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**Govardhana Puja 2012**

Jaya Sri Guru! Jaya Sri Gopala!  
Jaya Sri Go Mata!

*Dear Friends,*

**Butter, when clarified by melting, produces ghee, which is inevitably necessary for performing great ritualistic sacrifices (yajña). If yajñas are regularly performed, there will be proper rain and the land will be fertile and suitable for producing all the necessities of life. For performing yajña cow protection is essential. Therefore, if we neglect the Vedic way of civilization, we shall certainly suffer.**

**The Supreme Personality of Godhead, Kṛṣṇa, directly advocates protection of cows. Civilized men who follow the system of varṇāśrama, especially those of the vaiśya class, who engage in agriculture and trade, must give protection to the cows. Unfortunately, because people in Kali-yuga are bad, and misled by false conceptions of life, they are killing cows in the thousands.**

**Therefore they are unfortunate in spiritual consciousness, and nature disturbs them in so many ways, especially through incurable diseases like cancer and through frequent wars among nations. As long as human society continues to allow cows to be regularly killed in slaughterhouses, there cannot be any question of peace and prosperity.**

**A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada**

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# COWS ARE SACRED

## GOVARDHANA PUJA & GOPASTHAMI CELEBRATIONS

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The worship of Govardhana Hill is celebrated today with the understanding that it constitutes worship of the Supreme Personality of Godhead Sri Krsna and is beneficial for all mankind. This festival was initiated by Sri Krsna Himself after he convinced his father Nanda Maharaja to



**Above: Instead of circumambulating the Hill, Purusottama decides to devour it!**

**Right: Champakalata agreed to accept the worship along with her calf.**

forsake the worship of Lord Indra who supplies rain and instead worship Govardhana Hill who supplies the cows all their necessities.

As directed by Sri Krsna, Govardhana Puja involves preparing vast amounts of grains and milk sweets for the satisfaction of the cows and *brahmanas*. Keeping the cows in front one should circumambulate Govardhana Hill while singing the glories of the Lord.

For those who do not live at the foot of Govardhana Hill it is recommended that they create a hill made of rice, *halava*, dried fruits and various other delicacies and circumambulate that while singing the glories of the Lord.

**Below: Angelic Champakalata**



Keeping with this tradition, we at Care for Cows, under the guidance of His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, hold this joyous festival each year on the dark moon night during the month of Kartika. On the eighth day of the new moon we also celebrate Krsna's becoming of age to take the calves out to graze. These two festivals, Govardhana Puja and Gopasthami underscore the importance of the cow in human civilization. The following pages record in photographs this years celebration.









**Vaiyasaki Dasa led the *kirtan* chanting the Holy Names.**



**Above: Kesi encourages Rupa Raghunatha's son to lead *kirtan*.**

**Right: Nandu Jyoshi assists in the *kirtan*.**







**Above: On Gopasthmi the Gopis wear turbans hoping to pass as Gopas so they**







can accompany Kṛṣṇa as He takes the calves out to graze for the first time.





**The cows are offered bananas and laddhus made with gur, wheat bran, chick-pea husks and barley flour... their favorite treat.**











