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March 2007

Newsletter

MARCH 2007 Month At A Glance

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Fri.	2nd Mar.	Arts & Handicrafts <i>Art In Living - Sculptures In Landscape</i>	10.15 a.m.
Tue.	6th Mar.	History, Culture and Tours <i>Chola Frescos</i>	10.15 a.m.
Wed.	7th Mar.	Book Discussion <i>In The Name of Honour</i>	10.15 a.m.
Thu.	8th Mar	Managing Committee Meeting Executive Committee Meeting	9.45 a.m. 10.30 a.m.
Tue.	13th Mar.	Music & Performing Arts <i>Vocal Camatic Music</i>	10.15 a.m.
Thu.	15th Mar.	The Finale - A Celebration	6.15 p.m.
Mon.	19th Mar.	Current Events <i>Internet - New Dimensions, New Directions</i>	10.15 a.m.
Thu.	22nd Mar.	Health & Ecology <i>Responsibility And Accountability For Wildlife In India</i>	10.15 a.m.
Tue.	27th Mar.	Cooking Swapshop <i>Summer Fresh, Salads And Coolers</i>	10.15 a.m.
Thu.	29th Mar.	Philosophy & Religion <i>The Bahai Faith</i>	10.15 a.m.

From the Presidents



Dear Friends

Get ready to experience India, past present and future month. The diversity of meetings extends from Chola frescos and Carnatic heritage to the Bahai religion as well as the IT sector. We consider the strength of one remarkable Pakistani woman and learn ways to lose some weight before the summer swimsuit season! This month we also celebrate the threads that bind us with an evening of fun, friends and fellowship.

Looking to the future, we hope that all of you give some thought to the nomination form included in this newsletter. Remember, IWA is your organisation so make your voice heard!

SEEMA BHARGAVA

AMULYA RAO

MANAGING COMMITTEE
Thursday, 8th March, 9.45 am

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Thursday, 8th March, 10.30 am

Both Meetings hosted by
Urmilla Agarwal
7 (Old 3A) Giri Road
2nd Floor, T. Nagar
Chennai 600017

Arts @ Handicrafts



Friday, 2nd March 10:15 a.m.

At: FORUM ART GALLERY
57 Padmanabha Nagar
5th Street
Adyar (Near Sishya School)
Chennai 600020

ART IN LIVING - SCULPTURES IN LANDSCAPE

Two talented young ladies will surely inspire us to appreciate the use of sculptures in landscapes.

Arati Chari, who has a Masters in landscape architecture from the School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi and who works out of Chennai and Singapore, has many awards to her credit. She was awarded the Platinum rating for the "Green" landscape design of the Shrabji Godrej Confederation of Indian Industries Green Business Centre, Hyderabad, by the Green Building Council, U.S.A. This was the second building in the world to achieve this rating. She is also the recipient of the Best Landscape Architect 2006 by The Society of Interior Designs Jury. She is currently working with Belt Collins International, Singapore. Arati will explain to us how landscapes add value to any construction site.

Shalini Biswajit's sculptures have been commissioned by the Government and private collectors and installed in public venues and corporate buildings in Chennai and elsewhere. She will present a slide show and talk about the integration of art, nature and architecture.

Sculpture is meant to define and reinforce the existence of space it resides in. It draws attention to an otherwise mundane space. We will hear more from these two experienced and accomplished ladies.

We thank **Shalini Biswajit** for hosting this meeting.

SANGEET CHOPRA

LISA FELDMAN

History, Culture & Tours



Friday, 6th March at 10.15 a.m.

At: **HARRISONS HOTEL**
Mulberry Room
315 Valluvarkottam High Road
Nungambakkam
Chennai 600 034

CHOLA FRESCOS

Ancient texts describe murals as an important way of surface decoration of all types of structures. To put it simply, the walls of ancient buildings, be it a magnificent palace or a temple, were all extensively painted.

