

September at a Glance

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Oct	10.15 ^{AM} Hotel Savera International Music Day
1 Mon	October 1st is International Music Day and our beloved Founder Nirmal Seshadri's birthday. Please mark your calendars and join us.

To learn more, visit the IWA web site: www.iwachennai.com

From the Presidents

Dear Friends,

Vijaya, the Board and I are thrilled and humbled with the response to the 'Trilinga' evening. Indira Dutt's home, hospitality and the elaborately planned, delicious dinner will remain in our memories for a long, long time!

We have been receiving good wishes and encouragement from so many IWA ladies and this approval means a lot to all of us. It helps us to stay focused and also we strive to keep working harder as a result.

Our special events for this month are on September 11th and September 17th. On September 11th, we have Timeri N. Murari speaking to us about his latest publication: 'The Taliban Cricket Club". Thank you Maureen for enabling this meeting; we look forward to this experience.

On September 17th, we have a presentation 'Lasya Kavya', a lyrical journey, filmed by Sankalp Meshram on danseuse Alarmel Valli. Valli has graciously consented to take time off from her hectic schedule to be present at the screening of this film for IWA.

Our ladies will be embarking on the Myanmar trip on the 19th of September, which is the auspicious day of Vinayaka Chaturthi. We wish all of them 'Bon Voyage' and a wonderful trip to a country, which has recently been liberated from totalitarian rule and is being showcased as an unforgettable tourist destination. Thank you Rathi & Achu for organizing this exciting trip!

We request you to mark your calendars for the 1st of October, which is International Music Day. This is also our dear Founder President Nirmal Seshadri's birthday. Our recipient for this year's Music Award is Supraja V. who sings and plays the violin. Our able Music Committee comprising of Uma Ganesan, Vijaya Balasubramaniam, Pushpa Lakshman and Marina Mathias has chosen her.

Wish you all a wonderful season of festivities and good tidings during the coming month!

Yours in IWA,

RAMANI REDDY

VIJAYA RANGARAJAN

Important

Dear Members,

The cost of our meetings has been going up year after year.

This year, due to:

1. Inflation being so high;
2. Some clubs under renovation, and therefore out of bounds for us; and
3. Other clubs and hotels increasing their rates and service charges;

each meeting is costing us around Rs. 7,500 to Rs. 20,000.

Some members have sponsored meetings singly, while some others have contributed generously. We now request the other members, who have not sponsored so far, to please do so either singly or contribute a minimum of Rs. 1,000. The Activity Chairpersons will approach you, and we look forward to your understanding and co-operation.

Meetings held in members' homes have been the strength of IWA in the past. We would appreciate it if more of you would offer your homes as venues for future meetings. We strongly encourage just tea or coffee and cookies to be served at home meetings. Thank you Ladies!

RAMANI REDDY

VIJAYA RANGARAJAN

THE BOARD & ACTIVITY CHAIRPERSONS

3 Mon	10.30 ^{AM} Managing Committee 12.00 ^{noon} Lunch 12.30 ^{PM} Executive Committee Sharon Dean's Residence 14B, Balu Nagar, Mogappair, Chennai 600 037 Tel: 99625 43805
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Meetings are hosted by **Sharon Dean**

The Andhra Event went off beautifully **THANKS** to the tremendous efforts of the following members:

Indira Dutt who cannot be thanked enough for her generosity and organizational skills. She personally took care of every detail at her residence on the evening of the event. The stage, flower decorations, the jasmine 'venis' that were personally handed over to each member at the entrance, everything spoke of her attention to each and every aspect of the experience. Of course, how can we ever forget the elaborately planned, delicious Andhra 'Vindhu' served on banana leaves! Thank you Indira from all of us who were fortunate enough to experience this evening!

Kamala Prasad: You brought Trilinga together thanks to your vision and relentless hard work. But for your tenacity and perseverance we could not have pulled this off!

Rupa Kadhiresan, Vidya Singh and **Padma Ashok:** thank you for the 'Sutradhari' (narration). Thanks Vidya for the beautiful depiction of Andhra Pradesh on the back drop.

