

July at a glance

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| 1 Mon | 10.00 ^{AM} Managing Committee 11.30 ^{AM} Executive Committee |
| 2 Tue | 10.15 ^{AM} Arts & Handicrafts |
| 9 Tue | 10.15 ^{AM} Music & Performing Arts |
| 16 Tue | 10.15 ^{AM} Health & Ecology |
| 18 Thu | 10.15 ^{AM} History, Culture & Tours |
| 23 Tue | 10.15 ^{AM} Philosophy & Religion |

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July at a glance

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| 25 Thu | 10.15 ^{AM} Founders Day |
| 30 Tue | 10.15 ^{AM} Book Discussion |

International Music Day

International Music day, which falls on 1st October, is also the day when we remember and honour our founder Nirmal Seshadri and her love for music. Towards this, her family has set up an endowment fund and each year a committee set up for this specific purpose recognizes a young and talented musician.

The Music Committee for the year 2013-2014 has the following members:

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| Chairperson | Geeta Vasudevan |
| Member | Kala Bhashyam |
| Member | Prema Kumar |
| Member | Maya Mathew |

The selected candidate should preferably be under 18 years of age and should have certifications, awards and citations to his/her credit. Members can send in their suggestions and recommend prospective candidates in writing by email (geetvasu67@gmail.com) to **Geeta Vasudevan** or call **9884363550** by **31st July 2013**, backed with appropriate write ups.

NITA REDDY

PRIYA ASOKAN

From the Presidents

Dear Friends,

It was very encouraging to see so many of you at the Fellowship morning paying a floral tribute to friendship.

The **Music Committee** chaired by Geeta Vasudevan will be ably supported by Kala Bhashyam, Prema Kumar and Maya Mathew. We wish them all the best in their endeavour to find a young talented musician to felicitate on Music day.

We celebrate **Founders Day** on July 25th in honour of all our Founders and Past Presidents who have helped IWA grow to what it is today. Do join us as we recognize and felicitate them.

Our **trip to Kashmir** has been planned for September 2013 and we are very happy with your response to our choice of destination. Please warn in early to avoid disappointment.

We look forward to seeing you at all the meetings planned by our efficient team.

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PRIYA ASOKAN

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| 1 Mon | <p>10.00 ^{AM} Managing Committee 11.00 ^{AM} Tea & Snacks 11.30 ^{AM} Executive Committee</p> <p>Platinum Point, Presidency Club Ethiraj Salai, Egmore Chennai 600 008</p> |
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Meetings are hosted by **Amita Bhatia** and **Farah Bangera**

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| 2 Tue | <p>10.15 ^{AM} Pearl Hall (1st Floor) President Hotel 25, Dr. Radhakrishnan Road Chennai 600 004</p> |  |
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What an idea Sirji!

- The art and science of advertising

Advertising as an art of communication plays a very important role in today's world and has undergone a massive change over the years.

Join us for an interactive session with **Mr. Harish Anand Thilakan**, a proponent of neuro marketing & founder of Influx Interactive (a digital marketing company). He will help us understand how our simple everyday actions as consumers go a long way in determining the best way to get the message across. He will also describe how advertisements are conceptualized and communicated to the masses in today's digital world.

We thank **Rani Chandani** for being our day facilitator.

AMITA BHATIA

FARAH BANGERA

 Please note the following change of addresses:

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 Indira Nagar, Adyar
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 C/o Vandana Prabhu
 143, Sobha Lavender
 Green Glen Layout, Bellandur
 Bengaluru 560 103

Zubeida Asgarali
 Renaissance
 11A, Ranjit Road, Apartment C
 Kotturpuram
 Chennai 600 085

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| 9 Tue | 10.15 ^{AM} Obul Reddy Hall Vani Mahal G.N. Chetty Road, T.Nagar. Chennai 600 017 Tel: 28152166 |  |
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Natyashastra

Legendary danseuse, **Dr. Padma Subrahmanyam**, recipient of the Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri awards amongst numerous others, comes to talk to us about Natyashastra (an ancient Indian treatise on the performing arts, encompassing theatre, dance and music) and also about her mission to establish a research center where eminent artists, philosophers and thinkers from all around Asia can come together and share knowledge about the performing arts.