Among the murals remains of India, much documented and talked about are those found in Ajanta caves. Next to it, though accepted as near-equal to it, are the Chola murals found along the dark interiors of the circumambulatory of the sanctum of the Brihadisvara temple at Thanjavur. Due to its very secluded locale, and access to it being restricted due to various reasons by Archaeological Survey of India, these paintings were rarely and seldom comprehensively photographed. A recent attempt by the ASI rectified this lacuna.

The talk will broadly cover the greatness of the temple, the reasons why the paintings were not comprehensively photographed in the past, and the need for photographic reproductions.

Our speaker, **P.Sriraman** is an eminent archaeologist who heads the Fort Museum at Fort St. George. He specializes in Prehistoric Archaeology and Art History of South India.

We thank **Anjana Sunil** for hosting this meeting.

ANURADHA M. UBEROI

ANITA KAPOOR



Book Discussion

Thursday, 7th March at 10.15 a.m.

At : **MADRAS BOAT CLUB**
The Strokeside
Boat Club Road
Chennai 600028

IN THE NAME OF HONOUR

International Women's Day is celebrated in the first week of March, so it is fitting that we discuss the story of Mukhtar Mai and her transformation from an uneducated Pakistani woman leading a simple life into a global symbol of the fight for gender justice. "**In the Name of Honour**" is the horrific story of her abuse at the hands of upper caste men, a tale of a lower caste woman fighting oppression in a primarily male dominated society. In the words of the Canadian Ambassador to Pakistan, "This woman embodies the true spirit of International Women's Day".

Mangal is the pseudonym of **Padma Venkatraman** who writes in both English and Tamil. She teaches English at the Stella Maris College and one of her areas of specialization is Gender Studies. She will review the book for us and talk about women's rights not only in Pakistan but also in India and the world over.

We thank **Gayatri Bewoor** for hosting the meeting.

SHOBHA HEBBAR

BILKIS MOOSA

Music @ Performing Arts



Tuesday, 13th March at 10.15 a.m.

At : **HARRISONS HOTEL**
315 Valluvarkottam High Road
Nungambakkam
Chennai 600 034

VOCAL CARNATIC MUSIC

Shanti Suresh holds a Bachelor's Degree in Music from Queen Mary's College and is a student of Late Maharajapuram Santhanam. She will present a brief concert for us in her melodious voice. She has been performing during The Music Festival in Chennai for over 3 decades now. She will also explain the Ragaas elaborating on the style of different poets and composers.

We thank **Kannamma Ranga Rao** for hosting the meeting.

SHOBHA MAHTANI

SHUBHASHREE SENGUPTA

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Heartfelt condolences to

- **Shrikanta Jhaver** on the demise of her mother-in-law.
- **Nirmal Mirza** on the passing away of her mother-in-law.
- **Sunanda Sundaram** on the loss of her daughter.

The Finale - A Celebration



Thursday, 15th March at 6.15 p.m.

At: **SUNITA SAHAHANEY'S**
Oakland House
7 Adyar Club Gate Road
Chennai - 600 028

As we approach the end of this IWA year, we are delighted to bring to you an evening of music, dance and fellowship. We are honoured to present a soul searching Bharatnatyam recital by **Leela Samson** of the Kalakshetra Foundation. We invite you to stay on for dinner thereafter.

Please be seated by 6.45 p.m. The performance will commence at 7 p.m. sharp. Dinner will be served immediately after the recital.

Kindly warn in and also state Veg / Non veg to facilitate arrangements **by 13th March with Seema at 98400 82518, Amulya at 98409 25434, Urmilla 98410 85533, Raziyeah 99400 85532 and Rani at 2449 0854.**

Guests (at a charge of Rs.300/-, including dinner) are welcome.

We thank **Sunita Shahaney** for providing us with the beautiful venue. Hope to see you all at this Celebration Meeting.

Seema Bhargava
Nina Kothari
Rani Ananth
Urmilla Agarwal

Amulya Rao
Bernadette McEwen
Susan Hopper
Raziyeah Sheerazie

The Executive Committee

Current Events



Monday, 19th March at 10.15 a.m.

