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MONTH AT A GLANCE

Tuesday, 5th July	PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION The Divine Mother Society enlightens us on Sound Therapy	10-15 a.m.
Thursday, 7th July	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING	10-15 a.m.
Monday, 11th July	CURRENT EVENTS Indo - US Relations — The Present Scenario Speakers are Sushila Ravindranath, N. Ram and James L. Huskey	10-15 a.m.
Tuesday, 12th July	HEALTH AND ECOLOGY Talk by Dr. M. S. Swaminathan on 'Population and Environment'	10-15 a.m.
Thursday, 14th July	ARTS AND HANDICRAFTS Demonstration of Relief paintings on Terracotta by K. Padmajothi	10-15 a.m.
Tuesday, 19th July	COOKING SWAPSHOP Chaat Demonstration by Amita Bhatia and Meena Bedi	10-15 a.m.
Thursday, 21st July	MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS 'Understanding Indian Music' Saroj Ramamrutham will explain and also sing	10-15 a.m.
Monday, 25th July	FOUNDER'S DAY	10-15 a.m.
Tuesday, 26th July	BOOK DISCUSSION 'The Ivory Swing' by Janette Turner Hospital	10-15 a.m.
Friday, 29th July	HISTORY, CULTURE AND TOURS 'Women in Indian Art' Talk by Dr. R. Nagaswamy	10-15 a.m.

FROM THE PRESIDENTS

Our "New Year" is now one month behind us and we look forward to the many Programmes that are being arranged for us by our chairpersons.

The Executive Committee has decided that it is necessary to raise our Guest Fees, and they will be Rs. 30/- per Guest for the next year.

In July we celebrate our FOUNDERS' DAY at the CHOLA SHERATON Hotel. On Monday 25th July 1994 we shall have completed Eight Years of IWA.

In continuance of our theme "The Woman of To-day" Rupa Sood and Joanne Grady Huskey and their Committee will present a Tableau of "What it means to be a Woman in 1994".

We hope all our members who are in Madras on that day and physically able to join us will participate in this programme and thereby make your Statement about the Woman of To-day.

LILY MADHOK
MARGARET SEKHRAN

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, 7th July, 1994 — 10-15 a.m.

At : Rupa Kadhiresan's
25, Sriman Srinivasan Road
Alwarpet
Madras-600 018



Activity Chairpersons, please give in your blurbs typed if possible, if not, written legibly.

WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

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PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION

Tuesday, 5th July, 1994 — 10-15 a.m.

At : Jayashree Prabhakar's
12, Archbishop Mathias Road
Crescent Street
Madras-600 028



THE HEALING POWER OF SOUND

The Divine Mother Society, founded in 1988 under the direction of Shri Kamakshi Baba, has one purpose: To do service to humanity without consideration for caste, community, or creed. One of their main activities is Sound Therapy. Every Saturday evening at Apollo Hospital, at the request of a patient or their family, members of DMS chant relevant mantras in unison and in physical contact with the suffering person. They form a chain around him/her and chant certain mantras based on the affliction of the sick person, thereby cumulatively charging the weak "aura" of this person with the auras of the others gathered around him/her.

Come hear about the effect sound can have in producing mental vibrations that alleviate suffering both mental and physical. Members of DMS will discuss their work with IWA and end their discussion with a group chant.

RANJINI MANIAN
JOANNE GRADY HUSKEY

FAREWELL

To Marie Williams who leaves for U.S.A. Marie served IWA as co-chairperson for Book Discussion and Philosophy and Religion. At meetings, Marie always voiced her own point of view on the issue at hand. Often her candid comments and forthright statements added a dash of spice and enlivened the proceedings. Good luck, Marie.

CURRENT EVENTS

Monday, 11th July, 1994 — 10-15 a.m.

At : USIS Auditorium
220, Mount Road
Madras-600 006



INDO - US RELATIONS : THE PRESENT SCENARIO

India, the largest democracy in the world, has a long history of relations with the powerful USA. The political and economic ties between these countries have been viewed with great interest by the media. Our speakers are :

Ms. SUSHILA RAVINDRANATH — Bureau Chief of Business India and BITV, who has represented her magazine on official visits to the US and W. Germany.

Mr. N. RAM — Editor of the Frontline Magazine, a graduate from Columbia University and leading investigative journalist.

Mr. JAMES L. HUSKEY — a career diplomat who is the political and economic officer of the US Consulate, Madras.

SUJAYA MENON

Speedy Recovery to :

Zubeida Asgarali convalescing in US after major surgery.

Condolences to :

Rukku Seshasayee on the demise of her mother-in-law.

HEALTH AND ECOLOGY

Tuesday, 12th July, 1994 — 10-15 a.m.

At : The Taj Coromandel
17, Nungambakkam High Road
Madras-600 034



POPULATION AND ENVIRONMENT

Dr. M. S. SWAMINATHAN, the well-known Agricultural Scientist, who played a vital role in bringing about the Green Revolution in Asia and was the first recipient of the WORLD FOOD PRIZE, regarded widely as the equivalent of a Nobel Prize in the field of Food and Agriculture, speaks to us on :
POPULATION AND ENVIRONMENT.

**RUPA KADHIRESAN
VIJAYA RANGARAJAN**

Our Thanks to :

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Gayathri Bewoor
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Rajani Sabherwal
Nirmal Seshadri
Ramila Sreedhar
Malini Vijayaraghavan

for graciously agreeing to host this meeting.

