



NEWSLETTER

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Bhadrapada/Ashwina



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UPCOMING EVENTS

September 4 (Friday) 6:30 PM

September 5 (Saturday) 7 PM

September 5 (Saturday) 4 PM

September 18, 19 and 20

September 17 (Thursday) 11 AM

September 27 (Sunday) 10 AM

October 24 (Saturday) 9 AM

October 25 (Sunday) 8:30 AM

October 30 (FRI) 4PM

Sitar Concert by Anupama Bhagwat

Krishna Janmashtami

Hindustani Classical Concert (vocal)

Arts in the Heart

Ganesh Chaturthi Havan

Ganesh Chaturthi Celebrations

Durga Puja

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Lakshmi Puja

September 4 (Friday) 6:30 PM

Sitar Concert by Anupama Bhagwat

Anupama Bhagwat's journey began in Bhilai, with the ambient refrains of her grandmother's veena, her father's violin, and the sitar melodies of her uncle and aunt. Anupama was introduced to playing sitar at the age of nine by her uncle. She trained under R. N. Verma of the Maihar gharana. At the age of 13 she had the privilege to train under Shri. Bimalendu Mukherjee of the famous ImdadkhaniGharana, which is justly renowned for its fluency and grace.

Anupama obtained her Masters in music from Indira Kala SangeetVishwavidyalaya (Khairagarh), and went on to win the first position in the All India Radio Music Competition (1994), as well as a HRD Scholarship from the Government of India. She was conferred the title 'Surmani' by the Sur SringerParishad in 1995.

With enviable ease and versatility, Anupama traverses every programme with seemingly effortless skill, going with the flow of the concert and the mood of the audience, evidence of the rigorous taleem (training) she has undergone. Performances have taken her all over the world including France, Switzerland, UK, USA, Canada, Bahamas, and Brazil. Besides being part of world music performances such as Global Rhythms and Shanti, she has presented many jugalbandis and ensemble events with Carnatic and Hindustani artists such as Sikkil Mala Chandrasekhar, Ranjani-Gayatri and SikkilGurucharan.

This free program is sponsored in part by Rajnikant Dave.

September 5 (Saturday) between 4 PM - 6.30 PM Hindustani Classical Concert (vocal)



September 5th between 4 PM - 6.30 PM at Cultural center, Hindu temple society.

Please join us and enjoy a melodious Hindustani classical vocal concert by Maestro Bhuvnesh Komkali (Grandson of Pandit Kumar Gandharva and son of Shri Mukul Komkali) born into a rich legacy of music. Bhuvnesh was awarded Shanmukhanand Shiromani Award in 2009, Mallikarjun Mansur yuva puraskaar by Govt. of Karnataka in 2010 and Sangeet Natak Akademi's prestigious Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar in 2012. He will be accompanied by equally accomplished artists, Mr. Sanjay Deshpande on tabla and Mr. Vyasmurti Katti on harmonium.

September 5 (SATURDAY) 7 PM Krishna Janmasthan Puja

7.00 PM -7.15: Maha Sankalpam

7.15-8.00 Public Offering Of Milk

8.30 - 8.45 Panchamrita Abhishekam

8.45- 10.00 PM Puja, Mantra Pushpam and Mangalarati

September 17 (Thursday) 11 AM -Ganesh Chaturthi

Ganesh Chaturthi Havan will be performed at 11 AM on Thursday, September 17th.

This will be followed by Abhishekam, Archana and Mahaprasad.

For more information please contact Nimita Shetty(706 868 5800) or Bharathi Gowda(706 868 7796).

Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations and Ratha Yatra will be held on Sunday 27th of September at 10 AM.

This will be followed mahaprasad. For more information, please contact Varsha Kulkarni (706 993 3145) or Mohan Wakade (706 863 3568)

October 24 and 25 (SAT and SUN) DURGA PUJA

The Bengali Community of CSRA cordially invites all HTS members and well wishers to join in the celebration of Sri Durga [Mahishasur Mardini] Puja to be held in the temple on October 24 and 25. As in the past sponsorship of the puja from the temple community will be available as follows: \$ 15 - one day; \$25- both days.

Puja Schedule:

Saturday, October 24

9:00 AM- Udbodhan, Puja, Pushpanajali, Chandi Path

12:30 PM - Arati & Maha prasad

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM - Sandhi puja & Arati

7:00 PM- 8:30 PM- Cultural program, Prasad

Sunday, October 25

8:30 PM - Puja, Havan, Pushpanjali, Bir Arati

w/Dhunuchi Nritya, Bisarjan & Sindoor Khela

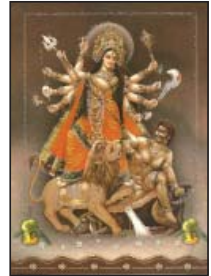
12:30 PM- Mahaprasad

Sunday, October 25

8:30 AM - Puja, Havan, Pushpanjali, Bir Arati

w/Dhunuchi Nritya, Bisarjan & Sindoor Khela

12:30 PM- Mahaprasad



October 30 (FRI) 4PM Lakshmi Puja

Sri Lakshmi puja will be held at the temple on Friday, October 30 starting at 4:00 PM. All are invited.