At: **THE MADRAS CLUB**
Adyar Club Gate Road
R. A. Puram
Chennai 600026

INTERNET - NEW DIMENSIONS, NEW DIRECTIONS

The Internet has changed our lives forever in ways that nobody could have predicted. New opportunities have emerged and changed the business landscape in unexpected ways. For many users the Internet has created new ways of interaction such as through blogs and communities.

Madhav Patwardhan will present some thought provoking ideas about the new dimensions of the Internet. He is the Managing Director of Market Tools Research, an Internet software company headquartered in San Francisco.

We thank **Jaya Tambay-Patwardhan** for hosting this meeting.

MRIDULA SRINIVASAN

JYOTI SOMANI

Change of Phone Numbers

Seema Bhargava - ☎ 2825 0477
2821 2414

Health @ Ecology



Thursday, 22nd March at 10.15 a.m.

At: **COTTINGLEY**
20 Anderson Road
Chennai 600006

RESPONSIBILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR WILDLIFE IN INDIA

As the Tourist Industry in India grows and more and more professionals in the field of Wildlife and Conservation Filming make use of the wilderness areas throughout India the question must be asked – Who is responsible for preserving and conserving the natural habitat?

Shekar Dattatri, a professional Wildlife Film-maker, has agreed to speak on how both professional film-makers and tourists alike can make it happen here in India.

Please warn in on 9840975740 between 09.00 – 12.00 hrs Monday – Friday. Only the physically challenged may drive in.

Many thanks to **Veena Swamy** for sponsoring the audio-visual equipment for this meeting.

LYNNE CONNOR

SHIRLEY VERGHESE

We thank **Bernadette McEwen** for sponsoring the audio visual equipment for the Arts & Handicrafts meeting in January.

SANGEET CHOPRA

LISA FELDMAN

Cooking Swapshop



Tuesday, 27th March at 10.15 a.m.

At: **MADRAS CLUB**
Adyar Club Gate Road
R.A. Puram
Chennai 600 028

SUMMER FRESH, SALADS AND COOLERS

As summer is fast approaching **Chef Willi** of The Park Hotel is happy to demonstrate some of his renowned salads and coolers. He will be using fresh and readily available ingredients for this demonstration. Ladies, do come and learn salads that are easy to make. Weight watchers, this is a golden opportunity for you.

SHANTHI THOMAS

MALINI KRISHNA

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Congratulations to

- **Indira Dutt** on her assuming the office of Chairperson of SAARC Chamber of Women Entrepreneur Council (SCWEC).

Philosophy @ Religion



Thursday, 29th March at 10.15 a.m.

At: **KAUSALAYA JAGANMOHAN'S**
33 Sri Vaishnav (Old 16)
Kasturi Ranga Road
Chennai 600 018

THE BAHAI FAITH

Religion should be the cause of love and unity and the earth is but one country and mankind its citizens.

The spiritual principles of the Bahai Faith affirm its overall purpose – to bring about oneness of humanity.

The Bahai Faith is the youngest of the world's independent monotheistic religion. It was founded in Iran in 1844 by Baha'u'llah who is regarded by the Bahais as the most recent in a line of messengers from God. It is a very wide spread religion in the world.

L. Rasheed, member of the Continental Board of Counselors of the Bahais in Asia will give us a power point presentation on the Bahai Faith. Dr. Radhika Narvani, a dental surgeon will assist him.

We thank **Kausalaya Jaganmohan** for hosting this meeting.

ASHA HEMDEV

ANETTE MOLLEBRO

From the Presidents



It is proposed to draw up guidelines for Membership Sub Committees in the future regarding the induction of new members for IWA (Indian and Non Indian).

Those members who wish to give suggestions are requested to send them in writing to the Presidents by 10th March 2007 at the latest. These guidelines shall be voted on at the AGM.

However these guidelines are not applicable for the present Membership Sub Committee.

