

News & Notes

15th October 2016.....A weekly bulletin for residents of Auroville.....Number 669



HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

"Pain and grief are Nature's reminder to the soul that the pleasure it enjoys is only a feeble hint of the real delight of existence. In each pain and torture of our being is the secret of a flame of rapture compared with which our greatest pleasures are only as dim flickerings. It is this secret which forms the attraction for the soul of the great ordeals, sufferings and fierce experiences of life which the nervous mind in us shuns and abhors."

Sri Aurobindo, *Thoughts and Glimpses*, SABCL, Vol. 16, p. 386

Quite naturally we ask ourselves what this secret is, towards which pain leads us. For a superficial and imperfect understanding, one could believe that it is pain which the soul is seeking. Nothing of the kind. The very nature of the soul is divine Delight, constant, unvarying, unconditioned, ecstatic; but it is true that if one can face suffering with courage, endurance, an unshakable faith in the divine Grace, if one can, instead of shunning suffering when it comes, enter into it with this will, this aspiration to go through it and find the luminous truth, the unvarying delight which is at the core of all things, the door of pain is often more direct, more immediate than that of satisfaction or contentment.

I am not speaking of pleasure because pleasure turns its back constantly and almost completely on this profound divine Delight. Pleasure is a deceptive and perverse disguise which turns us away from our goal and we certainly should not seek it if we are eager to find the truth. Pleasure vaporises us; it deceives us, leads us astray. Pain brings us back to a deeper truth by obliging us to concentrate in order to be able to bear it, be able to face this thing that crushes us. It is in pain that one most easily finds the true strength again, when one is strong. It is in pain that one most easily finds the true faith again, the faith in something which is above and beyond all pain. When one enjoys oneself and forgets, when one takes things as they come, tries to avoid being serious and looking life in the face, in a word when one seeks to forget, to forget that there is a problem to solve, that there is something to find, that we have a reason for existence and living, that we are not here just to pass our time and go away without having learnt or done anything, then one really wastes one's time, one misses the opportunity that has been given to us, this – I cannot say unique, but marvellous opportunity for an existence which is the field of progress, which is the moment in eternity when you can discover the secret of life; for this physical, material existence is a wonderful opportunity, a possibility given to you to find the purpose of life, to make you advance one step towards this deeper truth, to make you discover this secret which puts you into contact with the eternal rapture of the divine life.

(Silence)

I have already told you many a time that to seek suffering and pain is a morbid attitude which must be avoided, but to run away from them through forgetfulness, through a superficial, frivolous movement, through diversion, is cowardice. When pain comes, it comes to teach us something. The quicker we learn it, the more the need for pain diminishes, and when we know the secret, it will no longer be possible to suffer, for that secret reveals to us the reason, the cause, the origin of suffering, and the way to pass beyond it.

The secret is to emerge from the ego, get out of its prison, unite ourselves with the Divine, merge into Him, not to allow anything to separate us from Him. Then, once one has discovered this secret and realises it in one's being, pain loses its justification and suffering disappears. It is an all-powerful remedy, not only in the deeper parts of the being, in the soul, in the spiritual consciousness, but also in life and in the body. There is no illness, no disorder which can resist the discovery of this secret and the putting of it into practice, not only in the higher parts of the being but in the cells of the body. If one knows how to teach the cells the splendour that lies within them, if one knows how to make them understand the reality which makes them exist, gives them being, then they too enter the total harmony, and the physical disorder which causes the illness vanishes as do all other disorders of the being. But for that one must be neither cowardly nor fearful. When the physical disorder comes, one must not be afraid; one must not run away from it, must face it with courage, calmness, confidence, with the certitude that illness is a falsehood and that if one turns entirely, in full confidence, with a complete quietude to the divine Grace, It will settle in these cells as It is established in the depths of the being, and the cells themselves will share in the eternal Truth and Delight.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS, 13 February 1957

THE MOTHER

The
Ponder
Corner

Deliver me from anger, ingratitude and foolish pride.

Make me calm, humble and gentle.

Let me feel your divine control in my work and in all my action.

Sri Aurobindo

-ref. Letters on Himself and the Ashram, p.843

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Report of the Working Committee for September 2016

Ongoing and new topics:

- 1) **Meeting of the Governing Board and International Advisory Council.** The last meeting of the present members of the Governing Board and International Advisory Council took place on the 8th of September. The minutes of the meeting of the Board have been published on Auronet. Link <https://www.auroville.org.in/article/59167>
- 2) **Entry Service.** In August, together with the Auroville Council, a decision was made to start a process to select new members for the Entry Service. A half-day "team-building" workshop was held on the 3rd of September. As a result of this workshop, a new team emerged. The names of the new team members were published and a significant amount of feedback has been received. After the feedback is processed, the Working Committee and Auroville Council will report back to the community. Meanwhile, the previous Entry Service team met with the Working Committee to express the hurt they felt caused by the process used during the transition. The old team didn't feel included nor acknowledged for the work they had done. The Working Committee and the Auroville Council jointly decided to request Koodam to facilitate a session with the intention to hear and acknowledge this impact, so that we may further learn how to improve our processes. This session is scheduled to be held on the 14th of October.
- 3) **Regarding the strike on Friday, the 16th of September.** We have received several feedbacks from the community regarding the Working Committee's communication during the strike on Friday September 16. Here, we wish to share with you the reasoning behind our actions, so that you may have a deeper understanding about how we saw the issue. Our first advice to the community (that activities may remain open) was based on firstly that we believe that Auroville should not participate in political issues and secondly that the Supreme Court of India demanded Tamil Nadu and Karnataka not to engage in protests. The article can be found here: www.thehindu.com/news/national/by-allowing-violence-you-permitted-mobs-to-challenge-our-cauvery-order-says-supreme-court-to-karnataka-tamil-nadu/article9111086.ece
However, some unruly individuals from the neighboring villages used the on-going protests between Tamil Nadu and Karnataka as an opportunity to disturb Auroville and went around threatening industries, the Solar Kitchen, the Town Hall and even workers in residential communities. The turning point was also that some residents were physically assaulted. At this point, the AVSST strongly recommended us to shut down. This advice was also expressed by community members. This led to our second advice and was based on the fact that we were not able to provide our community with simultaneous, sufficient and timely back-up to all those who were affected or harassed by the protestors. Some wrote to us that it is a fantasy to believe we can go on functioning every time a strike is declared, as the scenario of unruly elements touring Auroville and threatening violence is too well-known, and our advice to leave the decision to stay open or not to the individuals concerned left them indeed to fend for themselves when the strike enforcers paid them a visit. Some others communicated to us condemning us for changing our initial stand and not having the courage to stand by our former decision. Evidently these two messages from us caused confusion and pain within the community. We apologize for the tensions caused and for the violent behaviour some of you have had to endure. We are taking this matter forward with relevant News authorities while simultaneously looking into improving our own internal reinforcements in order to provide the community with a safer and more secure environment. Please bear with us.

- 4) **Meeting on village relationships and land protection.** The Working Committee, the Land Board and the interim TDC have initiated regular meetings with the support of Koodam with the aim to improve our internal organization, to harmonize and unify the views of the various Auroville working groups and to plan a common approach. This process is on-going.
- 5) **Meeting with the German Consulate.** Several Aurovilians paid a visit to the German Consulate in Chennai to strengthen Auroville's link with foreign missions. The Working Committee endorsed this initiative and will participate in and organize events around sustainability and other topics to foster this link along with the Aurovilians who initiated this step.
- 6) **Right to Information Appeal requests.** In the month of September the Auroville Foundation received 23 appeal requests from the same person who sent in August 23 initial requests for information, based on the Right to Information. The work is on-going. We will keep you posted.
- 7) **New Town Development Authority (NTDA).** The Working Committee, Auroville Council and the NTDA Task Force will have a joint meeting with the Secretary in the coming days. This will be followed by a general information meeting and, possibly, a Residents' Assembly Decision-making event on the endorsement of the NTDA request.
- 8) **Appeal Process.** A draft appeal process, made in collaboration with the Auroville Council was published by the Council in September. The feedback is currently being processed.
- 9) **IT returns.** It has come to the Working Committee's attention that ALL foreigners who reside in Auroville (Aurovilians and Newcomers) for a period longer than 180 days, and who hold foreign bank accounts, must file an Income Tax return, regardless of the balance in the bank account. We have circulated a list of lawyers who can help with this in the News and Notes (no. 668) dt. 8th October 2016. The Working Committee and FAMC plan to potentially arrange a periodic office space in Auroville where some lawyers can be met regarding this topic. More on this topic will follow in subsequent reports.

Completed topics:

Topics that we were involved in and have either been resolved or flagged with the relevant working group. We will not be reporting any more about these topics, but they do remain on our radar:

- 10) **Loud parties.** There have been some complaints about loud music and heavy traffic during a party on the night of 13th of August. The issue has been discussed with the AVC and Auroville Safety and Security. The organizer of the party has been met with, the consequence of the disturbance has been acknowledged. The matter has been settled.

Pending Topics:

(topics that are still on our table for which we have no noteworthy update to provide)

- a) Water Harvest/Water Service
- b) Auroville Child Development
- c) MM Executives
- d) MM Access for Special Guests
- e) Tackling Beach Erosion
- f) TDC term of office
- g) 50th Anniversary Celebration
- h) Pending Visa matters
- i) Strengthening of Integrated Animal Care (jointly with the AVC)
- j) Emotional and Mental Health Care in Auroville (jointly with the AVC)

The Working Committee

(Angela, Carel, Elisa, Hemant, Inge, Mandakini, Ranjith)

Entry Service Monthly Report #1

The new Entry Service Team is in place, and it's full speed ahead. For an extensive report on how all this happened, please read the report by the Auroville Council in N&N (#665) entitled "Clarification on the new Entry Service Secretariat." If your questions are not all answered, the report promises another one after the Council and Working Committee processes all the feedback received (deadline for feedback was 24 September). Meanwhile back in the office, several changes have occurred beside re-arranging the furniture and cleaning up the space inside-out. The office is now open every day, morning and afternoon, including Saturday except Sunday (of course) and Tuesday morning (because we are having our internal meetings). We have one person fully dedicated to maintaining the Mentor Pool and everyone is in-training for the electronic systems approach where our mobiles and computers are all synced with the Google calendars for appointments and meetings as well as initial data entry. We foresee a friendlier, easier, and more efficient way of interacting among ourselves and with the Community. The Welcome Talk is now held every two weeks in the SAIER Conference Room from 3-5 usually on Wednesdays.