Dr. Padma Subrahmanyam is best known as a Bharata Natyam dancer. She is also a research scholar, choreographer, music composer, musician, teacher and author. She has authored many articles, research papers, and books. We are indeed fortunate to have her address us today on a subject close to her heart.

We thank **Raji Ramesh** for being our day facilitator.

JEYASREE RAVI

RIGMOR EKSTRAND

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| 16 Tue | 10.15 ^{AM} Hanu Reddy Residences 39/18, Binny Road Poes Garden Chennai 600 086 |  |
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Nature calling - take heed!

The marvels of nature simply do not cease... Who would have imagined that nature talks to us in myriad ways and forever tries to help us, if only we cared to listen?

Mr. A.J. Mithra, who is certified by Limca Book of Records as India's first zoomusicologist and also as the first person to compose music exclusively using natural birds and animal sounds, will show us how to understand the language of fauna. His talk will better equip us to prepare for environmental changes that the animal world is attempting to forewarn us about. So ladies come with an ear to the ground!

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

We thank our sponsors **Sulochana Alexander, Jansi Kishore** and **Naina Shah** for hosting this meeting.

FHARZANA SIRAJ

JULIE MADRE

We bid a fond farewell to the following members and wish them well in all their endeavours:

Elizabeth Aston (President 2009-2010)
Monica Holly
Cecy Kuruvilla
Balveer Singh
Moniek de Zwaan

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| 18^{Thu} | <p>10.15 ^{AM} Pearl Room Presidency Club Ethiraj Salai, Egmore Chennai 600 008</p> |  |
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Geopolitics of Israel

- Demographic & Geographic Issues

The founding principle of geopolitics is that place - geography - plays a significant role in determining how nations will behave. If that theory is true, then there ought to be a deep continuity in a nation's foreign policy. Israel is a laboratory for this theory, since it has existed in three different manifestations in roughly the same place, twice in antiquity and once in modernity. If geopolitics is correct, then Israeli foreign policy, independent of policymakers, technology or the identity of neighbors, ought to have important common features. This is, therefore, a discussion of common principles in Israeli foreign policy over nearly 3,000 years.

We are happy to have **Ms. T.E. Phillips**, Head, Department of History, Women's Christian College, who is currently working on her doctoral thesis on this specific subject, address us.

We thank **Bala Rao** for being our day facilitator.

THAYABAE KAKAR

MICHELE SEGALA

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| 23^{Tue} | <p>10.15 ^{AM} Hanu Reddy Residences 39/18, Binny Road Poes Garden Chennai 600 086</p> |  |
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Adornment of Temple Deities, Temple Rituals & Festivities

- The use of textiles in temples

Are you curious as to how temple deities are dressed and adorned? Would you like to know which textiles are used to do this and how textiles are relevant in daily temple rituals and the accessories used during prayers? Textiles in South India have been seen from the early 10th century and gained importance as a part of temple rituals during the Chola dynasty in particular.

We are happy to have **Dr. Ramaa Narayanan** address us on the use of textiles in temples. The focus of her presentation is on temple rituals, festivities and decorations and how textiles play a role in this.

Dr. Ramaa Narayanan retired as Reader in Fine Arts from Stella Maris College. She is presently Guest Faculty at the Indian Institute of Technology and also conducts the course on Indian Art for Madras Craft Foundation.

SHEETAL SHAH

CECILE EZVAN DUFEU

Congratulations to **Reena Verghese** who is blessed with twin grandchildren - a girl and a boy!

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| 25^{Thu} | <p>10.15^{AM} Sheraton Park Hotel 132 T.T.K. Road Alwarpet Chennai 600018</p> |  |
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A score and seven years ago, seven dynamic women, Nirmal Seshadri, Nancy Dean, Lakshmi Padmanabhan, Saroja Ramamrutham, Sunita Shahaney, Anneliese Hazare and Rewa Singh, were responsible for the genesis of the International Women’s Association.

