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Thur.	2 nd Mar.	Arts and Handicrafts <i>Furniture from Bastar</i>	10.15 a.m.
Mon.	6 th Mar.	Current Events <i>George Bush</i>	10.15 a.m.
Tue.	7 th Mar.	Managing Committee Mtg. Executive Committee Mtg.	9.45 a.m. 10.30 a.m.
Thur.	9 th Mar.	Music and Performing Arts <i>Remembering Meera</i>	<u>5 p.m.</u>
Tue.	14 th Mar.	Cooking Swapshop <i>Chinese Desserts</i>	10.15 a.m.
Fri.	17 th Mar.	Grand Finale <i>Jazz 'n' All That</i>	<u>7.30 p.m.</u>
Tue.	21 st Mar.	Health and Ecology <i>Environment Today</i>	10.15 a.m.
Thur.	23 rd Mar.	Philosophy and Religion <i>Buddha and Buddhahood</i>	10.15 a.m.
Thur.	30 th Mar.	History Culture and Tours <i>Field Trip</i>	<u>8.15 a.m.</u> <u>sharp</u>

From the Presidents

Dear Friends,

We are marching towards the finish line and wonder how quickly the months have gone by!

We are waiting to hear the vivid narrations from our members on the IWA India- trip and their memorable experience of attending the world famous Khajuraho Dance Festival.

We look forward to you all being present with family and friends on 17th March, for our grand finale program, 'JAZZ 'n' ALL THAT', an evening of International music, dance and humor.

We have only a limited number of tickets, so please get them at the earliest from the Activity Chairpersons at the meetings.

Marching on...

PRINCESS NAIK

RATHI NILAKANTAN

MANAGING COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Tue. 7th March, 9.45 a.m

Tue. 7th March, 10.30 a.m

Both Meetings hosted by Thayabae Kakar
The Presidency Club, 51, Ethiraj Salai, Egmore
Chennai 600 105.

Arts and Handicrafts

Thursday, 2nd March at 10.15 a.m.

At : Sunny Systems -The Gallery
No. 58, 2nd Main Road
Gandhi Nagar, Adyar
Chennai 600 020

(Location: At the crossroad coming from
Titan showroom on 1st Main Road and
Grand Sweets on 2nd Main Road)



FUSION FURNITURE FROM BASTAR

Solo show of fusion furniture in wood and iron craft by Sonadhar Poyan Vishwakarma - National awardee in ironcraft from Bastar. Sonadhar Poyan was the first artisan who with his own creativity created the free standing four legged animal forms in iron craft. It was for this innovation he was awarded the National Award in iron craft

Sonadhar has used his creativity to incorporate his iron craft in beds, sofas, chairs, divider screens and mirrors. He will talk about the evolution of this art as well. On display would be pieces created by him.

Additionally Kalpana Rastogi, a woman entrepreneur trained at the Government of India Weavers Service Centre will give a demonstration of block printing on fabric. She will also give a brief talk on the same. A small workshop where members can try their hand at block printing will also be held.

URMILLA AGARWAL

MERETE KOEFOED

We regret to announce the passing away of our member Dolly Simon. Our deepest sympathies and condolences to the bereaved family.

Current Events

Monday, 6th March, at 10.15 a.m.
At : Madras Club
Ball Room
Adyar Club Gate Road
Chennai 600 028



GEORGE BUSH COMES TO TOWN

Our young and dynamic speaker, Dr.Vijay Prasad teaches at Trinity College, U.S.A.

Author of ten books, two of which have been chosen by New York's Village Voice as the books of the year, Vijay will talk about Indo-American Relations.

An interesting morning awaits you on this much talked about subject.

Queries will be answered after the talk.

Our grateful thanks to Rani Chada for graciously hosting this program.

RANI DAS GUPTA

RAZIYEH SHEERAZIE

HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO

Latha Baratan on the passing away of her mother.

Aruna Prasad on the loss of her mother and Asha Ram Mohan on the loss of her mother-in-law.

Rajni Sabherwal on the passing away of her mother and brother-in-law.

Music & Performing Arts

Thursday, 9th March, at 5 p.m.

At : Nina Kothari's
Kothari Bagh
18, M.G.Road, Nungambakkam
Chennai 600 034

(Turn left immediately after India Cabs
before Taj Coromandel Hotel)



REMEMBERING M.S.SUBBULAKSHMI'S MEERA A TRIBUTE IN DANCE BY SHOBANA BHALACHANDRA

'Meera' is one of the memorable milestone movies in the history of Indian cinema. Its songs and M.S.Subbulakshmi as Meera are evergreen in the minds, hearts and souls of many Indians. The songs sung by M.S. in Tamil and Hindi have been unsurpassed for their bhakti rasa, so much so the name Meera is associated indelibly with M.S.