ARTS AND HANDICRAFTS

Thursday, 14th July, 1994 — 10-15 a.m.

At : Sandra Rowland's
River House
1, Turnbolls Road
Madras-600 028



RELIEF PAINTINGS ON TERRACOTTA

K. Padmajothi, a young schoolteacher, has now turned her hobby into a full-time occupation. Her oil paintings in sculptured relief on terracotta pottery are quite unique.

She will demonstrate this rare art and also bring samples for display and sale.

**SHAKUNTHALA JAGANNATHAN
SANDRA ROWLAND**

COOKING SWAPSHOP

Tuesday, 19th July, 1994 — 10-15 a.m.

At : Shoba Hebbar's
92, Dr. Alagappa Road
Madras-600 084



DEMONSTRATION ON CHAAT

Amita Bhatia and Meena Bedi, two experts on Chaat, will demonstrate their palate-tickling expertise to you.

No guests allowed. Maximum limit 30.

**USHA BAIL
IRENE PRULLER DASS**

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MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS

Monday, 18th July, 1994 — 10-15 a.m.

At : The USIS Auditorium
220, Mount Road
Madras-600 006



A FILM "Mrs. DOUBTFIRE"

How far would an ordinary father go to spend more time with his children ? Daniel Hillard (Robin Williams) becomes Mrs. DOUBTFIRE, a devoted British nanny who is hired on the spot.

This film, which is the winner of two GOLDEN GLOBE Awards 1993 is of 125 minutes in length.

If you wish to attend and to use Car Parking facilities at the USIS please give the number of your car and name of your driver to Nirmal Seshadri by the 16th July 1994. The film is for all members and their families above 16 years.

Nirmal Seshadri — Tel. : 41 38 20

**NIRMAL SESHADRI
ISSY SANDERSON**

MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS

Thursday, 21st July, 1994 – 10-15 a.m.

At : Sharmila Ramji's
15, Parthasarathy Gardens
Madras-600 018
Tel. : 4990001



UNDERSTANDING INDIAN MUSIC

Indian music is perhaps the most complex musical system in the world, with a very highly developed melodic and rhythmic structure. The origin of Indian music can be traced to the Vedic times. With every century, music became more advanced until it became bifurcated into two distinctive systems ; the South Indian (Carnatic) and the North Indian (Hindusthani). Although the two systems have the same fundamentals, the style, the approach and the manner of presentation give each system its own distinctive colour and characteristics.

Our own founder member, SAROJ RAMAMRUTHAM will share with us her expertise on the familiar and unfamiliar aspects of both the systems. To highlight the basic tenets, she will also sing. Saroj is a Sangeetha Vidwan from the Carnatic College of Music and is an equally proficient exponent of Hindusthani Music.

All are welcome.

**NIRMAL SESHADRI
ISSY SANDERSON**

We wish to record our grateful appreciation to SUSHILA NATRAJ and her husband for making it possible for the members to see "SCHINDLER'S LIST" and "REMAINS OF THE DAY" (which is scheduled for August).

NIRMAL & ISSY

✓ **FOUNDERS' DAY**

(This meeting is for Members only)

Monday, 25th July, 1994 — **10-15 a.m.**

At : The Mandapam
Hotel Chola Sheraton
10, Cathedral Road
Madras-600 086

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A WOMAN IN 1994

Founders' Day is a day on which we think of how our Organization was started in Madras. This year we ask you to celebrate this Day by wearing 'Black & White' and so create your own Image of "The Woman of To-day". Rupa Sood and Joanne Grady Huskey and their Committee will present a short Tableau of 'What it means to be a Woman in 1994'.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A FEATHER IN OUR CAP !

Issy Sanderson, currently our co-chairperson for Music and Performing Arts was featured under the 'Faces' column in the Sunday Indian Express of May, 29, 1994.

Hearty congratulations Issy, and thank you for acknowledging that an IWA member was instrumental in your involvement with the mentally ill at the Institute of Mental Health, Kilpauk. We all know too well about the splendid work you are doing for the unfortunates inmates there. If only we could all emulate you ! We have however, earned some vicarious credit for your noble mission.

Kudos to Nanditha Krishna for conducting yet another successful summer camp for school children at the C. P. Ramaswamy Aiyar Foundation.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Tuesday, 26th July, 1994 — 10-15 a.m.

At : Padmini Natarajan's
A-9, Grindlays Garden
1, Haddows Road
Madras-600 006



THE IVORY SWING by JANETTE TURNER HOSPITAL

The author has woven an exquisite and poetic story, full of sensitive insights, bringing together the seemingly disparate lives of an Indian and an American woman. Set in Trivandrum, the book grasps truth more through poetic realisation than anthropological or sociological procedures, and that is why, it becomes a delight to read, and far more likely to remain in the memory.

**SULOCHANA ALEXANDER
ROSA MARIA SRIDHARAN**

HISTORY, CULTURE AND TOURS

Friday, 29th July, 1994 — 10-15 a.m.

At : Gayatri Bewoor's
20, Gilchrist Avenue
Off Harrington Road
Madras-600 031



WOMEN IN INDIAN ART

Art forms anywhere are primarily an appeal to the aesthetic senses. By portraying real life, mythological and imaginary pictures, the artist kindles the mind in various ways — much more than the proverbial 1,000 words could!

Dr. R. Nagaswamy concentrates on one aspect of art in India — Women in Indian Art. With his slides to support his talk, members can look forward to a really interesting morning.

**SUSHILA NATRAJ
SABINE SALAM**

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