



Australian Sahaja Newsletter

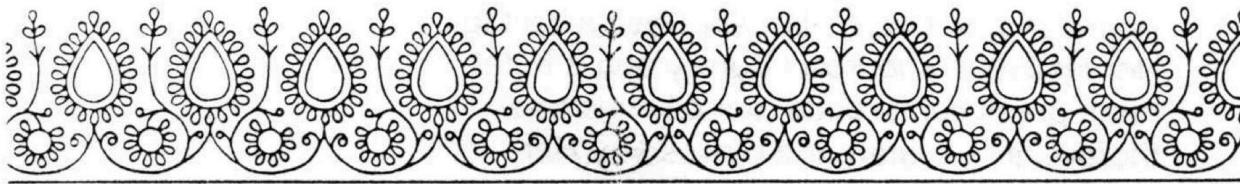
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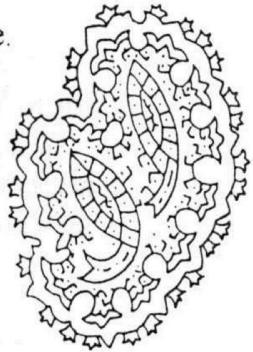
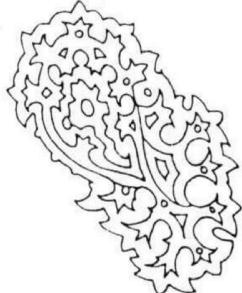
" You see, what is the trouble with human beings is that they have evolved from the animal, so this evolution is not complete, I think, as human beings also. But whatever it is, all these horrible things that are lingering within us and our personality are also coming from our heritage. Then also we acquire because we think too much, we acquire lots of things and our orientation also changes from other orientation like food, but we become sort of great greedy people. We become very money-oriented and the whole system changes to a different line, but these lingering things are still there, so, with that also, we have jealousy, aggressiveness. All those things are actually our inheritance. So, as a result, you become a person who can see things, who can watch things and not react. That's the greatest benefit I think...."

Shri Mataji talking to Journalists, June 26th, 1999, Vancouver, Canada



GURU PUJA, SYDNEY

The most auspicious occasion of Guru Puja for the Greater Sydney Collective will be celebrated on Saturday 30th July, at Balmoral Village.



**GURU PUJA
Saturday 30th July
2pm
BALMORAL**

Setting up and Dismantle: Group 11 (Co-ordinator - Sita-ram Labade)

Cooking and Washing up: Group 5 (Co-ordinator - Andrew Jones)



TRAVEL TO GURU PUJA, WAMURAN

Anybody wishing to travel collectively by bus from Sydney to Guru Puja, please let Rakesh Arora know, so that transport arrangements can be made.

Phone: 02 9499 2219

AUDIO TAPES

Following recent changes at Burwood, audio cassettes will now be available for purchase after the Friday night program, at the back of the main Meditation Room.

GANESHA PUJA, CABELLA

LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE GOING...

Would all those who are going, or thinking of going to Ganesha Puja at Cabella in Italy, at the end of September, please let us know. Just a phone call to the Burwood Rd Ashram - telephone number (02) 9747 0310.

Michael would like to know for the purposes of the overall organisation.

Brian would like to know who could be a part of the play we are presenting.

Thank you,

Michael and Brian.



COUNTRY TOURS - 24th and 25th JULY

SHORT TOUR

Leaving Sydney Friday 23rd.

Program in Foster Saturday 24th July, 10am-12pm.

Contact Juan Vega 9747 0310.

FULL TOUR

Leaves Friday night 23rd July.

Programs Saturday 24th July -

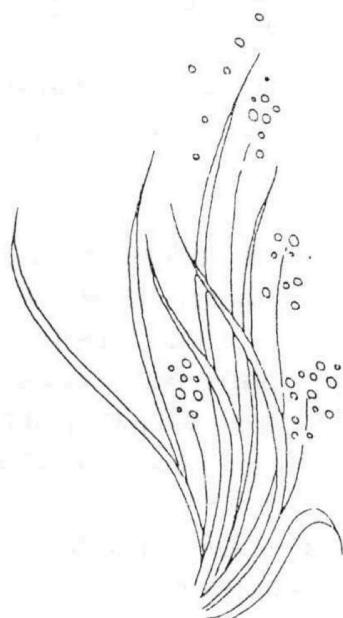
Tamworth 10am-12pm

Armidale 2pm - 4pm

Sunday 25th July -

Coffs Harbour 10.30am-12.30 pm

Contact Shannon - 9747 4835



Subject: News from Tcheliabinsk / Russia
Date: Thu, 26 Nov 1998 00:43:44 +0500

Jai Shri Mataji !

It is with great joy that we inform the Sahaja collectivity how in 4 to 5 days Sahaja Collectivity of a small city Tcheliabinsk in Russia with collectivity of 30 to 40 S.Y. organized a musical programme in a school in our city. This musical programme was the first most beautiful experience of all SY and especially children who performed.

