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MONTH AT A GLANCE

Monday	6th July	ARTS AND HANDICRAFTS Talk - Traditional Architecture of Kerala	10.15am
Monday	13th July	HEALTH AND ECOLOGY Tour - Organically grown vegetable farm	10.15am
Thursday	16th July	CURRENT EVENTS Talk - Nuclear Dilemma	10.15am
Friday	17th July	COOKING SWAPSHOP Demonstration - Kati Rolls	10.15am
Friday	24th July	FOUNDERS' DAY	10.15am
Monday	27th July	MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS 'Dhrupad' - Oldest and rarest of Indian Classical Music	10.15am
Tuesday	28th July	BOOK DISCUSSION 'EMMA' by Jane Austen	10.15am
Thursday	30th July	PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION Discussion - Human Rights - Nonsense on Stilts?	10.15am
Friday	31st July	HISTORY, CULTURE AND TOURS Panel discussion - TV and its influence on our culture	10.15am

PRESIDENTS' PAGE

Dear Friends,

It was heartening to note that so many of you had come looking forward to having a wonderful Fellowship Morning. It was indeed a very cheerful and happy morning with friends greeting and exchanging holiday experiences with each other.

This was also an occasion when new members were introduced. We welcome them into IWA. We would like them to come and enjoy all the activities we put out and of course would be delighted if they would participate in our programmes. The games were most enjoyable as the members were having great fun in forming their groups as per their coloured ribbons!

A special 'Thank You' to Megan, Gayatri, Lalini, Meyammai and Javanthi for organising this lovely morning.

July 15th is the last date for receiving subscriptions. Please do remember to give in renewal forms as well.

Activity chairpersons have put out very interesting programmes. Come and enjoy them.

**SHYLA K. RAO
MEGAN UTLEY**

BOARD MEETING

Tuesday July 7th - 10.00 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Tuesday July 7th - 11.00 a.m.

Both meetings at

Gayatri Bewoor's
20, Gilchrist Avenue
Off Harrington Road
Chennai - 31.

MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENTS

The month of July as you will find, is filled with many varied and interesting programmes for all IWA members. Our policy of fellowship and participation is a continuing theme, and it is our earnest wish to see you at as many of our meetings as possible.

Please remember Founders' Day on July 24 - a day very special to all of us - so please do make that very special effort to be present on this memorable occasion.

May we also remind you to keep contributions for 'Festivals Around the World' coming in.

GAYATRI BEWOOR
LALINI GAUTAMADASA

THE TEMPLE OF NATURE

Talk not of temples, there is one
Built without hands, to mankind given,
Its lamps are the meridian sun
And all the stars of heaven.

Its walls are the cerulean sky,
Its floor, the earth so fair,
The dome its vast immensity,
All Nature worships there

DAVID VEDDER

ARTS AND HANDICRAFTS

Monday, July 6 - 10.15 a.m.

At : The Trident Hotel
1/24 G S T Road
Chennai - 27.



TRADITIONAL ARCHITECTURE OF KERALA.

Mr. BENNY KURIAKOSE, architect and designer, has majored in conservation studies at the University of York, England. He has had the privilege of working with the famous architect LAURRY BAKER, gaining much experience and knowledge from the former's architectural philosophies.

Among his main achievements are a village designed for earthquake rehabilitated victims in Lathur, Maharashtra as well as the "KERALA HOUSES" in DAKSHINACHITRA, Chennai. He works mainly with traditional materials and greatly values traditional techniques.

Today Mr. KURIAKOSE will talk to us on Traditional Kerala Architecture, sharing with us his conviction that people are far more comfortable in traditional homes. His talk will be supported by a slide presentation.

**VISALAKSHI RAMASWAMY
EIRA DOSHI**

ALL ARE WELCOME

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HEALTH AND ECOLOGY

Monday, 13th July - 10.15 a.m.