'Meera', a solo performance by Shobana Bhalachandra is unique and first of its kind as the songs chosen for this recital are from the Tamil film classic, 'Meera' released in the year 1945.

The performance with live orchestra portrays the life of Meera in three segments - young Meera, Meera's marriage to the Rana and Meera's quest to find Lord Krishna through ten popular songs from the film.

Shobana is one among the Trio Sisters, the first and seniormost disciples of world-renowned dancers the Dhananjayans and Padma Bhushan Kalanidhi Narayanan. She has performed extensively in India and abroad with rave reviews.

This programme is for members only.

We thank Nina Kothari for graciously hosting the programme.

GEETA VASUDEVAN

SANDRA LECOZ

Cooking Swapshop

Tuesday, 14th March, at 10.15 a.m.

At : Mainland China

Quality Inn Aruna

144, Sterling Road, 3rd Floor

Nungambakkam

Chennai 600 034



CHINESE DESSERTS

Mention the words Chinese food to most people and they tend to think of an assortment of stir-fried dishes, usually accompanied with rice and the ubiquitous cup of tea. While the Chinese may not be well known for their large repertoire of desserts, Chinese desserts can be very delicate and delicious. ...

For those of you with a sweet tooth, we have organized a morning of desserts for you, at Mainland China - a popular Chinese restaurant. Chef Rahul will teach us the intricacies of making -
Chocolate Coin

Date Pancake

Toffee Apple and

Lichee Mousse

Ladies come and indulge your taste buds!

Members only.

ANITA KOSHY

MANISHA SINGHEE

We thank Anuradha Baskar, Meenakshi Dhamija and Achu Kurien for hosting the Cookery Competition held at the Madras Club on 23rd February 2006.

JAZZ 'N' ALL THAT

Friday, 17th March, at 7.30 p.m.

At : The Ball Room

Taj Coromandel Hotel

Nungambakkam High Road

Chennai 600 034



An evening odyssey ... internationally flavoured with American Jazz, Brazilian Samba and laced with British humour !

↳ *Andrea Jeremiah and The Jazz Ensemble*

↳ *Samba by Cleverson Deolzeira*

↳ *Python Hyssssteria II - Excerpts from "The Sequel" by Evam.*

↳ *Benzi's foot tapping ole' favourites ...*



A lavish buffet spread to whet your appetites!

Tickets priced at Rs.375 are available with the Managing and Executive Committee.

Hurry, Limited tickets only!

PRINCESS NAIK

RATHI NILAKANTAN

Health and Ecology

Tuesday, 21st March, at 10.15 a.m.
At : ITC Park Sheraton
Arcot Hall
132, TTK Road
Chennai 600 018



ENVIRONMENT TODAY

What each one of us becomes in life is due to the interaction between the genotype (i.e, the genes we have inherited from our parents) and the environment. The environment of importance to human development and well being is the home, school and nutritional environment and the quality of our life support systems. Unfortunately, our life support systems consisting of land, water, biodiversity and the atmosphere are getting increasingly damaged due to pollution and unsustainable exploitation. Both unacceptable poverty and unsustainable lifestyles co-exist in an extensive manner. The need of the hour is to promote harmony with nature and with each other. This is the greatest environmental challenge of today.

Prof.M.S.Swaminathan, Chairman, National Commission on Farmers, Govt. of India, President, Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs and Chairman, M.S.Swaminathan Research Foundation will be talking to us on this environmental challenge of today.

MRIDULA SRINIVASAN

JYOTI SOMANI

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Shobha Seshasayee
2A, 2nd Floor, Srish Apartments
New No.14 (Old 33), A.B.M. Avenue
Chennai 600 028

Philosophy & Religion

Thursday, 23rd March, at 10.15 a.m.
At : Lily Malhan's
36, Mount Road
Campa Campus, Opp. Spic Bldg.
Guindy
Chennai 600 032



A JOURNEY FROM BUDDHA TO BUDDHA HOOD...

Buddha, a man with a begging bowl and saffron robe lived as an emperor of human soul. With silence as his language he taught many ways for right living.

Geethan, a continuous learner, a skilled helper who practices meditation as a way of life and heads an organization 'Nibbana'- shares his experience about Buddha.

He throws light on how Buddha's method help us to be in the here and now, the importance of self awareness, sensitivity to newness and how to explore the possibility to encounter reality.