Maxim my husband who is a Russian and I Nishi an Indian married by the grace of our Holy Mother Shree Mataji in 1997 on our visit to India this year on Birthday Puja bought ghungroo & Indian beautiful decorative material for Indian dance dresses. As soon as we came back to Russia we got an opportunity to make a public programme in a school. For this we only had 4-5 days to prepare.

Since this is a small city in central Russia in Ural Mountain Range people don't know much about Indian dresses and dance, the whole musical programme with Indian dance on bhajans and Dandia(stick dance) in completely decorated Indian dresses was ready within 4-5 days by the grace of our Divine Mother.

The programme went very well full of vibrations bhajans, dance, poems by our sahaja children, and towards the end children and teachers got realization. The whole scene was so beautiful that I cannot express in words the way all were enjoying the vibrations and were full of joy. The programme was very much appreciated by the school children who after the programme expressed themselves. One of the girls in 3 class stood up and said "I really felt beautiful to see that these children can dance and sing so well and do so much more that I cannot do and I feel this power which I felt today is the power of God" (without our mentioning the word God during the programme).

They all wanted to meet and talk to our SY children and wanted to be friends with them. At the end the whole atmosphere was full of laughter of all children dancing together on the bhajan Sahajee pukare rahae aaj eoo meri Nirmal Ma. And we heard one SY girl exclaiming with joy "This is the most beautiful day of my life." So not only LOVE gives joy to the one who receives but more to the one who gives.

May Shree Mataji always keep you all in Her Divine attention.

Jai Shree Mataji.
Maxim and Nishi Russia

Available Now.

New 2 bedroom unit, nicely situated
near Woodstock Park, Burwood.
Vacant.
Contact Joy Wiley, 9744 7670.

SOME EXTRACTS FROM YOGIS DESCRIPTIONS OF ADI SHAKTI PUJA- CANAJOHARIE.

When I think about what took place on Friday, the last day of construction, I am reminded of a book I read about the life of Muhammed the Prophet where during the battles with the enemy, a soldier in Muhammed's army would swing his sword and ten of the enemy would fall, as if by invisible hands. There just had to be "invisible hands" doing the work this day.

In the evening we had collective meditation around the fire under the clear dark blue sky full of bright stars, and presence of Shri Mataji was felt so strong! The Nature around seemed the most beautiful and rich Temple created and decorated by the Goddess Herself so that Her children could worship Her appropriately. And verily can a man create anything like that from a stone and glass? The meditation was followed by bhajans that went deep into night and our hearts were overflowing with joy the whole time.

That weekend we got the message from the yogis that spoke with Shri Mataji that America became rich because of hosting Shri Krishna Puja in Cabella (who is Kubera, God of Wealth), and now by hosting Shri Adi Shakti Puja in Canajoharie the Spirituality will be established in America.

Also we heard that Shri Mataji spent about 20 hours writing Herself the recipes for food preparation for yogis for Puja weekend at Canajoharie and organizing all the little details of food preparation. When asked by leader of America Manoj why She wrote so many of wonderful recipes with much variety, She replied "Children are coming to Mother's House"! On Monday June 14th after a week of posterity we went back to the land, and this is what it felt like at Canajoharie, of "Children coming to Mother's house" that everyone present was completely in Her attention caressed in the Ocean of Her Love.

Canajoharie name means in Indian language "Shri Krishna, master of jewels" and in Native American language it means "self-cleansing pot". Canajoharie place also has historical importance as there once upon the time 6 fighting tribes of Native Americans met together to make peace and to grow together in spirit. The agreement that was reached between them and written down was later used by founders of USA as a base of for creating American Constitution.

The Puja weekend is difficult to describe in words as most of the time we were all just thoughtless there just feeling Love of Our Divine Mother and

said that we should develop self-confidence and speak about Sahaja Yoga, every Sahaja Yogi should try to give self-realization to 1000 people. Then She said that the only reason why Sahaja Yogis are created and nourished and taken care of by the Divine Power is that they should be this force that will transform the humanity, and so they should spread Sahaja Yoga. She said that She gave us all the powers and we just need to start spreading SY and it all will work out and we will be guided by the Divine.

After the Puja was ended Shri Mataji gave presents personally to EVERYONE from hosting countries which was absolutely great grace of Hers, as She gave attention to everyone as each yogi and yogini one by one came to the stage to receive the gift from Her.

Everything on the land was designed by Shri Mataji to clear us and nourish us, the Mother Earth, the pond, the mountains surrounding the land ... The pond had natural mud in it about which Shri Mataji said that it is better than the soap for the skin She said people go to expensive resorts to get treatment with that mud, but here we have so much of it in this pond! The weather got really warm on Saturday and many yogis went to swim in the pond discovering its unique clearing power. But some still did not feel brave enough to swim in the pond and were sitting around for footsoak only. By Divine play the camp completely ran out of water on Saturday night as many yogis were taking shower, so Shri Mataji requested then all yogis to take a swim in the pond on Sunday morning before the Puja!

-Your sister Alla,
San Jose, California, USA

Subject: Shri Mataji in Vancouver
From: "Richard Payment" <rpymt@direct.ca>

Shri Mataji in Vancouver

There are now 2500 newly realized souls in the city of Vancouver.