Without the enthusiastic contribution of **Mano Bakthavatsalam, Kala Bhashyam, Kausalya Jaganmohan, Prema Kumar, Lalita Naidu, Sucharita Prasad, Amulya Rao, Nalini Ramakrishna, Asha Rammohan, Vijaya Rangarajan, Anita Reddi, Aasha Reddy, Nita Reddy, Parvathi Reddy, Ramani Reddy, Sharada Reddy, Shobhana Reddy, Urmilla Reddy, Sheela Sharath, Rajeshwari Sathyanarayana, Indira Srinagesh, Anjana Sunil, Bharati Suresh** and **Veena Swamy**, the evening would not have been as lively and fun filled.

Finally, to all our Andhra 'Mahilalu' whose families, including children and grand children, contributed towards making Trilinga an authentic Andhra experience.

Every one of us went home with more than satiated stomachs and lovely take-home gifts of Andhra handicrafts, 'Kondapalli Bommalu' (toys).

'Dhanyavaadhalu Mee Andhariki'! (Thank You All),

RAMANI REDDY

VIJAYA RANGARAJAN

THE BOARD

4 Tue

11.00 A.M

Copper Chimney
CSIR Madras Complex (before Ascendas)
100 Ft Road, Taramani, Chennai 600 113
Tel: 22541700

Dare to Care

Copper Chimney takes out a leaf from the culinary extravaganza of the Grand Mughals and brings you a 'repast' in an ambience and hospitality evocative of those golden times when every meal was a feast and every feast a gourmet's delight.

Chef Govind Jadhav will demonstrate fresh, succulent and grilled to perfection Tikkas, wholesome 'melt in the mouth' Palak Paneer and Dal Maharaja.

The most important aspect of this journey will be a chance to watch the children of the Spastics Society of Tamil Nadu at work. These children undergo vocational training in service skills at this outlet of Copper Chimney. Come and share this 'Dare to Care' experience.

Please note that this meeting will begin at **11AM**.

We thank **Copper Chimney** for graciously hosting this meeting.

We thank **Anita Koshy** for being our day facilitator.

BADRUNNISA MAHADEVAN

CHRISTINE BOMSTAD

We regret the error in the last name of one of our sponsors in our Cooking Swapshop and Health and Ecology joint meeting in August; our blurb should have read **Mridula Narasimhan** and not **Mridula Srinivasan**.

6 Thu	<p>11.30^{A.M} Pearl Room Hotel President 25, Dr. Radhakrishnan Salai, Chennai, 600 004 Tel: 2847 2211</p>
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Jash ne Eid

'Aadaab' and 'Eid Mubarak'

Festivals are occasions to come together and celebrate the spirit of Love, Sharing, Peace, Fellowship and Joy. With the end of the customary fasting during Ramzan, "Eid- ul- Fitr" is celebrated. Eid ul Fitr often abbreviated to "Eid" is an Arabic word meaning "Festivity", while "Fitr" means "to break the fast" and so symbolizes the breaking of the fasting period. We invite you to join us in celebrating this beautiful and blessed 'Eid'.

It is days like these, which strengthen the bonds between friends and remind us to give praise for all our graces and bounties.

Please note that this is a members only meeting.

Please note that this meeting will begin at **11.30 AM**.

We thank our gracious hostesses:

Zubeida Asgarali, Nabila Avais, Fakhira Ayer, Bilquis Chida, Rehane Yavar Dhala, Mahmooda Haja Shareef, Zainab Kachwalla, Thayabae Kakar, Sadiya Khaleel, Bela Mistry Khaleeli, Mahin Rabi Khaleeli, Raheela Kareem, Badrunissa Mahadevan, Farida Majid, Bilkis Moosa, Fazeela Nurdeen, Seema Sait, Sabine Erlich Salam, Raziye Sheerazie, Fharzana Siraj and Naaz Tyebbhoy.

We thank **Zainab Kachwalla** for being our day facilitator.

SHARMILA RAMJI

CECY KURUVILLA

7 Fri	<p>10.15^{A.M} Hanu Reddy Residences (From Kasturi Rangan Road go past Ente Keralam and turn left) 39/18, Binny Road Poes Garden, Chennai 600 086</p>
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Abhushan: Seed to Silver

For those of us who were not able to be present at the World Craft Council's exciting event last year in Delhi, "**Abhushan: Seed to Silver**", we have the opportunity of experiencing it at this IWA meeting. Abhushan (adornment) captured the diversity, symbolism and artistic form in jewellery and paid homage to crafts persons from all over the world.

Abhushan explored how common every day material like grass, wood, bone, metal and recycled material could be transformed into exquisite jewellery through the skills of the craftsperson or designer. It was intended to be a collaboration of artists, artisans, designers, scholars and students, an exchange of ideas, a combination of the traditional and the modern, functional and the aesthetic.

