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MONTH AT A GLANCE

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| Tuesday, 4th February | COOKING SWAPSHOP Shobana Thomas demonstrates the art of pastry making | 10-00 a.m. |
| Thursday, 6th February | MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS Lecture - demonstration of "Therukoothu" | 10-00 a.m. |
| Friday, 7th February | VISITING INDONESIAN DANCERS perform exotic dances of Bali and Java. | 10-00 a.m. |
| Thursday, 13th February | IWA MEMBERSHIP GET-TOGETHER at The Madras Club | 10-00 a.m. |
| Monday, 17th February | HISTORY, CULTURE AND TOURS Re-scheduled visit to the pre-historic Gudiyam Cave | 6-00 a.m. |
| Tuesday, 18th February | HEALTH AND ECOLOGY Aesthetic Dentistry and You with Dr. Vijayalakshmi Acharya | 10-00 a.m. |
| Thursday, 20th February | ARTS AND HANDICRAFTS Visit to Cholomandal | 9-30 a.m. to 1-30 p.m. |
| Tuesday, 25th February | BOOK DISCUSSION "All These Years" by Raj Thapar | 10-00 a.m. |
| Wednesday, 26th February | CURRENT EVENTS PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION Talk by Dr. Karan Singh | 5-45 p.m. |

FROM THE PRESIDENTS

Dear Members,

We do apologise for January 2nd — we were helpless against the Bandh. We shall inform you of the rescheduled date with Hemamalini in the near future.

This month our Membership Treasurer, Vanitha Mudaliar, has planned a very interesting morning. We would like the membership to have the platform and share their IWA thoughts with the Executive Committee.

We do look forward to some interesting observations and ideas!

Here's to February 13th and our Membership/Executive face to face.

STINA VASU
NIRMAL MIRZA

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday, 7th February, 1992 — 4-00 p.m.

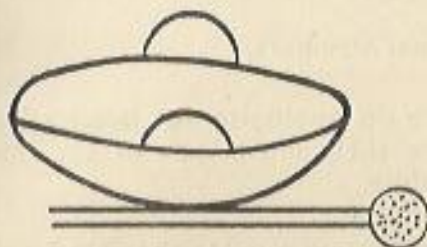
At : Stina Vasu
6, Cathedral Road
Madras-600 086
Tel. : 475792/478900



COOKING SWAPSHOP

Tuesday, 4th February 1992 —
10-00 a.m.

At : Renu Jalan
'Jalan House'
34, Kothari Road
Madras-600 034
Tel. : 475617/475671



Shobana Thomas will demonstrate the art of Pastry making.

R.S.V.P. : 477088, 475617

Limit : 50

HELEN CARR
SHOBANA THOMAS

CONGRATULATIONS . . .

Anneliese Marwah and Keshao Hazari on their recent marriage.

Also to Sheela Shetty on the marriage of her daughter, Preethi.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee has appointed a Nomination Committee consisting of

Nanditha Krishna (Chairperson)

Janet de Penning

Lakshmi Padmanabhan

Aruna Vijaykumar

Vanitha Mudaliar

Stina Vasu

Nirmal Mirza

Members are invited to send their suggestions for the new **Board** for 1992 — 93 on or before February 29th, 1992. Nomination forms arriving after February 29th will **not** be considered.

Please obtain the person's consent before nominating her.

Nominations should be sent in the form given below. Please print the names and sign the form. Unsigned forms will be invalid.

I nominate

Indian

Non-Indian

Presidents

Vice-Presidents

Secretaries

Treasurers

Signature

Date _____

Name : _____

(Block Letters)

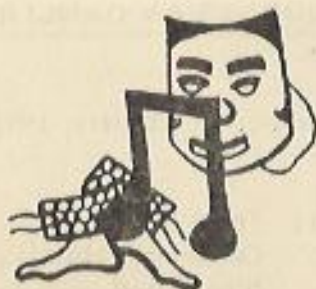
TRIP TO PONDICHERRY

The Trip to Pondicherry has been postponed. Look out for the REVISED DATE in the March News Letter.

MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS

Thursday, 6th February, 1992 — 10-00 a.m.

At: Devaki Muthiah
'Adyar Villa'
4, Kotturpuram
Madras-600 085



With Pongal just over, we thought we would go rustic. We present a programme with a difference. Miss. V. R. Devika, Works Director, Cultural Outreach of The Madras Craft Foundation and INTACH, who is also a classical dancer and art critic and deeply involved in linking performing arts and education, will give us a lecture on the dramatic elements of "Therukoothu"—a form of folk theatre of Tamil Nadu. This art form will be demonstrated by the folk theatre group from Puricai village near Kanchipuram. Please join us and savour the rustic flavour in the lush ambience of "Adyar Villa".