After two public programs conducted by Her Holiness Shri Mataji Nirmala Devi, a visit to Her House in suburban Surrey and a hotel room press conference, our city has been thoroughly vibrated and blessed by Her detailed attention, unprecedented in the eighteen years since Her first visit here.

You, who are the reason
Out of which everything is,
and without - nothing would
be.
Within everything
Everything within
You, who are the life.

Neil Atkinson, WA

Pure Joy of our Spirit dissolved in the Ocean of Collective Being of Sahaja Yoga.

On Friday night and Saturday night musical programs Her Holiness Adi Shakti Shri Mataji granted us with Her Presence and She also selected Herself all the performances for the programs out of the long list of yogis and collectives who wished to perform, not only did She picked up the performances, but also She chose the order in which they were supposed to perform, and that created truly unforgettable evenings. On Friday night we enjoyed the sitar performance of the world renown artist, Nishant Khan, who came specially from India for this occasion, this Divine music took us into state of deep meditation and for several hours as he played we were taken by Shri Adi Shakti deeper and deeper in this state.

Saturday night evening was opened with the prayer to Shri Mataji to forgive American people for the wrong they've done to Native Americans who were very close to receiving their self-realization at the time when "white" people arrived to America and destroyed them and their culture, and a prayer to grant all the Native Americans now a possibility to be born as Sahaja Yogis. That evening there were several plays by collectives of Americas topic of which was the history of America with its bad and good sides. Also a documentary done by NY yogis was shown about present of Native Americans: their spiritual celebration was recorded with colorful traditional dresses, traditional music, and dances of worshipping of the Nature and of the Great Spirit. Later when we asked yogis who were sitting close to Shri Mataji how She liked the it, they said: "Shri Mataji commented that this documentary took Her into different state".

On Sunday June 20 afternoon we had a unique opportunity to worship Shri Mataji as Shri Adi Shakti together as International collective of Sahaja Yogis on the Holy Land of Canajoharie. Shri Mataji started Her talk with a story how She found the land. She says She took a newspaper and felt very strong cool breeze coming out of small ad for selling Canajoharie land, that is how She discovered it. Then the rest of the talk was devoted to Her very important message that we all have to go all out to spread Sahaja Yoga now, as the time has come.

She said American Sahaja Yogis have a very great responsibility before God and we have to set aside now all our personal things and we just need to spread Sahaja Yoga. She

A News update and details of the next T.E.V international workshop International Theatre Workshop in Cabella '99

A five-day international theatre seminar in Cabella will take place immediately after Guru Puja from Tuesday August 6 to Saturday 9. Please contact us if you are interested in taking part and would like more details. Victor Vertunni (e-mail: 038343589@iol.it or tel/fax: 0039 0383 43589)

TEV NEWS

First of all, a big 'thank you!' to everyone who has supported Theatre of Eternal Values in the past and present - so far, about \$ 10.000 has been raised from personal donations and the "Pole fund" for the staging of the next touring production, which for the time being is 'on hold' until tour arrangements have been worked out - not for too long, we hope!

In the meantime, the pause between productions has turned out to be a blessing in disguise, allowing Theatre of Eternal Values to branch out in fruitful new directions. After the rehearsals of Charley's Aunt (kindly made possible by the Yogis of Avignon) in August 98, some members of the company went on to hold theatre workshops in a number of European cities, while in England and in Italy, TEV Theatre-in-education projects for schools went into full swing.

Current projects in Europe

At the forefront of events this year, is TEV (UK)'s production of "Baloopa's Journey", a new play devised for school children, which was premiered in 15th June in the Priory Community Centre, Acton, London. The performance and follow-up workshop, deal with the issues of beliefs and values; respect for other ethnic and religious groups; cultural and racial understanding. It is sponsored by the LIFE ETERNAL TRUST and the ARTS COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN.

Following last year's production of the Mahabharata involving 50 school children in Como, Italian TEV members have resumed their work in schools with several significant developments. Firstly a theatre training program for middle school teachers. The focus of six weekly encounters was on 'theatre as a context interaction and learning' (a wonderful channel for vibrations). The experience included: theatre games, mask work, movement and voice exercises. The activities suited to the age group of 11-13 year-old school children, were simplified or adapted versions of the work shared within the company over the last three years. The most satisfying part of this project was the contact with the kids themselves. Some of them were enthusiastic and willing, others initially anxious, taciturn or wild. During the warm-ups, some simple attention and physical relaxation exercises produced a flow of vibrations which made it easier to engage them in the workshop.

Three of the participating classes performed before an enthusiastic audience of parents, friends, and teachers, who commented on the refreshing vitality and originality of the work. The Head teacher of one of the schools has requested TEV to draw up an annual theatre program and invited us to take part in a social scheme for re-integrating school "drop-outs". Finally, an Italian version of 'Baloopa' is planned for the next school year.

Theatre of Eternal Values intends to develop all three aspects of its current work: Theatre productions, Theatre workshops, Theatre-in-education, and would like to hear from other yogis interested getting involved and starting similar or other theatre ventures in their own countries under the TEV umbrella.. (Fundraisers, events organizers and other operators in the arts field are especially welcome!!)

JAI SHRI MATAJI