Sangeet Chopra, Secretary of the World Craft Council will speak on the work, history and vision of the World Craft Council in helping artisans worldwide to sustain their craft. Sangeet will show a film on and describe to us the beautifully curated exhibition of jewellery from around the world that was part of Abhushan.

We thank **Padma Ashok** for graciously hosting the meeting.

We thank **Anita Bhatia** for sponsoring the audio-visual equipment.

We thank **Mansha Bhatia** for being our day facilitator.

NALINI ACHARYA

DEBORAH THIAGARAJAN

11 Tue	<p>10.15 ^{A.M} Amethyst Cafe 239 Whites Road, Next to Corporation Bank Royapettah, Chennai 600 014</p>
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The Taliban Cricket Club

This intriguing title may appear to be an oxymoron, but we have the author, Chennai-based **Timeri N. Murari**, himself to explain the little-known historical fact which inspired him to frame the plot. Recipient of the R.K.Narayan award, he is the author of 18 books, many translated into 19 languages or more.

Given the strong subtext of its narrative, cricket here is merely the prism through which hostile patriarchal psyches are showcased. Timeri weaves the story of Rukhsana, the feisty female protagonist, who fights against becoming another victim of a gender insensitive social order.

Akhila Krishnamurthy, a Chennai-based freelance journalist, will be in conversation with Timeri N. Murari. She writes extensively on the arts - music, dance, theatre - and the people who make the arts happen.

We thank **Nirmal Mirza** for graciously hosting this meeting.

We thank **Neena Sanghavi** for being our day facilitator.

LEENA SURYAPRAKASH

JANSI KISHORE

13 Thu	<p>10.30 ^{A.M} St Andrews Church (The Kirk) No. 16 (Old No. 36), Poonamallee High Road (Opp. Dinathanthi Newspaper Office) Egmore, Chennai, 600 008</p>
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Serenity in Music and Words

St. Andrews Church is one of the most fascinating and beautiful structures in Chennai. Its large DOME is an architectural wonder; the STAINED GLASS is one of the best in the world.

We are organising a morning of choral music and interactive session with the pastor of the church who will enlighten us about the history of the church and give us a little message. It will be a great opportunity to see and listen to the ancient, gigantic and magnificent PIPE ORGAN. Please join us for the experience of a morning filled with love and peace.

Please note that this meeting will begin at **10.30 AM**.

Thanks to **Sulochana Alexander** for organizing and sponsoring this meeting.

We thank **Anuradha Uberoi** for being our day facilitator.

CHANDRA SEONI
 SHARMILA RAMJI

ANJALI SACHETI
 CECY KURUVILLA

17^{Mon}	<p>10.15 ^{AM} Mandapam Hotel My Fortune (Old Chola Sheraton) Cathedral Road Chennai 600 086</p>
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Lasya Kavya

The World of Alarmel Valli

(Film Screening, duration 78 minutes)

When the muse of an award-winning director is an award-winning dancer, nothing less than sheer artistry can be the expected result. **"Lasya Kavya"**, by renowned director Sankalp Meshram is the recipient of the National Award for Best Non-Feature Film on Art and Culture (2012).

The film, a biopic, explores the intellectual, emotional and spiritual facets of iconic Bharatanatyam dancer and choreographer Padma Bhushan **Alarmel Valli**.

Alarmel Valli is known for her distinctive dance style, "which is classical and yet contemporary, precise and poetic." She has performed in major festivals and theatres in India and abroad. In addition to national Indian awards, she has also received the Chevalier of Arts and Letters award from the Government of France.

We are honoured to have Padma Bhushan Alarmel Valli at our IWA film screening, which will be followed by an interactive session with her.

Please note this is a members only meeting.

Please note: this meeting is **longer** than our usual IWA meetings, so kindly plan on being there for its entirety. The film screening will start at **10.40 AM** sharp.

We thank **Bharati Suresh** for graciously hosting the meeting.

We thank **Sanyukta Gill** for being our day facilitator.

CHANDRA SEONI

ANJALI SACHETI

18^{Tue}	<p>10.15 ^{AM} Hanu Reddy Residences (From Kasturi Rangan Road go past Ente Keralam and turn left) 39/18, Binny Road Poes Garden, Chennai 600 086</p>
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2012 - The Real Story

Doomsday Predictions

Bharath Gyan, is an organization dedicated to collating and assimilating the traditional knowledge of India and its global ties, from a scientific, rational and integrated perspective. Its founders Mr. D. K. Hari and Mrs. D. K. Hema Hari have done pioneering work in uncovering the history behind myths and presenting this history from a modern perspective.