**MARINA AROUTHIUNIAN
RANI ANANTH**

Condolences to Purnima Sonti whose husband passed away recently.

INDONESIAN DANCERS

Friday, 7th February, 1992 — 10-00 a.m.

At: The Binny Room
Connemara Hotel
Binny Road
Madras-600 002

Through the goodwill of our new Indonesian Honorary Consul Mr. M. A. Padamsee, we are pleased to present an exclusive Indonesian dance troupe. They will perform the exquisitely graceful and colourful dances from the exotic Islands of Bali and Java.

These traditional dances based on the Ramayana will be presented in the form of a lecture demonstration.

Hosted by SUJAYA MENON

MEMBERSHIP GET-TOGETHER MEETING

Thursday, 13th February, 1992 — 10-00 a.m.

At: The Madras Club
8, Adyar Club Gate Road
Madras-600 028

As befits an organisation like IWA it is essential that we have a Committee to suggest and organise our various activities. But this should not preclude the General Membership from coming forward and offering suggestions, and to this end it has been decided to hold a meeting for the IWA members to offer their thoughts and contributions (and even criticisms) at a get-together on the 13th, as well as an opportunity for us to chat and meet with one another.

We want this meeting to be a platform for the members to talk to the Committee—and not the reverse—and we welcome your ideas and suggestions. We are coming to the end of a wonderful year of exciting and very well attended meetings, and we want to continue the trend of past years where IWA continues to be a venue for the best of our culture and traditions. And this will be only with the support and help of YOU.

As we have a catering charge at The Madras Club, we would very much appreciate your cooperation in telephoning your R.S.V.P. to the under-mentioned contacts no later than Tuesday, 11th February, 1992.

We look forward to seeing you all. Please ensure you wear your name badge. The meeting will conclude by 11-30 a.m.

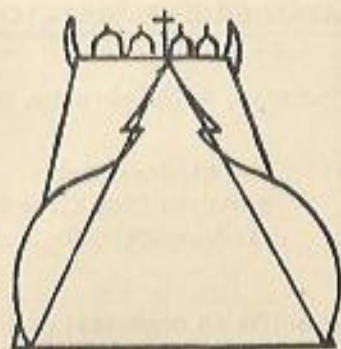
R.S.V.P.

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| Vanitha Mudaliar : | 641-2626 |
| Mr. Suresh at Wooltop Weaves : | 454970/455834 |
| Ms. Shanta and Mr. Vasan at CP Art Centre : | 451249/458726 |

VANITHA MUDALIAR
Membership Committee

HISTORY, CULTURE & TOURS

Monday, 17th February, 1992 — 6-00 a.m.



FOR THE ADVENTUROUS

Having had to postpone this trip in October last, we have now rescheduled it with some added features.

An interesting, unusual day trip to the PRE-HISTORIC Gudiyam Cave dating back 75,000 to 1,25,000 years, visited by most international archaeologists.

THE TRIP (BY BUS)

- 5-40 A.M. First pick-up point :
TELEPHONE EXCHANGE BUILDING (SHASTRI NAGAR)
- 5-55 A.M. Second pick-up point :
WELCOMGROUP PARK SHERATON, Chamiers Road
- 6-10 A.M. Third pick-up point : HOTEL TAJ COROMANDEL
- 6-25 A.M. Final pick-up point : EGA THEATRE, Poonamallee High Road

ROUTE (BY BUS)

- Madras to Poondi Via Red Hills.
- From Poondi Reservoir to travel 9 kms. to Gudiyam Village.
- TO WALK** (NO STEEP CLIMB) 2½ kms. stretch from the village to the cave.
- A picturesque walk for nature-lovers !

AT THE CAVE

Mr. T.K.V. Rajan, who gave us a very interesting talk on the Mahabharata excavations in July, will personally take us on a guided tour of the cave.

—TIME PERMITTING, we will visit the Poondi Reservoir, Archaeological Museum and Attirambakkam (site of Paleolithic implements).

—BACK TO MADRAS BY 6-00 P.M.

—MEMBERS WILL BE DROPPED AT THE SAME PICK-UP POINTS on return.

ARUNA VIJAYAKUMAR
SUREKHA KOTHARI

CHECK LIST TO CARRY ON THE TRIP (COMPULSORY FOR EACH MEMBER)

1. Wear shoes (as there will be thorns on the way).
2. **CLOTHING**—
 - a) Loose, comfortable cotton clothing.
 - b) Avoid thin clothing due to thorns in bushes.
 - c) Preferred clothing - trousers, jeans, salwar-kameez.
3. Glucose water/drinking water.
4. Wear sun-glasses and caps.
5. Cameras (optional).
6. Packed breakfast and lunch.
7. Umbrella/raincoat (optional).
8. A 4' stick to clear the bushes.
9. Medicines, in case of any specialised ones.