Currently we have about 140 new applicants proceeding according to the new policy (which includes around 10

applications for Friends and Relatives of Auroville) and around 60 Newcomers finishing up in the old policy. We have sent the on-line application for another 25 applicants and are waiting for their response. Overall the Entry Service is currently processing around 225 applicants. We have announced all the "old" Friends of Auroville for feedback according to the new policy guideline, and a few new "Friends" who have applied.

Other Working Groups in Auroville who interact with Newcomers have asked for regular updated lists of what has always been announced to the Community in N&N. They are asking for photographs plus short biographies as well. We are starting with this and it will go on the Auronet at our Entry Service page where the Working Groups or anyone in the Community can have access.

The spirit of the new Entry Policy is that the process of joining becomes more welcoming, more the shared responsibility of the Community, and transparent with the Entry Service acting as a facilitating secretariat. We are happy that this is now happening. Please feel free to call (2622707) or write us (entryservice@auroville.org.in) about any of your concerns.

Your Entry Service:

Antim, B, Dhanalakshmi, Joel, Muriel, Segar, Selvam, Taj (TOS), Ishita (TOS, but will return to work in the Foundation Office)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

L'avenir d'Auroville / TDC - Site and Building Applications feedback - 15th Oct 2016

The following Site and Building Applications (SA and BA) are announced for feedback from the community for a period of two weeks from the date of publication.

The announcement is made for feedback only and does not mean that the project has final approval. The final approval is given when L'avenir d'Auroville / TDC issues a NOC (No Objection Certificate). This happens once the feedback period is over, the feedback has been evaluated, a final decision by TDC has been reached and the necessary financial formalities have been completed. It is only after issuing a final building permission that fencing, building or any other activity on the site can start.

It has to be noted that site permission is given to reserve the site for a maximum period of two years in order to prepare a project proposal. It does not give any right to fence and clear the site unless, for practical reasons, there is a special permission of the TDC.

Individual Projects

• Site Applications

1. Manikandan J. house in Dana on plot no. BO17/11 for an area of 80 sq.m.

• Building Applications: No new SA

Collective Projects

• Site applications: No new SA

• Building Application: No new BA

For additional information, please write to avenir@auroville.org.in, call 2622-170 or come directly to L'avenir d'Auroville/TDC office in the Town Hall.

For more information on the location of the plots mentioned above, you can find this same announcement with map(s) on the Auronet page of L'avenir d'Auroville/TDC.

From the Housing Service

Available for transfer the following housing assets:

-Courage - Julietta - for single only - 90.46 sqm - Studio apartment on the first floor with verandah, kitchen, bathroom - common parking space

-Promesse - Mohan - for family only - 98.31 sqm - Family house with covered parking. Ground floor: Entrance porch,

living and bathroom, two bed rooms, kitchen, stair case. First floor: study. Surrounding garden, covered parking

-Ami - Sacha/Anna - for family only - 143.06 sqm - Family house in green environment. Ground floor: Living, sit out, kitchen, music room, stairs. First floor: living, bedroom, balcony, TV room/child bedroom. Solar water heater.

-Arati 3 - Kuyng Nam - for family only - 107 sqm - Two-bedroom apartment on the first floor plus a studio on the ground floor. First floor: Living, kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom/toilet. Ground floor: studio suitable for therapist etc. Shared bathroom with other studios.

Note: These houses become available for Aurovillians or Newcomers, because their present stewards are moving to a new destination. Applications should be submitted before 29.10.2016. For contribution details or more information visit the Housing Service in Town Hall during public hours or browse the Auronet.

Auroville Housing Service Team

FAMC and Land Board re: Land Board surveying Auroville land

Dear community,

It is necessary, from time to time, for the Land Board, sometimes at the request of the Funds and Assets Management Committee (FAMC), to survey certain Auroville lands. The reasons for the survey will vary from a need to ascertain the legal boundary only, to also identifying land usage and topography, for example. The FAMC ask that all residents cooperate with this important work done by the Land Board survey team. The Land Board will contact a resident in the area concerned in advance of the survey date and time when practically possible. It is preferred that a representative of the community or the steward of the relevant area be available to answer any questions. If for some unforeseeable reason advance notice is not possible, please keep in mind that the survey is an information-gathering task only and the more cooperation, the sooner the work will be accomplished. We sincerely appreciate everyone's cooperation with the survey work which is one way to protect Auroville land that is precious to us all.

Thank you.

FAMC (Anandi, Angela, Chali, David, Matriprasad, Michael, Rathinam, Sauro, Ulli, and Yuval)

and Land Board (Divya, Gerard, Kannyappan, Sandeep, Suhasini, Sukrit).

Final list of candidates for the 3- day selection process

Dear community members, we are happy to announce here the final list of participants for the 3-day selection process, from the 21st till the 23rd of October.

All the following names have gone through the feedback process conducted by the TFRC (Temporary Feedback Review Committee).

	Confirmed Participants Names	Nominated to join which group(s):			
		(ongoing) AVC	(ongoing) WCom	(New) FAMC	Will decide During Selection Process
1	Boobalan, Djaima	✓			
2	Boominathan, Aspiration	✓			
3	Manohar, Realization	✓			
4	Mirao, Certitude	✓			
5	Paulo, Petite Ferme	✓			
6	Prema, Sincerity	✓			
7	Raju, Grace	✓			
8	Theo, Auroshilpam	✓			
9	Padmanabhan, Auromodele	✓		✓	
10	Sophie, Invocation	✓		✓	
11	Sudhir, Angiras Garden	✓		✓	
12	Umberto, Aurodam	✓		✓	
13	Vladimir, Grace	✓		✓	
14	Perumal, Celebration	✓	✓		
15	Damien, Brihaspathi Farm	✓	✓		
16	Elisa, Auromodele	✓	✓		
17	Kumar, Arc En Ciel	✓	✓		
18	Amy, International House	✓	✓	✓	
19	Anbu, Windarra	✓	✓	✓	
20	Rama Narayana, Courage	✓	✓	✓	
21	Rita, Centre Field	✓	✓	✓	
22	Robert, Douceur	✓	✓	✓	
23	Yuval, Utilite	✓	✓	✓	
24	Chali, Madhuca		✓	✓	
25	Jean-Francois, Sharnga		✓	✓	
26	Lorenzo, Horizon		✓	✓	
27	Pashi, Citadines		✓	✓	
28	Ashoke, Auromodel,		✓	✓	
29	Daniel, Sri Ma		✓	✓	
30	Gijs, Udumbu		✓	✓	
31	Mandakini, Maitreye		✓	✓	
32	Riju, Courage		✓	✓	
33	Selvam, Douceur		✓	✓	
34	Ambre, Nilatangam			✓	
35	Auralice, Aurodam			✓	
36	Balu, Courage			✓	
37	Bindu, Prarthna			✓	
38	Chandresh, Certitude			✓	
39	Christine, Vikas			✓	
40	Edzard, Discipline			✓	
41	Inge, Angiras Garden			✓	
42	Isha, Yantra			✓	
43	Jonah, Eternity			✓	

44	Kalyan, Auromodele			✓	
45	Kumar K., Aspiration			✓	
46	Lavkamad, Arati			✓	
47	Marco, Sharnga			✓	
48	Martin, Samriddhi			✓	
49	Mita, New Creation			✓	
50	Nicola, Transformation			✓	
51	Nicolas, Fraternity			✓	
52	Prabhu, Promesse			✓	
53	Samadarshana, Creativity			✓	
54	Samvit, Felicity			✓	
55	Shivaya, New Lands			✓	
56	Stephanie, Discipline			✓	
57	Tine, Aurogreen			✓	
58	Venkat, Surrender			✓	
59	Alain, Aspiration				✓
60	Anu, Citadines				✓
61	Audrey, Creativity				✓
62	Biggie, Samriddhi				✓
63	Birgitta, Surrender				✓
64	Christian, Auro Orchard				✓
65	Claudine, Inspiration				✓
66	Dariya, Sve Dame				✓
67	Elke, Vikas				✓
68	Enrica, Ami				✓
69	Eric, Courage				✓
70	Fabienne, Sukhavati				✓
71	Gumsoon, Creativity				✓
72	Igor, Djaima				✓
73	Ingrid Katharin, Arati				✓
74	Iris, Surya Nivas				✓
75	Jesse, Alchemy				✓
76	Jo, Kottakarai				✓
77	Joerg, Dana				✓
78	Kathy, Auroshilpam				✓
79	L'Aura, Centre Field				✓
80	Lourdes, Pitchandikulam				✓
81	Lyle, Fraternity				✓
82	Manfred, Petite Ferme				✓
83	Mita, Courage				✓
84	Peter, Luminosity				✓
85	Rajavelu, Shakti				✓
86	Sathiya, Aspiration				✓
87	Sauro, Grace				✓
88	Sonja, Aurodam				✓
89	Suzie, Aurogreen				✓
90	Ulli, Fraternity				✓
91	Vani, Vikas				✓
92	Veronique J., SveDame				✓
93	Vikram M., Gaia				✓

For your information: although, as per the enclosed document, a person cannot be selected for more than 1 group, please be aware that the intelligence of the room has the complete freedom to compose the teams; if it so happens that one person is selected for 2 groups, the decision of the room on the matter will prevail.

Thank for your trust in this selection process!
AVCouncil and RAS team

From the Entry Service - N&N No - 669 dated 15.10.2016

Our team is happy to recommend the following persons as Aurovilians, Newcomers and Friends of Auroville. We will wait two weeks for Newcomers and one month for Aurovilians from this publication for your feedback before confirming.