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New No.60, (Old.121)
Sterling Road,
Chennai 600 034

AMULYA RAO
18, Kasturi Ranga Road,
Alwarpet,
Chennai 600 018

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 atleast 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 Chairpesons 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 Javanthi Singaram, Chairperson, Election Committee, so as to reach her before 3 p.m. on 7th March 2007.

Javanthi Singaram
Chairperson, Election Committee
IWA, 857, Poonamallee High Road,
Kilpauk, Chennai - 600 010.

MEMBERS ELIGIBLE TO BE NOMINATED FOR THE POST
OF PRESIDENT OF IWA FOR 2007-2008

INDIANS

1. Vijaya Balu
2. Gita Chandrasekharan
3. Nina Kothari
4. Lalitha Krishnan
5. Sujaya Menon
6. Kamala Muthiah
7. Kamala Prasad

NON-INDIANS

All Non-Indian members are eligible.

MEMBERS ELIGIBLE TO BE NOMINATED FOR THE POST OF
VICE - PRESIDENT, SECRETARY AND TREASURER OF IWA
FOR 2007-2008

INDIANS

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Urmilla Agarwal | 13. Fazeela Nurdeen |
| 2. Rani Ananth | 14. Visalakshi Ramaswamy |
| 3. Shalini Biswajit | 15. Sharmila Ramji |
| 4. Sarah Chanda | 16. Beena Ram Mohan |
| 5. Prithika Chary | 17. Rekha Rangaraj |
| 6. Sangeet Chopra | 18. Leela Ratnam |
| 7. Shobha Hebbar | 19. Naina Shah |
| 8. Kausalya Jaganmohan | 20. Mridula Srinivasan |
| 9. Bela Mistry Khaleeli | 21. Shanthi Thomas |
| 10. Surekha Kothari | 22. Anuracha M. Uberoi |
| 11. Bina Mathew | 23. Geeta Vasudevan |
| 12. Padmini Natarajan | |

NON-INDIANS

All Non-Indian members are eligible.

Note: Members can nominate for all or some posts.

Election Committee 2007 - 2008

IWA
NOMINATION FORM 2007 - 2008

I nominate _____

No.: **063**

Indian

Non-Indian

Presidents _____

Vice Presidents _____

Secretaries _____

Treasurers _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Name _____

(Block Letters)

Please send this to the Registered Office before
3 p.m. on 7th March 2007.

Ms. Javanthi Singaram

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

Executive Committee 2006 - 2007

MANAGING COMMITTEE

PRESIDENTS

Seema Bhargava	2825 0477 / 98400 82518
Amulya Rao	2499 1272 / 2499 5434

VICE PRESIDENTS

Nina Kothari	2827 5859
Bernadette McEwen	6549 7307 / 98840 21048

SECRETARIES

Rani Ananth	2449 0854
Susan Hopper	2433 3565

TREASURERS

Urmilla Agarwal	2834 5327 / 98410 85533
Raziyeh Sheerazie	2836 3161 / 2836 3687

ACTIVITY CHAIRPERSONS

ARTS AND HANDICRAFTS

Sangeet Chopra	2447 0759
Lisa Feldmann	98415 98056

BOOK DISCUSSION

Shoba Hebbar	2641 1248
Bilquis Moosa	2434 9934 / 2434 9932

COOKING SWAPSHOP

Shanthi Thomas	2815 0865 / 98410 76541
Malini Krishna	2447 4830 / 2447 1046

CURRENT EVENTS

Mridula Srinivasan	2432 1028
Jyoti Somani	2432 0797

HEALTH & ECOLOGY

Shirley Verghese	2449 1474
Lynne Connor	98409 75740

HISTORY, CULTURE & TOURS

Anuradha M. Uberoi	2432 9728
Anita Kapoor	2825 6484

MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS

Shobha G. Mahtani	2835 3303 / 2835 2306
Subhashree SenGupta	2431 1345

PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION

Asha Hemdev	2827 8165
Annette Mollebro	98409 42843