A GENERAL MEDICAL KIT WILL BE ON HAND.

CHECK-IN FOR THIS TRIP LATEST BY **10th FEBRUARY** to

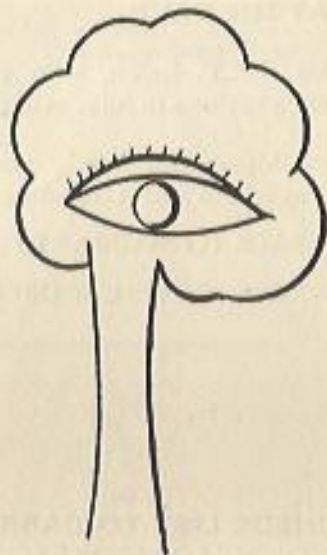
Mr. Swaminathan between Monday and Saturday

8-30 a.m. to 12-30 p.m. Phone : 472690/471262.

HEALTH AND ECOLOGY

Tuesday, 18th February, 1992 — 10-00 a.m.

At : Vikrama
Welcomgroup Chola Sheraton
Cathedral Road
Madras-600 086



AESTHETIC DENTISTRY AND YOU

Dr. Vijayalakshmi Acharya, the well known dentist who has specialised in conservative yeutrotry, will trace out with an informal slide-talk session, the new goals of dentistry apart from the usual ones. She will also emphasise how aesthetic dentistry can change the very you! !

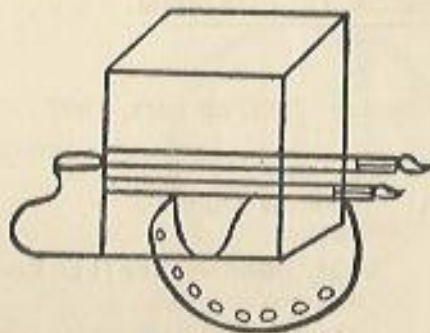
**POONAM LALCHAND
LILY MADHOK**

Change of Telephone No. :

Lily Madhok : 838608(r)

ARTS AND HANDICRAFTS

Thursday, 20th February, 1992 —
10-00 a.m. to 1-30 p.m.



VISIT TO CHOLAMANDAL ARTISTS VILLAGE

(20 Kms. from Madras)

Cholamandal was founded by the artist and visionary, Panikker. It is an area on the Bay of Bengal studded with small informal homes and studios with plenty of trees and shade. In this locale, artists — sculptors and painters such as Nandagopal, S. G. Vasudev, Gopi, Senathipathy, etc. - pursue their art. There is a small gallery displaying some of their work and we can meet some of the artists who permanently reside there.

Please assemble at the gates of the Theosophical Society, Adyar, by 10 a.m. sharp to proceed in our cars to Cholamandal. Please carry a snack with you. Please call either Padma or Sujaya by 15th February so that we know the numbers.

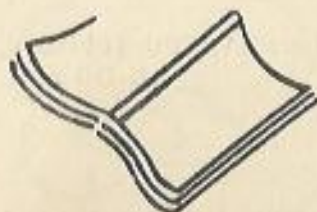
Padma Ashok (867801)

Sujaya Menon (417464)

IWA Telephone / Address Books still available at Rs. 20. Please contact Vanitha Mudaliar.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Tuesday, 25th February, 1992 — 10-00 a.m.



At: Vanitha Mudaliar
'Avanti'
85B, Poonamallee High Road
Kilpauk
Madras-600 010
Tel.: 6412626

Raj Thapar's delightful memoir "ALL THESE YEARS" is our choice for February. Her provocative and interesting comments on well-known people and events makes the book doubly fascinating.

Circulation copies available through Margaret and Rita.

MARGARET SEKHARAN
RITA SALDANHA

Change of Address :

Shirley Verghese
1, Casuarina Drive
Neelangarai
Madras-600 041
Tel.: 417774

CURRENT EVENTS
PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION



Wednesday, 26th February, 1992 — 5-45 p.m.

At : Mandapam Hall
Chola Sheraton Hotel
Cathedral Road
Madras-600 086

Dr. KARAN SINGH

The erudite and learned scholar, Dr. Karan Singh, has done us the great honour of addressing us on one of the burning issues of the day.

A forward-thinker, Dr. Karan Singh, is always thought-provoking, drawing as he does on his vast scholarly knowledge, as well as his practical experience as the Maharajah of Kashmir, the Minister for Tourism and Civil Aviation, the Ambassador to the United States and the veteran of many government and non-government positions.

ANGELA AGGELER
ALAGU MUTHU
MENAKA PRABHAKAR
LEE LAWRENCE

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