NEWCOMERS ANNOUNCED:

Chloe **SANCHEZ** (French), staying at Fraternity, working at Auroville Radio
Prashant **NAVARE** (USA with an OCI from Pune), staying at Invocation, working at Future School
Sudha **VELU** (Indian from Kottakarai), staying at Dana, working at Well Cafe
Tamillanthi **SELVARAJ** (Indian from Kuyilapalayam), staying in Protection, working at Deepam
Ulrike **STRASSMANN** (German), staying in Sangha, working at Svaram

CHILD OF A NEWCOMER:

Akshay **BALAMURALI** (Indian), born on 01.02.2012, attending Study School at Kalapet
Karan **GAJENDHIRAN** (Indian), born on 12.11.1998, studied at AIAT and is working at Tanto
Reypan **GAJENDHIRAN** (Indian), born on 12.07.2000, working at New Dawn carpentry workshop
Deepan **GAJENDHIRAN** (Indian), born on 03.04.2002, attending NESS school

AUROVILIANS ANNOUNCED:

Elena **ALEXANDROV** (Moldovan), staying at Swayam, working at Transformation and Nandanam and doing crochet work at Loulou shared company.
Hamsini **SEKFALI SALIMA** (French), staying at Maitreye 2, working at Auroville Press as a journalist and as a yoga teacher in Creativity
Marion **PATRICIA MEAKIN** (British), staying at Maitreye 2 and will be moving to Serenity, working at SAIER on Education
Paolo **PASINI** (Italian), staying at Transition School, working at Transition School as Care Taker

Shankar **DHANASEKARAN** (Indian from Pondicherry), staying at Aspiration, working at Auroville Web Services
Tony **ANTHONY MEAKIN** (British), staying at Maitreye 2 and will be moving to Serenity, working as Music teacher at Aikiam School

CHILD OF AN AUROVILIAN:

Ram **SEKFALI AMAR** (French), born on 17.12.2007, studying at 'The Study' (Pondicherry)
Satyavan **COT** (French), born on 22.09.2003, attending TLC
Kimaya **COT** (French), born on 28.05.2012, attending Oli School
Narandra Sridar **SHANKAR** (Indian), born on 24.11.2003, studying at Deepanam School
Chaarun Shree **SHANKAR** (Indian), born on 07.03.2011, studying at Nandanam Kindergarten

FRIENDS OF AUROVILLE

Seema **MUNIZ** (USA)
Dhani **MUNIZ** (USA)
Harold **BEKKER** (Holland)
Ocean **BEKKER** (Holland)
Rohit **GUPTA** (India)

AUROVILIANS CONFIRMED:

Alain **PRUVOT** (French)
Catherine **PRUVOT** (French)
Ivana **FROUSOVA** (Czech)
Kyong Hyon **LEE** (South Korean)

NEWCOMERS CONFIRMED:

Marlyse **PICCAND** (French)
Ion **CONDEI** (Italian)
Mira **TONIONI** (Italian)
Dayalan **KRISHNAN** (Indian)

The Entry Service is open to the public every day from 9:30 to 12:30 and from 2:30 to 4:30 except on Tuesday morning (team meeting) and Sunday.

B-Forms and Recommendation letters: on appointment only.
For more information on joining Auroville, please attend one of our regularly held Welcome talk.

At your service, *the Entry Service team*

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Auroville Planner 2017

Dear Friends,



I am happy to announce that the Auroville Planner 2017 is ready to be sold and awaiting your orders.

Here you see the double cover of the Auroville Planner 2017 - front and back, a flower/candle decoration at the Auroville bonfire.

We slightly increased the length of the Auroville Planner 2017 to 11.2 x 16 cm so that you can easily note down your appointments and have it handy in your pocket. The Auroville Planner 2017 has 174 pages (spine stitched and glued) and 12 double page color photos (printed in 4 colors on 90 gsm art paper). Under each photo we printed a short quote of Mother or Sri Aurobindo.

These photos of 'Auroville life' were taken at the Youth Center celebration, the Matrimandir, at new housing projects (Sacred Groves), theater performance, animals and more.

The inner calendar pages give a full weekly overview as usual. The double photo page appears after each full month without breaking the weekly lay-out. Darshan days, holidays and full/new moon days are indicated. The front and back cover is printed in 4 colors on 300 gsm art card, laminated, with big flaps. At the end, extra pages are provided for notes. The inner pages are printed in a light brown color.

DTP work by Prisma, Auroville.

Printed at Sri Aurobindo Ashram press, Pondicherry.

The price is Rs. 170 excluding packing and postage, price remains unchanged for the last years. Shops will add their commission to this price.

The entire profit of the Auroville Planner 2017 will be donated to an Auroville project.

We hope you will enjoy your new Auroville Planner 2017 as always!

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The Matrimandir Calendar 2017 is available!



The 2017-Desk-Calendar is made with the usual sturdy A-stand. The format is 21.5 cm x 14.7 cm. It is spiral bound (white). Each calendar is wrapped separately in a plastic cover.

Quotations from Sri Aurobindo's Savitri are

on the calendar page.

The price remains the unchanged Rs. 150 - excluding packing and postage.

All proceeds from the sale of the calendar will be donated to the Matrimandir.

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POSTINGS



The Great Peace

The Ideal of a United Humanity - to talk with each other and to understand - From 28.-30. October 2016 in Castle Auerstedt by Weimar, Germany; With talks as: "The Great Peace - The Ideal of a United Humanity" and "The Ideal of a United Humanity - I and WE - The Human as a Person and the Ideal of a United Humanity by Sri Aurobindo". Link: der-grosse-frieden.org/der-grosse-frieden-programm-2016/. Info from AVI Germany / Sri Aurobindo Center Berlin - Submitted by Margrit



Accessible Auroville Public Bus / Useful Information

There is no need to book in advance as we are in the low season.

We remind you that the bus is Accessible to all; it means that everybody will be able to use it. People who have no physical problems, wheelchair users, mothers with buggies, people with temporary or permanently reduced mobility included, the differently able residents and guests who want to use the bus must call us one day or one hour in advance and they will be picked up at their communities.

For those who would like to contribute more to support the Accessible Auroville Public Bus here is the account number: 251675

With Gratitude, Av bus Team [avbus@auroville.org.in / mobile: 9443074825]

Paola in Turin

Encouraged by the highly appreciative feedback received on her earlier presentations in Ferrara and Bologna, Aurovilian Paola De Paolis has accepted an invitation to also give a talk on her new book 'SAVITRI - La scoperta dell'Anima e la vittoria

sulla Morte' ('SAVITRI - The finding of the Soul and the victory over Death') in Turin, Italy. It will take place Saturday 15 October at the Associazione SOLAR, Sala Erbamagica, C.so Palermo 83. Submitted by Mauna

YEPweek

YEPweek is a program for children aged 4 to 14 years old. The goal of YEPweek is to introduce the children to Auroville through various activities over a 5-day period (Monday to Friday). We do accept children for even just one day! For more information contact us by E-Mail: yep@auroville.org.in / Phone: 9626565134.

Irumbai: the first village powered by grid-connected Solar Power

TEDA (Tamil Nadu Energy Development Agency) is developing the first village in Tamil Nadu to be powered by grid-connected Solar Photovoltaic panels, in collaboration with Auroville Consulting. During the last weeks, 7 teams from Auroville Consulting performed 225 energy audits at Irumbai Village in collaboration with women from the AVAG (Auroville Village Action Group) and students from AIT (Auroville Institute of Technology). Each household in the village was audited to implement energy efficiency measures, particularly for lights, fans, street lights and over-head tank pumps. Submitted by Iram (Auroville Consulting, Saracon) [M: +91 9489470383 / aurovilleconsulting.com]

Join us in the Garden

Buddha Garden looks after a small demonstration garden in the Visitors Centre. Spiros, a long term volunteer in Buddha Garden, is taking care of the garden and would like some help. Spare an hour each week or whenever you can, to come and help with the work and enjoy being with the soil and each other. We work 4.30 - 5.30 pm every Tuesday. Just turn up and meet with Spiros at the Visitors Centre entrance.

AVAILABLE

Mother India issues

We have received a whole box of Mother India issues that we don't need. Is there anyone interested? Please contact us ASAP. The Auroville Library

Woodscapes clearance sale

Up to 60% off - End tables, stools, wall-art/shelves, centre tables, console tables, magazine holders and much more, by Tejaswini - October 17th to 22nd; Monday to Friday; 9 am to 5 pm - Woodscapes, sunlit future campus (besides inside India, Auroshilpam)

Vehicles

Car - Maruti Esteem - high end model - MH Registration / TVS Apache Bike - PY Registration / Honda Activa Scooter - KA Registration and some household appliances and furniture. Contact Jayendra Saraswati @ 8754921079 (Djaima Community)

4 ceiling fans

Offered preferably to Aurovilian services or individuals with a low budget. Contact Rakhal: 948 848 34 85

Apple MagSafe 2 Power Adapter

- 60W (MacBook Pro 13-inch with Retina display). By mistake, I bought this charger, thinking it was the right size for my old MacBook. Brand new. Contact L'aura: 9442788016 / laura.joyful@gmail.com

Full time job for house work

In Auromodele / Petite Ferme area. Ladies with basic English understanding, having a vehicle please contact Monisha: 8098796150

A cat



I am Bastet, a so cute 2.5 old months female cat. I need a new family with love and caresses. Please contact Francis: 75981 46288 or 262 2290 or francis.auroville@gmail.com.

A young dog

Dear All, a young dog, a good street mix dog of India, wants to have somebody. It will protect him/her and make him/her smile. He needs only a place to sleep and leftovers. He is not spoilt. Please share it with others who do not read N&N. Ivana: 7094344154 - PS: I know there are a lot of these dogs but this one is special...

"Birth awake Auroville" is offering:

Birth and Parenting books and DVDs library and Mama and baby circles for all the new mothers and little babies who are looking for loving space to connect, share and get support - For details contact Shakti: premshakti@auroville.org.in / 9489244823

A bed and a bike

1 romantic, colonial bed for a couple. An electric bike, simple cycle for men - For details contact Shakti: premshakti@auroville.org.in / 9489244823

Bacteria yogurt

Happy to exchange premium quality certified friendly bacteria yogurt from Germany for Water kefir - crystals for home use only. For details contact *Shakti*: premsakti@auroville.org.in / 9489244823

Karaoke machine

Microphone type (see photo) with a lot of Filipino songs. You need a TV monitor to operate it. If you interested, please email *Chieko* at: chicochico@auroville.org.in

LOOKING FOR ...

Musical key board

Looking for a musical keyboard for my 10 year old daughter, to buy or to receive. Please contact *Yasmin* 9442644061 - Thanks!

A guitar.

Thamu, Newcomer and caretaker of Unity Pavilion, loves music and would like to learn guitar. He is looking for a simple guitar to start with. He has rather fine hands and therefore also a slightly smaller instrument would work fine for the beginning. Please contact *Unity Pavilion*. Thank you very much.

Gardner Needed

Looking for a serious gardener, who can also do small maintenance. Half time (3 days per week : 9am - 6pm or Monday to Saturday 9am-1pm). Spoken English essential. For *Kuilapalayam* area. Contact : *Tina* 9626371618

Seeking temporary home for Bella the cat

For 2-3 months while I am out of India due to family sickness. Bella is a sweet old lady cat, and she enjoys her own quiet pace: indoors pref, sleeps a lot. Operated & house-trained. Expenses paid. Thanks, please call *New Temporary Phone Number: 90437 89845* - email altheafrost@gmail.com *Althea (Ashram)*

Second-hand bike

Hello everyone, we are *Ion and Mira* - Newcomers. We're looking for a second-hand bike license plate Tamil Nadu to have the opportunity to register it in Auroville. We are looking for a big bike, Hero Impulse or Honda Unicorn. You can contact us by phone at: 890 3205842 and by mail: ioncondei@gmail.com and mira.tonioni@alice.it

THANK YOU

AV Singing Festival

We would like to thank all those who attended the 4th AV Singing Festival on Saturday for their support.