Mr. D. K. Hari has spoken to us before on the Ganga; some members would recall that memorable experience. This time he is going to speak to us on "2012 - The Real Story". His talk will touch upon the topic of the doomsday predictions for December 2012, tracing their origins and showing us the unmistakable link between two of the oldest civilizations in the world: the Mayan and the Indian. The topic should fascinate us all and we expect a full house on the day of the presentation.

We thank **Malini Krishna, Meena Naru** and **Fazeela Nurdeen** for graciously hosting the meeting.

We thank **Latha Rajan** for being our day facilitator.

ASHA HEMDEV
 SUDHA SHIVKUMAR

JENNIFER MEDDICK
 KIMBERLY OWENS

 We thank **Rupa Kadhiresan** for sponsoring the audio-visual equipment for the Health & Ecology meeting in August.

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Remembering Kaka!!!

Rajesh Khanna, India's first superstar had the unique ability to star personally in so many of our lives! Join our IWA member **Rekha Rangaraj** as she takes a trip down memory lane and revisits the life and times of this phenomenal star. It was the time of the bouffant hairstyle and smoky eye make up!

Ladies turn up in your 70's best and walk away with the Sharmila Tagore look alike 1st prize and the Mumtaz look alike runner up prize.

Please note this is a members only meeting.

We'd like to thank our gracious sponsors **Seema Sait** and **Sudha Shivkumar**.

We thank **Shobha Hebbar** for being our day facilitator.

CHANDRA SEONI
 SUDHA SHIVKUMAR

ANJALI SACHETI
 KIMBERLY OWENS

We bid a fond farewell to the following members who have left:

Malini Balakrishnan
 Sue Cook
 Moniek De Zwaan
 Helena Lau
 Anita Nazareth
 Dorothy Saldanha
 Alexandra Thompson

A warm welcome to the following new members:

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 Tel: +91 8754556570

Save the Date!

Dear Members,

IWA's **Diwali celebration** will be held on Saturday, **November 3rd**, at MRC Hall. As always we request members to donate gifts or cash for the immensely popular Khazana stall. We request that you kindly donate gifts with a minimum value of Rs. 150/- or higher. The gifts can be handed over to any one of the Board representatives at any meeting before October 31st or alternatively they can be handed over to the following members (whoever is closest to you):

Asha Rammohan
27, Rutland Gate
4th Street
Chennai 600 006

Vijaya Rangarajan
New No. 3, Bazulla Road
T. Nagar
Chennai 600 017

Nita Reddy
12, Subbaraya Avenue
Alwarpet
Chennai 600 018

Badrunissa Mahadevan
24, Park Road
West Shenoy Nagar
Chennai 600 030

Please note the following change of addresses:

Sharon Dean
14B, Balu Nagar
Mogappair
Chennai 600 037

Naina Shah
1 Vishwadeep
26, Kasturi Avenue
MRC Nagar
Chennai 600 028

Olga Suihkonen
New No. 502, Beach City
Maheshwari Farm Lane
Kanathur
Chennai 603 112

Our congratulations to **Naina Shah** on receiving the 'Real Hero Award' from Inbox 1305.

Did you know?

On this our 65th Indian Independence Day

"Actor 'Baby' Saroja or **Saroja Ramamrutham**, now in her 80s, was around six years old, when she acted in the movie 'Thyagabhoomi', made by freedom fighter and film-maker K Subrahmanyam in 1939. While the movie was about a woman's liberation from the world of dowry, the British banned it six weeks after its release when they realised it was becoming a platform for nationalist propaganda. The then commissioner of police, an Indian, was Subrahmanyam's friend, who warned him that the prints were to be seized. "The film-maker immediately instructed the cinema halls to throw open the film to everyone, free of cost, till the police arrived and lathicharged the audience," says Saroja's son S Krishnaswamy, a film-maker. Saroja says at the time of acting in the movie, she did not realise the significance of it. "Only when I was older did I realise I was a part of the making of history too," Saroja told her family many years later."

Quoted from "A Song called freedom" by Kamini Mathai, The Times of India, August 15, 2012.

Saroja Ramamrutham is one of the founder members of IWA.