In the decades since its founding, their brainchild has flourished and is today known as IWA. We salute them for their vision and endeavor to carry on their legacy.

Please join us as we pay tribute to them, along with all our Past Presidents, who together have been the building blocks of our vibrant organization. We have a morning of entertainment planned for you, do come and celebrate IWA!

We thank **Vijay Goyal, Shashi Malhotra, Chandra Seoni** and **Deepali Goyal** for hosting this meeting and for their continuing support.

This is a **members only** meeting.

NITA REDDY

PRIYA ASOKAN

BOARD & ACTIVITY CHAIRPERSONS

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| 30^{Tue} | <p>10.15^{AM} Hanu Reddy Residences 39/18, Binny Road Poes Garden Chennai 600 086</p> |  |
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“Somewhere beyond right and wrong there is a garden. My friend, I will meet you there.”

Cypress Tree - Kamin Mohammadi

Kamin was nine years old when her family fled Iran during the 1979 revolution. She was twenty seven when she finally returned after almost two decades of trying so hard to fit into the western milieu that she turned her back on all things Iranian. Drawn back by strong family ties and the pull of her country, this is a passionate and evocative tale of her journey home to an extraordinary family and an ancient land, both determined to survive in the face of all odds.

Sabita Radhakrishna will lead the book discussion. An author, freelance writer, playwright, and media person, she has also reviewed books for The Hindu. We have to mention that she is also an expert on textiles, craft and cooking!

IWA’s own **Raziyeh Sheerazie** will be talking to us about Iran. An Iranian and a frequent visitor to the country, there could be no one better to tell us how things are there, today.

We thank **Thayabae Kakar**, who is also of Iranian descent, for so graciously hosting this meeting.

We thank **Lalita Naidu** for being our day facilitator.

LAKSHMI MENON

ANJALI SACHETI

**Trip to Kashmir
September 17th to September 22nd**

If there is paradise on earth, it is this, it is this, it is this!

Yes! Yes! Ladies it is Srinagar.

Come September and it is time for our India sojourn. Six enchanting days in idyllic Kashmir.

Imagine the sun setting on the Dal Lake and you are in a 'shikara', soaking in the evening rays. Live in a houseboat, witness floating gardens and floating markets and shop till you drop! Visit the Shankaracharya temple, built in 220 BC, by Emperor Ashoka's son Jhaloka. Not to forget the famous Moghul Gardens – **Srinagar** has six, we could visit three!

Get onto the Gondola ride in **Gulmarg**, Asia's highest and longest cable car. Visit an ancient church.

Stay in the magnificently beautiful **Pehelgam**. Visit Aru Valley, walk along the Lidder River. Also visit Chandanwadi, the base of the famous Amarnath Yatra.

Avantipura, now a ruin, built by Emperor Avantivarman around 854AD, still houses a Shiva and Vishnu temple, which we will visit too.

There is lots of shopping from papier mache, shawls, pherans, walnuts, almonds, embroidered linen and much more...

The Kashmir trip is packaged at Rs. 46,500/-

We are **adding on New Delhi** as an option, if you wish from **Sept 22nd – 24th** Rs. 12,500/-

This trip will include all meals, sightseeing, surface transport, Gondola ride, Shikara ride, campfire night, cultural show/Sufi music night, an English speaking guide, your tour manager from Chennai, stay on twin sharing basis at 5* Taj Vivanta or The Lalit. The Pehelgam hotel will be a 4*. Not to forget the 5* stay in a houseboat!

Ladies, this excludes airfare (which will be on actuals at the time of booking) and service tax of 3.09% on the travel agent's charges.

To avoid disappointment **BOOK NOW!!!** Please note **ONLY** and only the first 30 will catch the flight!

Please warn in, along with your deposit of Rs. 20,000, with Thayabae Kakar between July 1st and July 15th at 9840766135.