We would also like to thank the people in charge of the Unity Pavilion, as well as AV Water Service, AV Electrical Service, Mario and Thamu for their help in providing electrical back-up. Sang and Gumsoon, Drupad for managing the hall, our Master of Ceremony Afsaneh, our Sound Technician Matthias, our Musicians Rolf, Shakti, Saga, Gino and Matthew, OK and Yong for the stage decoration, Ahilya, Marrisra, Hyehoon, Bitna for a beautiful open stage, our sponsors SAIER and AAG.

The organisers - Noeul, Ananda & Rolf

My Deepest thanks to Koodam

I would like to thank the whole team of Koodam for their exceptional work and to Auroville for giving the space for such a service to exist. I had the opportunity to receive their help in two occasions and especially last time I have been amazed by their extremely high level of professionalism, dedication, and sensibility in dealing with delicate matters. Not only were they

always available to accompany the process in an objective and detached manner, they were also ready to help in any way they could. They gave to meetings as much time it needed, they scheduled and rescheduled meetings according to our needs and they would even find the way to attend with very short notice (despite their private life needs), when "urgent" matters required it. But the most striking thing is their understanding of people and their compassion for all the parts involved; that is priceless and I am sure that I wouldn't have received such an exceptional service in the outside world even if I paid lakhs. I think that we should all learn from such an example of work... as servitors of the Divine. I don't think such a formula can be reproduced as every work and every person is different, but this is clearly a light in Auroville which shows all of us what can be achieved if we work with passion in something that we love. But even if it cannot be reproduced, I hope that Koodam will continue to receive more and more support from Auroville so as to balance such an effort and realize further developments.

My deepest thanks go to *Niva, Elvira and Mukta* for giving me such an inspiration of real life Yoga.

Love, *Giovanni* :-)

APPEAL

Eluciole Circus

Dear Parents, Units and other caring Auroville Friends,

We are still working on the new roof for Eluciole Circus, but we realized that financially we will not manage to make the roof isolation for now.

To simply finish the roof we are missing Rs 140,000.

Please support us and help us continue to share with children - the future generation of Auroville, this beautiful yoga of the circus arts. For the children it's a very interesting way to center themselves, to develop body consciousness, concentration and inner trust.

We are a community, and together we can rebuild a new roof for our children!

You can help by any amount to
Our account Eluciole circus: 252157

You can contact me for more information:
(+91)9787332791



Thanks for all your support
and your believing in this beautiful project
that has been growing over the years.

Blessing, Love and Gratitude to all,
Kalou for Auroville children

AUROVILLE VOLUNTEERS & INTERNS

- *Welcome to our recently arrived long term students and volunteers from abroad:*
 - Iris Chiang, from U.S.A, student in Psychological Science and Art Studies in Belmont University, Tennessee, is hosted by Sankalpa Art centre for 6 months stay, to learn about Art Therapy.
 - Julie Beauté, French citizen, student in the Ecole Normale Supérieure de Paris, is going to do a 10-month internship in Auro-Orchard.
 - Ying Ying Cheng, together with Hsu Nien Ting, from Taiwan, 5th year architect student from Shih-Chien University, are going to assist Earth Institute for 6 months to help for the project called Sharanam.

We wish them a fruitful, inspiring stay in Auroville. In future issues, we'll introduce some of our many Indian volunteers.

- *Stories of volunteers' achievements in Auroville*
Guillaume Jeffroy, from France, after a first successful voluntary stay in l'Avenir d'Auroville TDC/Bioregion Development team, was offered to continue with a pilot project in Solid Waste Management for Kulapalayam and Edayanchavadi. With his team friends, a big clean-up of Kulapalayam was organized, 2000 segregation sacks were distributed for the door-to-door collect of garbage, and a funny street play and debate with villagers were produced with the support of the local Panchayat. Savi helped with a request for funding through SDZ; now the project is to be extended to 5 more villages.



- *Information to the community*
It is useful to keep records of the volunteering population; when Indian volunteers come to your working place, please tell them to come and fill up a "Volunteering registration form" at Savi office. Contact: study@auroville.org.in

LOST & FOUND

A bag (lost): I lost a Bag with 4 new curtains in it, it fell somewhere between Solar kitchen and Kindergarten from the back carrier of my bike. If found please contact: meera@auroville.org.in / 9442066836. Meera

Hold-tube (Found): On the road close to ARKA, on Monday 10th, a black hold-tube with light green zips. If it's yours, contact Mauna via 9443168323 or mauna@...

ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE AND NEEDED

A small studio house needed: Clara, Aurovillian, I need and am looking for a small studio-house with kitchen and garden for medium-long term living and development of Art and Permaculture. Please contact me by email: claramsev@gmail.com

Accommodation needed for 5 volunteers: CIRHU, through Auroservice office, is trying to find an accommodation for a team of 5 volunteers from a Coimbatore University that will work on various projects for the International Zone. The best will be a house for 5, with a kitchen. Period: December to March. If you have such a house or even some useful proposals please contact the Volunteers Coordinator: giacomoauroville@gmail.com or call 9487340778 - Giacomo Colomba

Looking for a living place: Dear Community, the Av Health Centre and Dr Uma are looking for a living space for Peter Kern, an old executive of the AvHC, who is now an essential volunteer at the HC. He is now out of his long-time home at Gaia, and looking for a suitable and decent living

place for one. Please contact at Health Centre if you can provide one. Thank you.

House-sitting 1: Hi! We are *Svenja & Denis*, a Newcomer couple without kids, with little financial resources. As of December 2016 or January 2017, we are looking for a place for house-sitting or house-sharing. Taking care of a person in need is also possible. Denis is working at Santé and at the French Pavilion and Svenja will be starting her Newcomer process in January. We love animals and maintenance works of house and garden are most welcome, as well as any other services required. Please contact *Denis* at 9500271460 or via mail at deniscapdeville@gmail.com. Thanks for your help.

House-sitting 2: Hi fellow Aurovillians, we are returning to AV in December and are looking for a place to stay for a couple of months. We would be very grateful to house-sit a place in AV during this time. If you know of any possibility of house sitting, we would be very happy to hear from you! Contact details: ka@auroville.org.in, vandesande.h@gmail.com - Many thanks and warm greetings from Zürich, *Kartik and Kira (Hilde)*

TAXI SHARING

October 17th: 1 person will go from Auroville to Chennai Airport at 12.30 pm to reach latest by 3.30 pm. If you would like to share the taxi either way, please contact *Stefan*: stefangebert@gmail.com

October 18th: from Auroville to Chennai airport, Tuesday 18th of October. Departure between 7.30 pm and 8.30 pm. Please contact otrachristine@yahoo.fr or call 99.4350.5462 - *Christine R.*

October 18th: Have to catch a flight from Chennai airport at 9am on 18th October, so leaving around 4am. Staying at L'aura's Homestay (next to Joy Community). *Anna*: 786 807 0375

October 19th: going to Chennai on Wednesday, 19th October. Need to be in the airport by 2am on the 20th. Please call me on 9843948288 if you have a ride, or interested in sharing. Regards, *Vikram*

October 23rd: Two of us going to Chennai airport. Leaving from Auroville at 4 pm - taxi coming back empty from Chennai airport around 7 pm. Give us a call if you want to share either way! *Kritika*: 9953699705

October 24th: 1 person will arrive at Chennai Airport at 1 pm and be picked up by a taxi from AV to come to Auroville. If you would like to share the taxi either way, please contact *Stefan*: stefangebert@gmail.com

October 28th: 1 person will arrive at Chennai Airport at 3.30 pm and be picked up by a taxi from AV to come to Auroville. If you would like to share the taxi either way, please contact *Stefan*: stefangebert@gmail.com

October 29th: Taxi sharing to go to Chennai Airport around 7 am on the 29th Oct. Please write to *Ailly* (ally@auroville.org.in) if you go around this time from Auroville.

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

An Addition for Auroville.com

We (the Auroville.com-Team) are on the hunt for an addition to our family! You are good in organizing, you like to be creative and you want to work in a team building something together?

Then contact us! We are in need of someone supporting us with the maintenance of the website, communication with Auroville Units, product research, photo shoots, writing articles and so on.

Does that sound interesting? Then contact us:

Luise networking@auroville.com or call 0413- 2622069.

High English skills in spoken and written required. Full maintenance available. Newcomers, Aurovilians and long term Volunteers are welcome!

Work opportunities at Auroville Institute of Applied Technology (AIAT)

AIAT is the technical education center of Auroville located in Irumbai and Aurovrindaban. We are conducting skill training as per NCVT (National council of vocational Training) standard for students who have passed or failed in 10th standard. We have

excellent infrastructure and are planning to introduce dual concept of skill training as it is practiced in central European countries and also being introduced in India.

We are looking for a Tamil speaking Aurovilian, who is interested in implementation of the Mothers ideals on education in a non Auroville environment as a vice principal. Min. qualification needed for this position is M.Sc. in science/ mathematics/ computer science/Engineering with B.Ed. We are looking for an outstanding personality with initiative, independent working, integrity, leadership, good communication skills in English, modern pedagogic and experience in teaching as well as in management of an education center.

And an Office administration officer with experience in office administration, having a good social and communication competency in English and Tamil, capable of independent working and good knowledge in MS-Office package and internet. Candidates with IT background especially in usage of social media will be preferred.

PI contact *Lavkamad* - E-Mail: principal.aiat@auroville.org.in / Phone: 9443238303

AUROVILLE RADIO



Dear listeners!

As much as we would love to update you with our newly published articles recorded and done in the past week, we have to say with regret that due to the promptness and speed of BSNL we cannot do so....since Thursday afternoon we don't have Internet connection.

Hopefully it will be resolved soon, but you can still look up for our programs (when we get the internet back all done programs in past days will be published) on our web page: www.aurovillerradio.org

Yours, *AV Radio Team*

SPORTS

Last chance to register! Auroville Triathlon 2016

What: Olympic and Sprint Distances.