At : Jain Vidyasharam,
Puzhal,
Red Hills.



FIELD VISIT TO AN ORGANICALLY GROWN VEGETABLE FARM

Our speaker Mr. Samuel Eddy will take us on an invigorating outdoor tour around a vegetable farm. He will give us practical tips on how we could start our own terraced organic garden; explain the hazards of chemical agriculture; introduce us to the magic of vermi-composting and to the art of waste recycling.

Please note

- a) The first fifty members to warm-in by July 8th could participate in this tour. Please telephone Gayatri 8264035 or Sharmila 414314.
- b) A bus will pick us up at 9.30 a.m. from Taj Coromandel Hotel.
- c) Please bring walking shoes, caps and drinking water.

**SHARMILA RAMJI
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CURRENT EVENTS

Thursday 16th July - 10.15 a.m.

At: Stina Vasu's
6, Cathedral Road
Chennai - 86



NUCLEAR DILEMMA

Our speaker PROF. AMBI RAJAN, is an Honorary Professor with the Madras School of Economics.

Prof. Rajan will discuss the recent nuclear tests conducted by India and their aftermath - both economic and political aspects. Will the series of tests done by India, and followed by Pakistan, lead to the triggering of another arms race? What will be the reaction of the world and the effects of these reactions on India?

**KANTA GUPTA
ANJANA DAS-HASPER**

COOKING SWAPSHOP

Friday 17th July - 10.15 a.m.

At: RANI CHADA'S
207, Defence Colony,
(Near St. Thomas Mount)
Chennai - 97.



KATI ROLLS

'KATI ROLLS' as a quick bite/cocktail snack/appetiser/main meal, is the most ideal finger food for people on the move. Just roll it, reach for it, eat it on your way, in the car, at your desk, pack it in the bag for junior at school. It's quick to prepare, loaded with nutrition and the fillings are limited only by your imagination.

We plan to demonstrate Kati Kabab, Chicken and Paneer Rolls.

This year our emphasis is on home cooking. IWA is full of talented cooks. So please share your cooking expertise with us. Call Rani at 2344233 and Sheela at 4938524 with ideas.

**RANI CHADA
SHEELA. K. SARATH**

Walter to the couple at table: "I'm sorry, but the 'soup of the day' has just been tripped over by the 'employer of the month.'"

FOUNDERS' DAY

FOR MEMBERS ONLY

Friday 24th July 10-15 am

At: The Connemara Hotel
Binny Road
Chennai - 2.

In 1986 Nirmal Seshadri's dream became a reality when she met up with six like-minded ladies-Nancy Dean, Lakshmi Padmanabhan, Anneliese Hazari, Saroja Ramamrutham, Rewa Singh and Sunita Shahaney. They gave women of different nationalities and culture the opportunity to meet and get to know each other through IWA.

Another Founders' Day has come by and this has given us once more the opportunity to let them know how much we appreciate them.

SHYLA K RAU
MEGAN UTLEY

FESTIVALS AROUND THE WORLD

On July 4th, people in the United States celebrate Independence Day, commemorating the 1776 signing in Philadelphia of the Declaration of Independence. The holiday was first observed in North Carolina in 1778, but it wasn't until 1873 that it become a legal holiday, first in Pennsylvania and then throughout the States.

Now, in towns across the country people come out to march in parades and "ooh" and "aah" at fireworks displays. But more importantly, July 4th is a day when Americans seriously exercise one of the fundamental rights of the declaration: the pursuit of happiness. They relax and enjoy a game of softball or horseshoes and a summer cookout - hot dogs with all the fixin's, fresh-picked sweet corn, juicy red watermelon, Aunt Ethel's potato salad, and Mom's cherry pie - with friends and family.

MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS

Monday, 27th July - 10.15 am

At: Rupa Sood's
No.5, Adyar Club Gate Road,
Chennai-28.