Come and experience this journey.

We thank Lily Malhan for hosting this program.
Buddham saranam gachame!!

RANI ANANTH

BERNADETTE MCEWEN

We thank Kashmira Daruwala and Dhun Dalal for helping with the meeting on Zoroastrianism.

History Culture and Tours

Thursday, 30th March, at 8.15 a.m. sharp

Departure from: Thayabae Kakar's
6A, Chandika Towers
8, College Lane
Chennai 600 006

[Next to the UK Visa Issuing Office]



A FIELD TRIP TO AN ANCIENT TEMPLE

1500 YEARS OLD !
CARVED OUT OF ROCK !
HOUSED IN A CAVE NEAR CHENNAI

48Kms from Chennai we will visit Singa Perumal Koll, where Sri Padalathri Sri Narasmiha Swami resides. This temple is famous for answering prayers for good health, legitimate wishes and most of all the 'nethra darshan', the chance to pay your respects to the spiritual and visible third eye of the Lord.

If time permits we will also visit the Hyagreeva Temple. Lunch will be enroute and we will reach back by 3:00P.M.

The limit is for 30 people so please warn in by 10th March.

Warn in : Princess - 98406 77703 / Rathi - 98410 73060
Thayabae - 98407 66135

THAYABAE KAKAR

BONNIE KING

CHANGE OF PHONE NUMBERS (NEW DIRECTORIES ONLY)

Indira Dutt	5577 2610	Meera Jayakar	5534 2404
Sadiya Khaleel	5529 1015	Bernadette McEwen	5549 7307
Anjana Sunil	5544 8341	Asiati Trowbridge	5551 3773

From the Election Committee

We invite you to nominate persons for each office of the Managing Committee.

Guidelines:

1. Nominees for Presidents shall have served on the Managing Committee for at least two years. They should have been members of IWA for at least 5 years. This may be relaxed in the case of Non-Indians.
2. Nominees for Office Bearers of the Managing Committee (i.e. Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer) should have served as Activity Chairpersons for at least two years. This may be relaxed in the case of Non-Indians.
3. The Election Committee shall present to the members, the names of Indian and Non-Indian nominees who are eligible and willing to stand for election on the Managing Committee. They shall inform the Members of the date, time and venue of the Election.

This Newsletter carries the Nomination Form. Please fill in the form and send it to Debbie Thiagarajan, Chairperson, Election Committee, so as to reach her before 3 p.m. on 10th March 2006.

Mrs. Debbie Thiagarajan
Chairperson, Election Committee
IWA, 857, Poonamallee High Road,
Kilpauk, Chennai - 600 010.

ELIGIBLE MEMBERS WHO HAVE ACCEPTED TO BE NOMINATED FOR THE POST OF PRESIDENT 2006 - 2007

INDIAN	NON-INDIAN
Seema Bhargava	Amulya Rao
Kamala Prasad	Sabine Erlich Salam

ELIGIBLE MEMBERS WHO HAVE ACCEPTED TO BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSTS OF VICE - PRESIDENT, SECRETARY & TREASURER 2006 - 2007

INDIAN	NON-INDIAN
Urmilla Agarwal	Maria Elena Ampuero
Rani Ananth	Sangeeta Bharati
Prithika Chary	Jo Frogbrook
Sangeet Chopra	Susan Woolley Hopper
Kausalya Jaganmohan	Neeta Jain
Nina Kothari	Bernadette McEwen
Rekha R Rangaraj	Vijaya Bharathi Rangarajan
	Sanjita Shah
	Raziyeh Sheerazie
	Jyoti Somani

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2005 - 2006

MANAGING COMMITTEE

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TREASURERS	
Nina Kothari	2827 5859 / 2827 8888
Uma Ganesan -	2452 9276 / 98410 34449

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ARTS & HANDICRAFTS	
Urmilla Agarwal	2820 5327
Merete Koefoed	4215 4358
BOOK DISCUSSION	
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Radha Gopalakrishnan	2491 8186
COOKING SWAPSHOP	
Anita Koshy	2656 2152
Manisha Singhee	2499 1482 / 2499 1483
CURRENT EVENTS	
Rani Das Gupta	2499 1084 / 94440 71084
Raziyeh Sheerazie	2836 3161
HEALTH & ECOLOGY	
Mridula Srinivasan	2432 1028
Jyoti Somani	2432 0797
HISTORY, CULTURE & TOURS	
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Geeta Vasudevan	2491 5913
Sandra Le Coz	4210 2017
PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION	
Rani Ananth	2449 0854
Bernadette McEwen	5549 7307