-Olympic distance: 1500 meter swim, 40 km bicycle, 10 km run

-Sprint distance: 750 meter swim, 20 km bicycle, 5 km run

Where: In Auroville, starting and ending at La Piscine

When: 20 November 2016

Who: Open to Newcomers and Aurovilians

How to participate or help with support, contact Lyle at: lyle@auroville.org.in. Write "Triathlon" in the subject field.

Registration ends 21 October.

EATING OUT

Atithi Griha Guest House Sunday Lunch

In BHARAT NIVAS - The Pavilion of India Provides Bengali Lunch on Sunday the 16th of October, 2016

Venue: Atithi Griha Guest House

Rs. 120/- (Rupees One hundred Twenty only) - For Aurovilians only

Timings: 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm

Please make your reservations by calling 0413-2622445 or E-Mail: atithigriha@auroville.org.in before Friday (14th of October, 2016) 5:00 pm

Naturellement & Garden Café closed 17/10

We would like to inform the community that both Naturellement and the Garden Cafe will be closed Monday the 17th of October as we are going for a tour. Welcome again on Tuesday!

Pizza night in Joy Community

Date: 21st of October - Time: 7 pm

Even this coming Friday we'll have a beautiful night in great company with the usual Italian community at Joy and the most loved food of the world: Pizza! The pizza dough will be made in a traditional way, with very small quantity of yeast and slow growth which makes the pizza much more digestible and yummy :) We will also serve watermelon and lemon grass cold tea. A feast for those with a light heart.

Advance reservation required, please call (04132622584 or 9442328120) or email (joycommunity@auroville.org.in) or pass

by Joy Guesthouse. Fixed contribution from guests; 30% discount from Aurovilians, Newcomers and SAVI registered volunteers (please bring your card). *Joy Community Team* :-)

PROSKILLS' Mouth-watering Menu! (Dinner 28/10)

As part of the PROSKILLS Launch on Oct 28 in the Visitors' Centre, the Auroville Cooking School has agreed to prepare a super-special gourmet menu for the night.

With the support of the Visitors' Centre (thanks to the wonderful Nicole), the cooking students (working with master chefs Laurence and Amrit) will take over the Visitors' Centre kitchen on the night to prepare the following sumptuous menu:



- Thai Green Curry
- Jasmin-Infused Basmati
- Spicy Papaya Salad
- Coconut Crêpes with Caramelised Banana

Yum! The cuisine crew will serve this amazing dinner between 7pm and 8pm on October 28, so don't be late!

For More Information, don't hesitate to contact us by email at jesse@auroville.org.in or by phone on 9486623749.

LAST MINUTE ANNOUNCEMENT



Trainers/Performers Wanted for PROSKILLS Variety Show !

The upcoming PROSKILLS Launch is looking for performers/trainers to be part of its Skills Variety Show on October 28 in the Visitors' Centre.

If you have a skill that you'd be prepared to offer in a short (or long workshop), we'd love to have you join us on stage to present a short skit or performance that illustrates the skill that you have to teach.

For example, *Drupad* will present a theatre skills performance and follow-up workshop series, the *Auroville Cooking School* will prepare the food for the evening, and *Nele's Art School* will present select student artworks, *Eluciole Circus School* will present a circus skills demonstration and more!

Register your Skill/Performance Now!

So, if you'd like to be part of what looks set to be a great night of food, fun and entertainment, contact us by email at jesse@auroville.org.in or by phone on 948 6623 749.

For your calendar



AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

Meditation with Savitri read by Mother to Sunil's music
Every THURSDAY at sunset

We follow the sun and the timing changes with the season...

5.30 to 6.00 pm

Enjoy the beautiful open space, an immense sunset, heavenly music in the very center of Auroville!

Reminder to all:

The Park of Unity is a place for silence, meditation and inner work and is to be used only as such. We request everyone: please **do not** use cameras, I-pads, cell phones, etc. No Photos.

Dear Guests, please carry your Guest Card with you
Access only for the Amphitheatre from 5.15 pm. Please be seated by 5.25 pm.
Thank you.

Amphitheatre Team

INVITATIONS

NAVRATRI GARBA

on 14th and 15th October (Fri, Sat) 2016, 7:30 pm onwards, at SAWCHU, Bharat Nivas

Dress Code: Men - Kurta and pyjama / Women- Ghaghra (flowing skirt) and choli (blouse)

Navratri is the dance festival dedicated to the worship of Hindu Goddess Durga. During the nine days of the festival, nine different forms of the Devi are worshiped. Garba is the traditional folk dance of Gujarat having rhythmic circular movement performed around lit lamp or an idol of Goddess Durga.

For queries please contact *Mona* (0413 2622 900) or *Falguni* (9487336223)

WE INVITE ONE AND ALL TO COME AND DANCE TOGETHER.





Month of Peace in Auroville

Friday 14th : Auroville in Latinoamerica - Anandi's Journey 2015
at Unity Pavilion - 5 pm.

Sunday 16th: Reading for Peace - Poetry, Songs and more...with the World Poetry Movement:
at Unity Pavilion - 4.30 pm.

C.A.L.I (House of Latinoamerica) & Youth Link

Sahitya Academy of India - Symposium on Children's Literature (In Tamil)

Sahitya Academy of India in collaboration with Auroville conducts a one-day symposium
on Children's Literature (Tamil) - Present and Future
On Saturday 15.10.2016.

Venue: Aikiyam School, Auroville (Kuilapalayam)

Creative writers, publishers, artists and academicians will present their papers on Children's Literature and lead the discussions.
Admission is reserved for delegates registered through their respective institutions in advance for attending the symposium sessions.
You are welcome to attend the inaugural session 10 am to 11.30 am and bless the occasion with your august presence.

R. Meenakshi [Tamil Heritage Centre: (0413) 2623 773]

C. Sethupathy Member [Sahitya Academy, Tamil Advisory]

S. Sankar [Aikiyam School: (0413) 2622 358]

The Bharatnivas Deepawali Celebration group is happy to extend a special Invitation to:

All Auroville Children, Adults, Parents, Teachers, Friends & Guests:
Friday, 28th October 2016.

Venue: Bharatnivas Campus and SAWCHU

Time: 4.30 to 9 pm

Dress Code: Indian traditional dress

Join us to light a Diya lamp, a happy individual & collective gesture symbolizing Victory of Light and Truth over darkness.
To celebrate this moment of joy and sharing, various activities are planned:

For children:

Video short films on Indian legends on Deepawali, making Kolams & Oregami.

Light the lamp, decorate flowers and interact with one another, listen to music, walk in the campus while enjoying snacks and drinks.

Cultural Program:

Indian Classical Dance & Chanting offered by Auroville young artists & adults
More Details will be announced on AuroNet and in the next News & Notes.

Donations in kind and cash are welcome - **Deepawali2016**: Account no: 251483

Contact ph: 2622914 / bharatnivas@auroville.org.in

Bharatnivas Deepawali Coordinating Team

Deepawali (festival of light) @ Upasana 2016

Dear friends,

We will be celebrating Deepawali in Upasana on the 29th of October from 6 pm onwards till 9 pm.

We invite everyone to join us for light, flowers & a light meal together.

Date: 29th October - Saturday

Time: 6 to 9 pm

Venue: Upasana (Near CSR)

Love, *Upasana Team.*

EXHIBITIONS



THE PATH OF SILK

EXHIBITION of Quilts & Silk Paintings
By Maria Grazia

At Centre D' Art Citadines Auroville

From October 15 - 26

Every day except Sunday from : 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm.

INAUGURATION : Saturday 15 October 2016 at 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm.

All are Welcome.

Park in Town Hall Parking

2 Mothers and 3 Daughters

Ceramic show by Anna, Saraswati, Masha

At Tasmai gallery, Pondicherry (until the 27th of November)

Opening on Saturday 15th of October at 5 p.m.

Dear friends, we will arrange a transport from Solar Kitchen at 4-20 pm on Saturday. If you want to go with us
Please call 7598671669 (Anna) or 0413-2622769 (Saraswati)



“PERFORMER SERIES” PAINTING EXHIBITION BY MARK

October 8th 2016 to October 22nd 2016

Open daily except Sunday 8am -12.00pm and 2pm - 6pm



I could only breathe the air that surrounds me and walk with the shadow that follows me. My search has become necessity not knowing what is necessary. Left... Right... West... East... Passing by all that is present, what is new that I could search? I could only breathe the air that surrounds me! For 24 years, I have walked with myself and my thoughts, constantly moving from one sight to another, seeking impressions and sharing them through my art. In my growing up years, I had always thought art is the product of imagination. I will continue to translate on to canvas my observations and, the folks and folklore that inspire me.

Pitanga Cultural Centre, Samasti, Auroville, TN 605101, India. (0413) 2622403/2622994 Pitanga@auroville.org.in

TALKS, SEMINARS

Sustainable Livelihood Institute (SLI) Lecture:

Tamil Culture: A Curtain Raiser

Date: 18th of October 2016, Tuesday - Time: 10 a.m. to 12 noon



Summary: The Tamils produced significantly to the fabric of Indian culture with a continuity of over 2000 years. The major fields fall under all the three major areas of creative expressions, literature, fine arts and performing arts, mostly form a religio-spiritual angle typical to the Indian sub-continent. Such complex web would not be easily understood by those who have not been brought up in this tradition or even those who have been brought up without the awareness of the arts, music or literature. An attempt during this occasion would be made to demystify the culture of the Tamils by profiling the emergence of their literature, arts and music during this lecture.

Speaker: Prof. Swaminathan. S. Swaminathan was born in Pudukkottai, Tamilnadu in 1940. After qualifying as a Mechanical Engineer, he worked as a professor in Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi for more than 30 years.

Realizing that Indian youth have an inadequate understanding of their local heritage, Swaminathan decided to acquaint the students of IIT-Delhi with various aspects of Indian culture. The topics he begun to research and explore were Indian music, Sanskrit, ancient Tamil literature, Tamil prosody, development of scripts, Gandhian philosophy, etc. He has authored books on Mahabalipuram monuments and Ajanta caves.

As an activist, he has participated in and initiated a number of socially relevant projects. Among other projects, he co-founded Tamil Heritage Group in Chennai which has for over 5 years now been organizing significant talks and events to promote Tamil heritage. He was also instrumental in setting up a Centre for Arts and Culture, called Sudharsanam, in Pudukkottai, his native place.

RSVP: Balu, balu@auroville.org.in or 9444340006/9786350006.

BHAVISHYATE

Sri Aurobindo Center of Studies - Bharat Nivas

INDIA: past, present and future challenges

Open sessions anchored by Mona since January 2016

Next upcoming session

18th October, Tuesday, 5 - 6:30 pm

By Professor S.Swaminathan,

Topic: Indian painting tradition - Ajanta to modern times

These are informal dialogues/discussions and everyone is welcome to participate.

