazlan's demonstration in August '99 has given rise to this creative workshop, wherein mundane things like empty wrappers, old stockings, straws and such will be transferred into exquisite objects of beauty.

Charges Rs.200/- including lunch.

As only 15 persons can be accommodated, members are requested to warn-in with payment by the 25th July to **Sharmila Ramji – Phone 4471200 or Kyoko Kashima – Telefax 8279020.**

**SHARMILA RAMJI
KYOKO KASHIMA**

CURRENT EVENTS



Tuesday, 8th August, 10.15 am

At : Valli Murugappan's
15, Boat Club Road
Chennai 600 028

THE STRANGE CASE OF ELIAN GONZALEZ

How did the custody of a six-year old boy touch off a complex legal and political tug-of-war between families and nations?

Bruce Neuling, political/economic officer at the US Consulate General, will address the question by sketching out the US legal framework relating to child custody and asylum, discussing US-Cuba relations, and commenting on the use of the media in the case.

**KUSUM CHADDA
PAT ALTER**

Thanks to Iset Meijers, Jaya Menon, Prabha Nair and Mridula Narasimhan for sponsoring the Current Events program in July, and to Valli Murugappan for hosting the program in August.

HEALTH AND ECOLOGY

Thursday 10th August, 2000 - 10.15 a.m.

At : G R T Grand Days Convention Centre
120, Sir Thyagaraja Road
Pondy Bazar
T. Nagar
Chennai 600 017



CONCEPT OF VEGETABLE ROOF GARDENS

The concept of vegetable roof gardens is a welcome proposition into our home. India is one of the few countries in the world blessed with plenty of rainfall, sunlight, flat rooftops and 70% organic matter in its garbage. What is vegetable roof gardening, how it gives us organic food, how it increases green cover in the city, and how it will teach us and our children about different species of plants, greens and flowers. There are more than 30 types of greens, 20 types of vegetables and flowers that can be grown on our rooftops. Mr.C. Srinivasan of Vellore, Tamil Nadu, has done a commendable work in promoting vegetable roof garden. He will talk to us and will also show us one such vegetable roof garden very close to GRT Grand Days at the Exnora International Office at the end of the street.

NAINA SHAH
SUZANNE PLANTENER

We thank Mr. Vikram Cotha, Executive Manager, GRT Grand Days Convention Centre for sponsoring this meeting.

MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS

Friday, 25th August, 2000 - 10.15 a.m.

At : Alliance Francaise (2nd floor - sorry, no lift)
40, College Road
Chennai 600 006



INSIDE INDIAN MODERN DANCE

Come and meet Tripura Kashyap, one of India's talented contemporary dance pioneers. Based in Bangalore where she is the Artistic Director of Apoorva Dance Theatre, Ms. Kashyap is creating a new and personal movement language through experimentation and exploration. A graduate of Kalakshetra, she performed with the Chandralekha Dance Company, and has studied Dance Therapy at the Hancock Center for Movement Arts in the US. She has received the Ashoka International Fellowship for her innovative work in Dance Therapy, and recently participated in the American Dance Festival. Join us as Ms. Kashyap shares with us her dance and the creative process behind it. Guests are welcome.

**GITA CHANDRASEKARAN
ANN MORADIAN**

Thanks to Prithika Chary and Bilquis Chida for co-hosting the July dance program by Professor A. Janardhanan.

PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION



Wednesday, 30th August, 2000 at 10.15 a.m.

At: Y.W.C.A.
1086, Poonamallee High Road
Chennai 600 084

Come and listen to Rev.V.S. Vijayakumar, Presbyter-in-charge, St.Thomas English Church, who will give a talk on various aspects of Christian religion : Roman Catholics, Protestants, the spread of these two in India and all over the world, the traditions of various Churches in India, concept of Holy Trinity and family values.

LALITHA KRISHNAN
SEEMA SAIT

Thanks to Angelika Mandaikar, Mahim Khaleeli, Gayatri Krishnaswamy and Priya King for sponsoring meeting on 27th June, 2000 : talk by Prema Nandakumar at the Russian Cultural Centre.

Congratulations to NANDITHA KRISHNA, on the release of her book:
Balaji – Venkateshwara, Lord of Tirumala – Tirupathi, An Introduction.

BOOK DISCUSSION/COOKING SWAPSHOP



Thursday, August 31st, 2000 - 10.15 a.m.

At: Shalini Biswajit
1, Archbishop Mathias Avenue
Raja Annamalaipuram
Chennai 600 028
Ph: 433 8216

FACE-TO FACE WITH RASHMI UDAY SINGH PRESENTING "A CELEBRITY COOKBOOK"

Good cuisine is about passion, tradition and innovation. So is success. In this unique book, celebrity achievers share with us their favourite recipes. We are privileged to have the author herself, Rashmi Uday Singh present a slideshow and talk about the book.

As an added attraction! We are joining forces with the cooking swapshop team and are planning to serve some of the recipes from the book following the program.

Warn in is essential. Please call VIDYA SINGH at Tel. No.433 8782/435 9035 or INGRID CHARLTON-BRIGGS at Tel. No.824 1878.

**VIDYA SINGH
INGRID CHARLTON-BRIGGS**

What is a scientist?We give the name scientist to the type of man who has felt experiment to be a means guiding him to search out the deep truth of life, to lift a veil from its fascinating secrets, and who, in this pursuit, has felt arising within him a love for the mysteries of nature, so passionate as to annihilate the thought of himself.

Maria Montessori, The Montessori Method.

HISTORY, CULTURE & TOURS

TRIP TO KERALA - ITINERARY



- Tue 15 Aug : Depart Chennai by Mangalore Mail
- Wed 16 Aug : Arrive Calicut - stay at Kappad Beach Resort
- Thu 17 Aug : Trip to Kannur (Cannanore) visit - Forts, Temples, Snake park, Drive-in-Beach, Heritage Home, Antique Furniture shops etc.
- Fri 18 Aug : Check-in to Malabar House Boat for a full day Cruise.
- Sat 19 Aug : Trip to Vithiri hills - 2600 feet above sea level. Visit Pookot lake, Plantations of tea, coffee & spices, Soojippara water falls etc. Stay at Vithiri Resort
- Sun 20 Aug : After Lunch depart for Calicut to Board Madras Mail.
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JUMBLE SALE FOR VOLUNTARY HEALTH SERVICE

Every year HOSPITAL HELPERS conducts a jumble sale for the benefit of the staff of the VHS Hospital, the proceeds of which go towards renewing the linen of the hospital and paying for a person to look after the linen unit.

Any contribution of clothes in good condition, sarrees in particular, would be very welcome. These should be sent to me between 22nd and 29th August.

We are very grateful for the support we have received from the members in the last two years. We look forward to the same generosity this year as well.

ALUGU MUTHU

Hon. Secretary, Hospital Helpers

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