**All guests were fed sumptuously.**

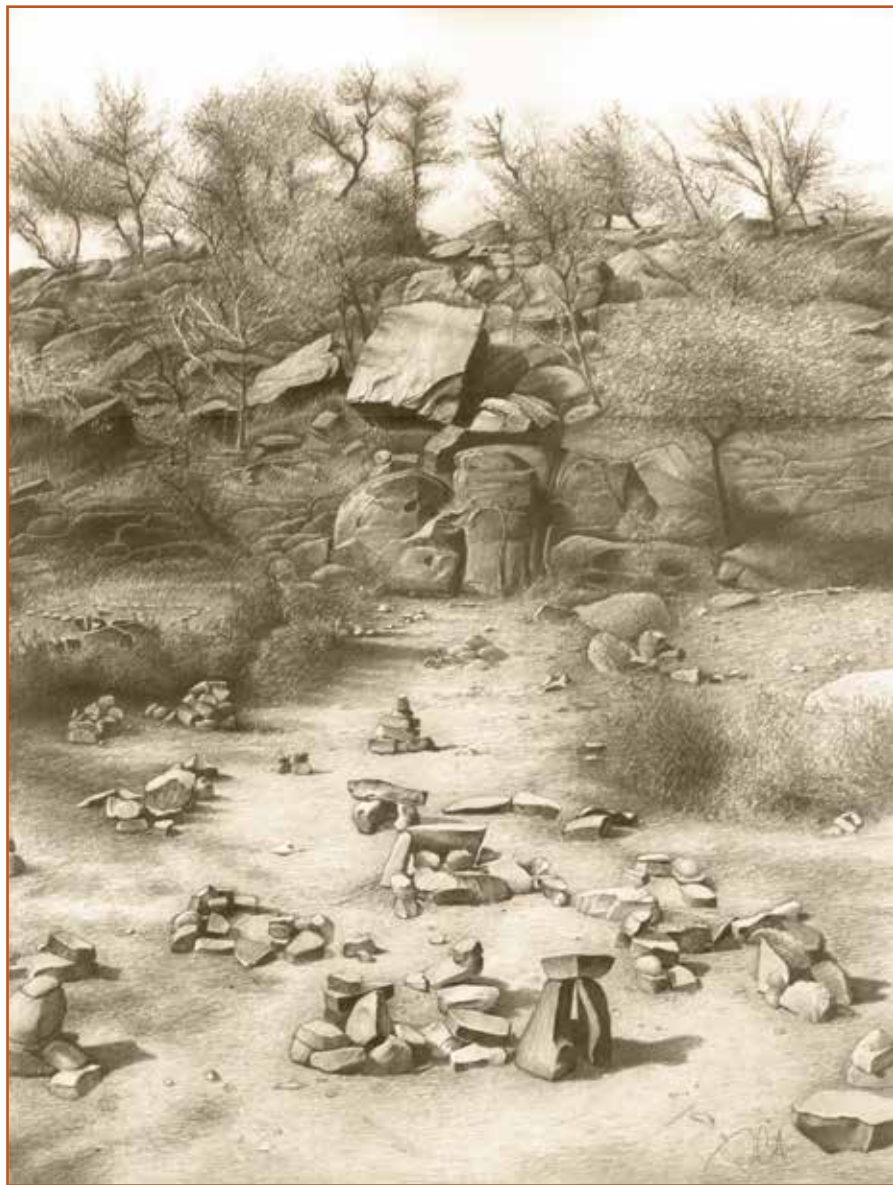






**Sri Krsna directed that during the celebration of Govardhana Puja even the cats and dogs should not be neglected. Here one of the residents of the goshalla patiently awaits her turn.**





Pencil drawing by Anuradha Devi Dasi

Pilgrims who circumambulate Govardhana Hill frequently stack rocks or bricks on top of one another and in this way create a shelter for rodents or insects. Their great hope is that by doing so the Supreme Lord will grant them a residence at the Foot of Govardhana Hill in a subsequent life.





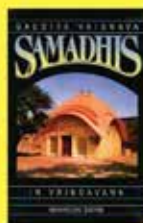
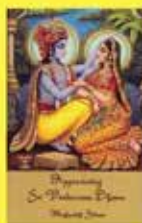
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# TWO NEW CALVES



**Saravati (above) had her first calf - a male - sponsored by Tripti of Mumbai. She has named him Gauranga.**



**Gauranga**





**Yamuna (above) had her second calf - a male - sponsored by Bhosky of Mumbai. She has named him Kartika.**



**Kartika**



# Thank You From the Cows



The cows send their heart-felt thanks to those who assisted during November 2012

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Gritsay Svetlana  
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May cows stay in front of me; may cows stay behind me; may cows stay on both sides of me. May I always reside in the midst of cows. —*Hari Bhakti Vilas* 16.252