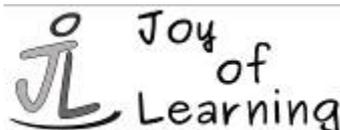
Sessions are held at the new building behind the auditorium, first floor.

Mr. Swaminathan was a professor of Mechanical Engineering at IIT-Delhi for more than 30 years. His field of research later expanded to Indian music, Sanskrit, ancient Tamil literature, Tamil prosody, development of scripts, Gandhian philosophy, etc. He has recently authored books on Mahabalipuram monuments and Ajanta caves. He continues his work to spread awareness of the values of Indian wisdom and cultural heritage.

He will also be giving a talk on 'Introduction to Tamil heritage and music' at Sustainable Livelihood Institute from 10 am-12pm on 18th October.

Those interested in further information or announcements for upcoming sessions, please send a mail to: mona@auroville.org.in or cicbn@auroville.org.in

Mark your calendar and join us for the next installment of the *Joy of Learning* series:



Auroville and Beyond...

Exploring Auroville's Bioregional Activities

Tuesday October 18th 4.30 to 6.30 pm at SAIER

How does Auroville's engagement in the bioregion affect the life of nearby villages? How does it affect our own life? Who is involved and how? What impact does it have or has it had? What are the perceptions of those living in neighboring villages of purpose and role of Auroville?

These and many other questions will be addressed in our next Joy of Learning session on the theme of 'Outreach'.

With our life so closely interwoven with the social and economic fabric of the local population and their traditions, customs, and practices, 'Outreach' activities have been at the very center of our efforts from the beginning. The progress we made, the challenges we face and the opportunities we have available to jointly move forward is a topic that concerns all of us.

So please come to the

SAIER Conference Hall on Tuesday, October 18th, 4.30 pm

And deepen your understanding and join us for presentations and panel discussions on and around Auroville's Bioregional Activities:

- Overview of Community Participation and Social Leadership in Action
- Outreach Schools and Educational Centers
- Impact and Perceptions Surrounding Outreach Activities

With panellists Anbu, Bridget, Kathy, Shankar and of course our moderator Alan

Everybody is welcome!

Your Joy of Learning team (Alan, Lalit, Mike, Mila, Min, Sophie)

Bhavishyate - Sri Aurobindo Centre of Studies
India and the World - Bharat Nivas

An Introduction to "Integral Psychology" of Sri Aurobindo

We are trying to organize ourselves to study some of the works of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother.

If you wish to join in this study,
please give your name to Deeptendu in the India Resource Library, Bhavishyate, Bharat Nivas,
from 9-12, 2-4, Monday to Saturday.

To begin with, the following themes are proposed:

1. Integral Psychology: Its Broad Perspectives

The knowledge of Integral Psychology opens up a new perspective in our understanding of ourselves and the universe.

2. Integral Psychology : Its Method And Processes

It has a specific method and progressively reveals the existence of some dynamic psychological processes.

3. The Principle of 'Integration' In Integral Psychology

There is a central process, that makes 'integration' of the being possible.

4. The Indian Tradition and Integral Psychology - In A Perspective Of Continuity

Integral Psychology finds its historical place in a long continuity of experience from the time of the Vedas and Upanishads leading to the present moment.

5. Integral Psychology and Steps of Evolution

The structure of man's being corresponds to the levels of Reality. Taken together, they represent the stages of evolution in Nature's working.

6. Contemporary World Cultures in The Light Of Integral Psychology

A wide 'world culture' is in the making, calling for a more conscious look!

7. Integral Psychology and New Trends in Education

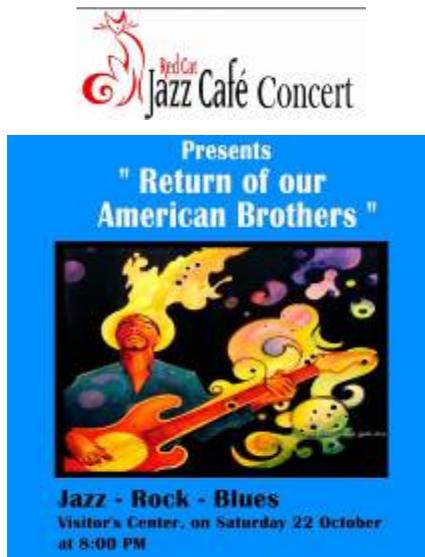
With man's growing experience, the demands he makes on education, are no longer the same. Integral Psychology, with its deep knowledge of the being of man, gives us a clear perspective of an 'Integral Education'.

8. "Yoga Is Nothing but Practical Psychology" - Sri Aurobindo
Integral Psychology reveals to us the truths of our nature and of universal reality. It is not only 'science' - it becomes an 'art of living and becoming'. The art of 'Yoga' ...
9. Thirst For Self-Perfection
We dream of 'perfection'. This movement is innate in us. Can we become conscious of its workings?
10. "Let Beauty Be Your Constant Ideal.
The Beauty of The Soul
The Beauty of Sentiments
The Beauty of Thoughts
The Beauty of The Action
The Beauty in The Work
So that nothing comes out of your hands which is not an expression of pure and harmonious beauty and the divine help shall always be with you." - The Mother
What is this all-pervasive 'beauty' that The Mother speaks of? Is this not a symbol of our effort towards self-perfection?
11. The Psychic Personality
The Psychic Being in us is the true home of beauty. If this 'beauty' begins to re-mould other parts of our being, what kind of a total personality will take shape?
12. The Refinement of The Vital
The life-part in us, the vital, has many levels. Some of these are very turbulent, chaotic. A progressive refinement of this total sum of the life-part in us is essential... to arrive at a rich poise of the personality.

13. The Physical Consciousness : A Truer Poise
The body is our basis and has its own consciousness. What is the true poise of the physical consciousness?
14. The Expanding Universe of The Mind
In our times, the universe of the mind is not only expanding 'horizontally', in terms of increased scientific research and technology based on it. It is moving 'vertically' too - to include levels of knowing rising above the present level
15. From Mind to Supermind
Are such levels pressing for their fuller emergence in life?
16. The Supramental Instruments
All the activities that are part of the Mind's habitual functioning find in the Supermind their greater corresponding powers.
In the Supermind, there are far greater instruments of thought and knowledge, of will, sense, feeling.
What is the nature of these instruments?
17. The Supramental Sense
In the transition to the Supermind, the walls of limitation that the body and the senses have built up around us are abolished. The consciousness of the body itself widens to become one with the entire physical universe.
How does this change come about?
18. The 'Future' Shaping the Present
The present times are unlike any we have known! Powerful new forces are manifesting in our lives in the most concrete manner - and are re-shaping our very beings, and all the structures of life and work.
Can we identify these forces, discern their presence and nature of action - in our beings and in the civilisational patterns of our times?

For each of them, there is a text of about 40 pages from the works of Sri Aurobindo... to serve as an introduction.
Please be free to suggest more themes. Please see the details at this [link](#) on Auronet.
With love, Aster

CULTURAL EVENTS



An intimate theater experience at your home...?

Francesca would like to share with you the production of "MY BURNING HEART" From SATPREM, a monologue adapted from an interview, and directed by Moghan.

This innovative experiment will run through the month of October

How about inviting friends and neighbors to our performance in your home, followed by a potluck for all to enjoy?

We eagerly await your invitations

"My Burning heart" was already welcomed in Luminosity, Sharanga Taichi hall, Angiras garden, Aurogreen...

Please contact Francesca: 8940694187 / francesca@auroville.org.in

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

Exploring Colour

Our own response to it and one of the many theories of colour.
Oct. 14 & 15 / Fri. & Sat.
Creativity Atelier Studio---- 9 am to 5 pm on both days.

Materials provided / Rs 1,000 for Guests / others by donation
Please call Audrey: 2622641 for reservations or leave your number on my answering machine. I will not give the workshop for less than three or for more than 6 - so try to respond early.

Saturday mornings ATB sessions with Rosa

The regular morning sessions of Awareness through the Body on Saturdays with Rosa will re-start this coming Saturday 15th of October. If you are interested to join and you were no part of the group before, please write to me in advance by email at: rosa@auroville.org.in
This is a self-exploration session that requires regularity. New people are invited to come for the first two sessions and then can decide if to join or not.
Venue, Transition School ATB Hall. Time from 7 to 8.30 am.

Family constellations with Moghan

Saturday 15th of October in Creativity hall of light
9 am to 6 pm

Limited number of motivated participants.
Please contact: moghan@auroville.org.in / 9751110486

Tamil for everyone!

Dear Aurovillians, Newcomers and Volunteers - **Basic Tamil conversation classes for everyone.**

Tamil is the language of the Bioregion and it is one of the languages of Auroville specified by The Mother. It is important that we all should have familiarity with Tamil as much as possible.

The classes will start from 17th October 2016

Time: Every Monday & Thursday, 4.30 pm - 5.30 pm

Venue: SAIER (meeting room, first floor)

Please contact: chitrab@auroville.org.in

Thank you! *Auro-Traductions, Town Hall*

Childbirth Preparation and Early Parenting Classes

A series of 6 classes covering end of pregnancy, early labor, delivery, postpartum and early infant care is being offered.

Taught by Paula, Nurse Midwife, and the Birth Awake Team. First session will be Monday, 17 October at 4:30 at Santé Clinic.

Contact Paula for details: Paulamurphy@auroville.org.in

WELLPAPER Workshop 19/10 Wednesday

Skills Handicraft Arts Recycle Education

You are invited for a 3-hour introductory workshop to create art and products from waste (mainly recycled newspaper).

Baskets Weaving Introductory workshop

Our experienced Wellpaper ladies will teach you how to create the newspaper sticks that are made from rolled up newspaper that serve as reeds for the baskets. You will be instructed and supported during the process. By the end of the workshop you will have made your own basket. You will make the coloring of the final product on your own since its needs time to dry.

The workshops are instructed by WELL women from the villages around Auroville. These women are very well practiced. These women have teaching experience in and out of AV.

Contribution: Rs.500 for guests.

The workshop will take place every Wednesday between 9:30 to 12:30. The workshop is held sitting on the floor.

If you would like to join us please email us to: welpaper@auroville.org.in or call: 9626055586

With Love, *WELLPAPER - Women Empowerment Local Livelihood - A model for social Enterprise*

Mantra Chanting

From next Wednesday the 19th of October onwards, we, at Joy Community Guest House, will offer 2 classes on Mantra Chanting.