"DHRUPAD" - THE OLDEST AND RAREST FORM OF INDIAN CLASSICAL MUSIC.

The term Dhruvad or "Dhruvapada" (Dhruva = immutable/eternal + Pada = Hymn/verse/composition) refers to a style of presenting Raga based music which dominated North Indian classical music between the 15th and the 18th centuries. Dhruvad has its origins in the pre-Christian era. The tradition has, over the millennia, shaped two distinct streams: the original devotional form, "Haveli Sangeet" (the Dhruvad of the temples) and its later manifestation, Darbari Dhruvad (The Dhruvad of Royal Courts). Having receded from the mainstream starting 18th Century, it is being revived since the mid-1960's.

Because of its devotional character, Dhruvad is predominantly a vocal tradition. However, instrumental music, mainly the Rudra Veena, dance and even theatrical performances have been associated with the Dhruvad tradition. Its increasing popularity in the West is attributed to its easier accessibility in terms of format, style and understanding as well as to its deep devotional impact.

Pandit Falguni Mitra, a well-known exponent in this field, possessing a rich sonorous voice will share the knowledge of his research, training and format of rendition of this difficult and now rare art form.

**SUREKHA KOTHARI
REGINA SCHROEDER**

Did you know?

The concept of laser was developed by Einstein in 1917 but the first laser wasn't built until 1960?

BOOK DISCUSSION

Tuesday, 28th July - 10.15 am

At: Kamala Muthiah's
Bedford House
5 Raja Annamalai Road
Chennai 84.



"EMMA" by Jane Austen

After the film which was appreciated, we are sure, by our members, we now have the book review by Mrs. Sita Udupa, Head of Dept. of English Literature, Ethiraj College.

The next book for August is "Hullabaloo in the Guava Orchard" by Kiran Desai.

Two copies of the book are available with Kamala Muthiah. Those interested, please call at 8553821 or 8553861, and arrange to pick it up.

**KAMALA MUTHIAH
GALE MADSEN**

PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION

Thursday, 30th July - 10.15 am

At: The British Council
737 Mount Road
Chennai 2



"HUMAN RIGHTS : NONSENSE ON STILTS?"

For our first meeting of Philosophy & Religion, we have none other than our President Megan Utley's husband, Mr JASPAR UTLEY, who has a degree in philosophy from U.K. and heads the British Council in Chennai, to speak to us on a topic very close to our hearts- the rights of women and children,

Where do these rights come from?

What gives them their validity?

Will Aliens have rights?

Or is it all nonsense?

**MRIDULA NARASIMHAN
HENNY DE GROOTE PAAUWE**

GUESTS WELCOME

HISTORY CULTURE AND TOURS

Friday, 31st July - 10.15 am

At Mehmooda Haja Shareef's
"Nihal"
17 Haddows Road 1st Street,
Nungambakkam
Chennai - 34



IS OUR CULTURE BEING ERODED BY TOO MUCH TELEVISION? A DISCUSSION

With the TV boom, every home, every alley, every village is airing this medium and nobody seems to have time for anything else.

Our speakers Mani Ayer, Malini Seshadri and Sushila Ravindranath will discuss whether our aeons old culture and tradition are being bombarded by television.

All three speakers are connected with the media - Mr. Ayer has been an eminent personality in advertising for decades. Ms. Ravindranath writes for **Business India** and appears on TV. Ms. Seshadri is a columnist and opinion maker. The moderator will be Geeta Doctor - a renowned writer who contributes to journals and newspapers at the national level.

May our culture live ? !

**SUJAYA MENON
RITA NORDENGREN**

Luck is not chance - it's toil. Fortune's expensive smile is earned.

EMILY DICKINSON

CONGRATULATIONS TO

MANO BAKTHAVATSALAM who was recently conferred the title "Outstanding Social Worker" by a cultural and social organisation 'Uratha Sinthanai'- for her achievements in the field of service to women, children and the handicapped.

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