Drop in - new students: every Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:30 pm

Regular Students: every Friday from 6 to 7 pm.

Chanting Sanskrit Mantras is performing an ancient prayer. Through the harmonic rhythm, repetition, and participation in the chant, the mind gains clarity, the ability to concentrate increases and a person becomes more tranquil.

Fixed contribution for guests; free donation for Aurovillians, Newcomers and SAVI registered volunteers (please bring your card).

Joy Community Team :-)

Vérité

Please contact Vérité (24 hour advanced registration required) to register for the following workshop: 0413 2622045, 7094104329 or programming@verite.in

Contributions requested from guests/ volunteers (volunteer reduction by advance application only)

Consciousness as Medicine with Dr. Yogesh Mohan

Saturday, 22 October - from 9 am to 12:30 pm

A consciousness approach to dealing with stress, common health problems and diseases, beyond what is written in medical texts. Experiential knowledge from a practitioner's perspective on inner healing.

Dr. Yogesh mohan, MD (JIPMER), PGPM (ISB) brings the essence of 20+ years of work. Professor & Head Medical Education, Saveetha Medical College, Former Head Integrative Medicine Apollo Chennai.

Indian Music lessons from Manish Joshi

A short orientation on Indian classical Music, some bhajans and other indian forms of music. It will help to those who have some music background. No Bookings required.

17, 21, 24, 28, 31 Oct and 4, 7th Nov - 4 pm to 6 pm.

In the basement of the Auditorium, Nandita di's Music room, Entry from the Main gate of Auditorium.

For any further detail call *Tejaswini* at: 9442255007.

(Manish comes from Jaipur style of Indian Music and have learnt from Shree Raghunandan Panshikar ji and Shreemati Devaki Pandit ji, who are the disciples of Gaansarasvati Padma vibhushan Kishori Amonkar ji. I have learnt the light Music nuances from veteran Marathi composer Pandit Yashwant Deo)

Vinyasa Yoga

Every Thursday from 4 pm to 5.30 pm. In Creativity, Hall of Light.

Bebe Merino is giving Vinyasa Yoga.

Vinyasa yoga, in which movement is synchronized to the breath, is a term that covers a broad range of yoga classes. This style is sometimes also called flow yoga, because of the smooth way that the poses run together and become like a dance.

Please come and enjoy the class.

F I L M S



C I N E M A - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM
(Film starts at 7:45 pm SHARP!)

Reminder: Friday 14 October "ASHES AND DIAMONDS" - "POPIOK I DIAMENT" (original title) by Andrzej Wajda - Poland, 1958

FRIDAY 21 OCTOBER- 7:45 PM (sharp!)

"Death on the Nile" - Directed by John Guillermin - UK, 1978

Stars: Peter Ustinov, Angela Lansbury, Mia Farrow, Bette Davis, David Niven, Jane Birkin...

Synopsis: On the steamer Karnak, which runs the river Nile, Belgian detective Hercule Poirot must solve a mysterious case: a newlywed heiress is found murdered on board. Each passenger having at least one reason for the murder, the investigation is all the more difficult for the famous detective... Death on the Nile is based on Agatha Christie's 1937 novel of the same name. The film features Peter Ustinov, plus an all-star supporting cast. Many of the cultural highlights of Egypt are also featured in the film, such as the Great Pyramids, the Sphinx, and temples at Abu Simbel and Karnak.
Original British version with English subtitles - Duration 2h.20'



THE ECO FILM CLUB

Sadhana Forest, October 21st, Friday

Schedule of Events:

16:00 Free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Tour
16:30 Tour of Sadhana Forest
18:00 Free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Eco Film Club

18:30 Eco Film Club begins with "previews" of short Sadhana Forest films

20:00 Dinner is served

21:30 Free bus from Sadhana Forest back to Solar Kitchen
Before the movie, at exactly 16:30 you are welcome to join us for a full tour of Sadhana Forest and an update of our most recent work! After the film you are welcome to join us for a free 100% vegan organic dinner!!

EARTH 2050: THE FUTURE OF ENERGY

43mins, 2010 Directed by Lilibet Foster, Michael Epstein & Nathaniel Kahn

By the year 2050, the world's population will reach nine billion. The demand on the world's resources - energy, first and foremost - will be severe. But the road from now to then doesn't need to be bleak. There is a path to a future filled with opportunities, with amazing individuals and extraordinary projects leading the way.

(Reminder: Friday - October 14th:- I Have Seen The Earth Change: Jordan.)

The bus service is operated by Sadhana Forest. For more information about the bus service please contact Sadhana Forest at (0413) 2677682 or 2677683 or sadhanaforest@auroville.org.in or visit us online: sadhanaforest.org // facebook.com/sadhanaforest

VISITOR CENTER MOVIE SHOW

20th Thursday October 8pm

STAR TREK BEYOND (2016)

Genre: Sci-Fi/Action/Adventure / Rated: PG 13 / Dur:2hr 02mins / Language: English/Subtitle: English

Dir: Justin Lin / Cast: Chris Pine, Zachary Quinto, Karl Urban
Story Line: The USS Enterprise crew explores the furthest reaches of uncharted space, where they encounter a new ruthless enemy who puts them and everything the Federation stands for to the test.

21st Friday October 8 pm

GHOSTBUSTERS (2016)

Genre: Comedy/Action/Fiction / Dur: 1hr 56mins / Language: English/Subtitle: English / Rated: PG 13

Dir: Paul Feig / Cast: Melissa McCarthy, Kristen Wiig, Kate McKinnon

Story Line: Following a ghost invasion of Manhattan, paranormal enthusiasts Erin Gilbert and Abby Yates, nuclear engineer Jillian Holtzmann, and subway worker Patty Tolan band together to stop the otherworldly threat.

AT SAVITRI BHAVAN

Monday, 17th of October 2016 at 6:30 pm

Sri Aurobindo's "The Mother - Part I, Chapter 1-5"

The book "The Mother" by Sri Aurobindo is known to express the guidance and knowledge of the Integral Yoga. It is regarded as the Bible or Gita of the age of Sri Aurobindo. It lays down the conditions for evoking the Grace of the Supreme Divine Mother for the elevation and transformation of human life and in the evolution of this Creation.

It says: "The more complete your faith, sincerity and surrender, the more will grace and protection be with you. ... A little of it even will carry you through all difficulties, obstacles and dangers... The last stage of this perfection will come when you are completely identified with the Divine Mother.... You will know and see and feel that you are a person and power formed by her out of herself, being of her being, consciousness of her consciousness, force of her force, Ananda of her Ananda. When this condition is entire and her supramental energies can freely move you, then you will be perfect in divine works; knowledge, will, action will become sure, simple, luminous, spontaneous, flawless, an outflow from the Supreme, a divine movement of the Eternal."

The Mother is reading the texts and pictures of The Mother, of Flowers and Nature and paintings are illustrating them. Duration: 60min.

BHARAT NIVAS presents

"SHARIRA" - A rare Documentary produced by Olivier Barot, Aurovilian, on Chandralekha's last dance choreography:

Thursday, 20th October 2016, at 7.45 pm

Venue: SAWCHU, Bharatnivas

"Sharira", performed by Shaji, Kalaripayattu of Kerala, and Tishani Doshi, the yoga practitioner, poet, novelist and dancer. A choreography accompanied by meditative Dhruvad music by the reputed Gundecha Brothers, lighting by Sadanand Menon, evokes a feeling of wonder.

It is interesting to observe in this film, Chandralekha's artists expressing the geometry of the body; the fantastic triangles that emanate from the body from its center have to be seen to be believed. Tishani's yogic pose revealing triangles reiterate that among the dancers, Chandralekha was perhaps the only one, who visualised it in such a superb manner.

About (Late) Chandralekha Prabhudas Patel (6/12/1928 - 30/12/2006):

Chandralekha, first trained in Bharatnatyam, became famous more for her being an avant-garde dancer and choreographer, an exponent of performing arts, mainly focusing on postmodern fusion dances that incorporated elements from other dances, like Bharatanatyam with martial arts Kalarippayattu. She was also influenced by Balasaraswati and Rukmini Devi Arunadale in her dance education. Chandralekha was conferred the highest award of the Sangeet Natak Akademi, India's National Academy for Music, Dance and Drama, the Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship in 2004. Lt. Chandralekha was a close friend of Auroville. She had brought two of her early creative dance works to perform at the Sri Aurobindo Auditorium in Bharatnivas.

All are welcome.

Organised by Bharatnivas Cultural Group

(contact: 0413.2622914 / e-mail: bharatnivas@auroville.org.in)

Important information about News & Notes (Absolute deadline for submissions or cancellations: Tuesday 5pm)

The contents of News & Notes are a reflection of the growth process of this community towards its ideals of harmony, goodwill, discipline and truth. Editing of submissions, mainly for reasons of space and clarity, is done according to an established policy.

How to submit material: Material (no pdf files, please) may be sent (in English only) to the N&N email address (below).

The Tuesday deadline (5pm) is absolute as the News is given to the printers by Wednesday 2 pm.

We regret not being able to attend to visitors on Wednesdays due to work pressure.

Articles for the Notes section should ideally be no longer than 500 words. All articles and reports need to reach us by Tuesday noon.

Visiting hours: Mondays, Tuesdays 9am to 11.45am and 1pm to 3pm; No visitors on Wednesday.

Soft Version: We encourage you to ask us for a soft version of News&Notes sent directly to your own mail. Don't hesitate to mail: newsandnotes@auroville.org.in or to phone 2622133 if you want to give it a try.

Disclaimer: The views expressed on these pages are those of their respective authors or work groups and do not represent the position of the editors or of the community as a whole. The News & Notes serves as a channel for the publication of material coming from trusted sources within Auroville. The editors cannot be held accountable for any alleged misinformation given or offence caused. In case of any dispute, the Auroville Council may be consulted and publishing of disputed material suspended.

News & Notes, Media Centre, Town Hall. Phone: 2622133, email: newsandnotes@auroville.org.in

"Restoring Connection"

FILMFEST & DIALOGUE

Monday - Saturday | 12 films and more!
October 17 - 22 | 2 screenings daily: 4pm & 8pm
Cinema Paradiso, Auroville | dialogue spaces & refreshments



Let's vision and dream together!

- What does "justice" mean?
- What kind of a justice system would we like to have in Auroville, and how could we implement it?

We will be screening selected documentaries and feature films about Restorative Justice from around the world, based on true stories of pain and loss of connection.

In these inspiring films, we showcase different examples of how people involved or impacted by conflict choose to respond - in ways that honour healing and reconciliation over hatred and punishment.

Our hope with this "FilmFest & Dialogue" is to continue to explore the topic of justice in Auroville. After each film screening, we'll host a facilitated dialogue space to deepen and reflect on our film experience.

Happy Viewing

L'aura, Janet, Shanti, Hélène, Kati
restorative@auroville.org.in

The Town Hall "City Centre Canteen" will be open.

Drinks & snacks available:
from 4pm until late after the last show!

Welcome all FilmFest enthusiasts!



In Collaboration with Cinema Paradiso

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FILMFEST - 4 PM PROGRAM (& FRI 8 PM)



MONDAY 17 OCTOBER 4 PM

ON THE PATH OF FORGIVENESS

South Africa 2007, Dir. Ginn Fourie & Letlapa Mphahlele, Documentary, 82mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR

This true, moving story of healing and transformation opens and sets the tone of our FilmFest:

'On the Path of Forgiveness' depicts the extraordinary reconciliation between Ginn Fourie, whose daughter died in 1993 in an attack in Cape Town, and the former commander of the freedom fighters, Letlapa Mphahlele, who had given the order to kill. This film is their account of what led to this personal tragedy, and subsequent redemption, in the context of the political situation at the time of apartheid in South Africa. Ginn and Letlapa became friends and together they spread their message all over the world that "forgiveness is part of moving from victim to survivor to wounded healer."

Some Aurovilians might remember the workshop Ginn and Letlapa gave here about 10 years ago.

TUESDAY 18 OCTOBER 4 PM

AMISH GRACE

USA 2010, Dir. Gregg Champion, Writer Sylvie White and Teena Booth, w/ Kimberly Williams-Paisley, Tammy Blanchard, Matt Letscher, and others, Drama, 89mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR

The movie is based on the 2006 West Nickel Mines School shooting in Pennsylvania, when a group of Amish schoolgirls are taken hostage and killed in their classroom. The parents and the Amish community stun the outside world by immediately forgiving the killer. Ida, the mother of one of the murdered children has a tougher time than the others, but in her anguish and pain, she begins a personal journey of renewed faith, reconnecting with her husband, family, and community, and showing kindness and compassion to the killers' widow and children.

WEDNESDAY 19 OCTOBER 4 PM

IL Y A LONGTEMPS QUE JE T'AIME (I've Loved You So Long)

France 2008, Writer-Dir. Philippe Claudel, w/ Kristin Scott-Thomas, Elsa Zylberstein, Serge Hazanavicius, and others, Drama, 112mins, French w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR

Juliette, a former doctor in her forties, spent fifteen years in prison for having killed her six-year-old son. After the release, her younger sister Lea invites her to live with her and her family. Supported by the unexpected goodness of the family, Juliette struggles her way back into life. In a slow process, she is gradually accepted into the family and the community and finds a way to restoring connection. This sublimely acted movie won many international awards.

THURSDAY 20 OCTOBER 4 PM

MARINA ABRAMOVIĆ - THE ARTIST IS PRESENT

USA 2012, Dir. Matthew Akers and Jeff Dupre, Documentary, 101mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR

The documentary takes us inside the world of performance artist Marina Abramović, following her as she prepares for a retrospective of her life's work in the Museum of Modern Art in New York. Abramović's performances - spanning 40 years - are powerful, daring and provocative. The body is her subject, time is her medium. Throughout the three months of the exhibition, Marina sits day after day in the museum's atrium, gazing steadily at one of the thousands of people who come to take the chair across from her. She wants to engage in "an energy dialogue" with the audience - through her art made of trust, vulnerability and connection.

FRIDAY 21 OCTOBER 4 PM

MY ENEMY, MY BROTHER

USA 2014, Dir. Ann Shin, Documentary, 16mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR

This is a documentary about two soldiers, one Iranian, one Iraqi, who first encounter each other as enemies during the war between their countries. Although trained to be soldiers, something unusual happens between them: after a battle, one saves the life of the other. Twenty-five years later they meet in Canada by chance - without knowing who the other is. It is an amazingly improbable story that is very moving.

BLOODLINES

Australia 2008, Dir. Cynthia Connop, Documentary, 52mins, English, Rated: NR

Bettina Göring is the grandniece of Hermann Göring, second most powerful man in Nazi Germany, responsible for the crimes of World War II that killed millions of people, mainly Jews. Bettina has long tried to bury the dark legacy of her family history. Painter Ruth Rich, a daughter of Holocaust survivors, cannot resolve her deep-rooted anger over the suffering of her parents and the killing of an older brother by the Nazis. Bettina seeks out Ruth in an attempt to confront her enormous guilt and her fear that the capacity for evil is in her blood. When the women meet, their hidden guilt and rage clash in a series of intimate and extraordinary meetings.

After the movie, we will have a live Skype talk with director, Cynthia Connop.

FRIDAY 21 OCTOBER 8 PM

YOM ECHAD ACHARI HA-SHALOM (One Day After Peace)

Israel 2012, Dir. Erez and Miri Laufer, Documentary, 86mins, English & Hebrew w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR

Robi, born in South Africa during the apartheid era, is now an Israeli. Her son has been killed while serving in the Israeli army, but she doesn't want to continue the enmity with the Palestinians. She returns to South Africa to learn about their reconciliation process. Her thought-provoking journey is an exploration of her experiences with the South Africans she meets and her hope for healing of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

SATURDAY 22 OCTOBER 4 PM

THE RAILWAY MAN

GB & Australia 2013, Dir. Jonathan Teplitzky, w/ Colin Frith, Hiroyuki Sanada, Nicole Kidman and others, War Drama, 116mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

The film, based on the autobiography of former British Prisoner of War, Eric Lomax, shows the brutality inflicted by the Japanese army on its prisoners. Eric endured terrible psychological suffering over decades, during a time when there was little understanding of post-traumatic stress disorder. Finally, Eric is pushed by his wife to confront his oppressor when they learn that the Japanese officer is still alive. What follows is a deeply moving account of forgiveness and reconciliation.

FOR 8 PM SHOWS (MON-THURS & SAT), SEE CINEMA PARADISO SCHEDULE



Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

Film program 17 October 2016 to 23 October 2016

How to restore connection after a conflict? *"Restorative Auroville"* in collaboration with *Cinema Paradiso* offers this Restorative Justice series of films from around the world with different examples of how people involved in or impacted by conflict choose healing and reconciliation over hatred and punishment. These are true stories of pain and reconnection.

In addition to this listing, Restorative Auroville is also showing films at 4 pm and on Friday evening (see previous page).

For further details, see full program of "Restoring Connection FilmFest"

Each screening will be followed by a facilitated dialogue space.

Restoring Connection - Monday 17 October, 8:00 pm:

- **FIVE MINUTES OF HEAVEN**

Ireland, 2009, Dir. Oliver Hirschbiegel w/ Liam Neeson, James Nesbitt, and others, Drama, 81 mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: R

The lives of two men from the same town but different sides of the Irish political divide. Alistair killed the brother of Joe. One feels he dare not ask for forgiveness; the other feels incapable of giving it. This film is anything but simplistic. Although there is a quest for understanding, the hatred, trauma and immense pain of the past are still alive years later.

Restoring Connection - Tuesday 18 October, 8:00 pm:

- **UNFORGIVEN**

Germany, 2014, Dir. Lukas Augustin Documentary, 75 mins, English-Rwandan w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR

Twenty years after the civil war in Rwanda, victims and perpetrators live next door. This beautifully filmed documentary interweaves three stories into a portrait of a whole village. Wellars sent the killers to Innocent; they injured him fatally. Ananias buried Claudine's brothers alive. Brigitte conceived after being gang-raped - and has a traumatized teenage daughter. An unsentimental yet touching movie about forgiveness and at the same time a story about freedom.

Restoring Connection - Wednesday 19 October, 8:00 pm:

- **BEYOND PUNISHMENT**

Germany, 2014, Dir. Hubertus Siegert, Documentary, 102 mins, English-German w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR

Three men who have killed, three families who have lost a loved one, in three different countries - Germany, Norway, and the USA. The two sides ever getting closer seem impossible. This film tells the stories of meeting one's enemy, in thoughts, messages, and in real life. *"Freedom is what you do with what has been done to you"*, a film about restorative justice.

Restoring Connection - Thursday 20 October, 8:00 pm:

- **FREEDOM WRITERS**

USA, 2007, Writer-Dir. Richard LaGravenese w/ Hilary Swank, Scott Glenn, Imelda Staunton, and others, Drama, 122 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG-13.

In spite of ridicule and disrespect, a young white woman teacher perseveres trying to reach her African-American and Spanish-speaking high school students. She asks them to keep journals. Discovering the reality they live in changes her; her attitude towards them changes them. In her classroom, prejudice and violence are transformed into an atmosphere of harmony and respect. Based on Erin Gruwell's true account, this movie is still relevant to today's political climate.

Restoring Connection - Friday 21 October, 8:00 pm:

- **YOM ECHAD ACHARI HA-SHALOM (One Day After Peace)**

Find details in the full program on previous page

Restoring Connection - Saturday 22 October, 8:00 pm:

- **MYSTIC BALL**

Canada, 2006, Dir. Greg Hamilton Documentary-Sport, 83 mins, English-Burmese w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR.

The film follows Greg Hamilton into the ancient and little-known culture of Myanmar and its traditional sport, Chinlone, a team sport, part dance, part meditation without competition, played in a circle. Over many years, Greg is transformed from an outsider obsessed with learning Chinlone to an accomplished teammate of the masters of the game. Through Chinlone, Greg discovers things he didn't know he was looking for: family, community and love.

Children's Film - Sunday 23 October, 4:30 pm:

- **ANNIE**

USA, 1982, Dir. John Huston w/Aileen Quinn, Albert Finney, Carol Burnett and others, Musical, 127mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG

The film is about a young orphan girl's adventures in finding a family that will take her.

FEDERICO FELLINI Film Festival @ Ciné-Club Ciné-Club - Sunday 23 October, 8:00 pm:

- **8 1/2**

Italy, 1963, Dir. Federico Fellini w/Marcello Mastroianni, Claudia Cardinale, Anouk Aimee and others, Drama-Fantasy, 138mins, Italian w/English subtitles, Rated: PG

Guido is a film director, trying to relax after his last big hit. However, he is unable to relax, with the people who have worked with him in the past constantly looking for more work. He wrestles with his conscience, but is unable to come up with a new idea. This triggers him to recall major events in his life, and the women he has loved and left. It is an autobiographical, about the trials and tribulations of film making.

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