For additional information regarding the puja, please contact Indrani Ganguly (860-5586) or Arunava Saha (955-9249).

GRADUATION PUJA-RESULTS

The Annual HTS graduation pooja was conducted by Satayji on Sunday, May 17 th at 10 am. HTS would like to thank the pooja committee who organized and prepared the pooja items for the graduates and the parents who helped cook the maha prasad under the guidance of Nivedita Khadanga. A special thanks to Satyaji for helping the children through the various steps of the pooja and the graduates for diligently and patiently participating in the pooja. The following students participated in the Pooja.

High School: **Rishab Chawla, Sunny Gandhi, Meghna Das, Lisa Mistry, Vinathi Prasad and Amit Kashyap.**

Graduate studies/College: **Siri Shetty, Priya Gulati, Pratima Neti, Hirangi Patel and Zeel Patel.**

Prizes were given to participating high school graduates in various categories:

Best Essay (prize established by Dimple and Nipun Desai in honor of their grandfather G.L Desai):

Ist place **Rishab Chawla** 2nd place **Lisa Mistry.**

Highest SAT score: Established by Kusum Desai in honor of her husband Sashikant Desai

Ist place: **Rishab Chawla** (score 2350) 2nd place: **Meghna Das**

Best Youth group volunteer: Established by Girija Subramanian in honor of her husband Hari Subramanian:

Awarded to **Vinathi Prasad** for her leadership role in the youth group.

Unfortunately not all graduating students were able to participate. We wish all of them success in their careers future endeavors!

ARTS IN THE HEART OF AUGUSTA

September 18, 19 and 20 Arts in the Heart

Venue: Augusta Commons

Friday 5- 9 PM

Saturday 11 PM -9 PM

Sunday 12 noon - 7 PM

The widely anticipated annual event that boasts over 17 countries displaying their cuisines, art and culture is celebrated this year from September 18-20 at the Augusta Commons, and is sponsored by the Greater Augusta Arts Council. Indian pavillion, that has participated for over several years and won multiple accolades, is sponsored by the HTS. Volunteers are needed in every phase, from setting up of tents, cooking, serving and Mehendi.

Committees are being formed for the successful execution of this event. To make this a grand success, HTS is also looking for donations both in kind and monetary. Please call the following people if you are interested in volunteering or donating time and/or money for this event:

Varsha Kulkarni 706 993 3145

Krishna Prasad 706 651 1928

Nibedita Misra 614 515 4552

Lopa Agarwal 706 993 2770

Samlesh Bansal 706 855 1174

Gita Shah 706 868 6201

Bharathi Gowda 706 868 7796

Arvind Shah 706 855 8684

Kirit Bhavsar 706 855 9081

There is an entrance fee of \$10.00 at the venue. However, the fee for advance purchase of ticket is only

\$5.00. HTS will provide a few volunteer badges for those (a) volunteering for over 6 hours or more either from the Temple Premises or at the Venue and (b) who donate \$50.00

or more.

As always, we will be participating in the cultural events at the fest.

We encourage participants of all ages to come forward (only in groups) and exhibit their talent. Deadline for sending in the entry is September 7th. Participants do not have to be members of HTS, Augusta. Please send your entries to Varsha Kulkarni at varkulkarni@yahoo.com.

Participate, celebrate and make this event a grand success.

Plans are in place for cooking in advance to the festival. All participants who help 8 hours and above will receive free volunteer badges. Anyone who donates \$50 in kind or cash will receive an entrance badge as well. Limited badges are available for sale. Please come forward and help us make this a success. This is one of the biggest fundraisers for HTS. Help is needed in all areas. Please call the following people according to your ability to help. All help is appreciated.

Mehendi: Chetana Jain 706-231-3316

Global Stage dances: Varsha Kulkarni 706-691-8133 Mukti Patel 706-951-4874

Set up/clean up Kirit Bhavsar

Cooking at temple: Nivedita Khadanga 706-993-1929 Gita Shah 706-951-6712

Miscellaneous help : Sheila Kamath 706-951-8245



Sannyasa and Tyāga

Rishab Chawla

The piece of Hindu scripture that has brought about the most influence in my life comes from Gita Chapter 18: Moksha Opadesa Yoga, or The Final Revelations of the Ultimate Truth. In this section, Lord Krishna distinguishes between sannyasa, the renunciation of selfish acts and material desires, and tyāga, the renunciation of results-based action.

I have come to realize through experience that sannyasa is essential for a successful and focused career. It was the principle that guided my transition from middle school to high school. I learned that volunteering for school events and performing community service were qualities that fell in line with sannyasa. I felt proud of myself for sacrificing my busy school nights to help other people, and I was pleased with my newfound quest for self-satisfaction and overall happiness instead of obsessing over every other item that catches my eye in the mall.

Then, junior year rolled around and I acquired membership in various honor societies that required service hours in order to maintain one's standing. I became more involved in my volunteering at hospitals and soup kitchens, and I would seek out more peers to tutor after school. As the amount of signatures and phone numbers on my hours sheet increased, so did my pride.

It was then more than ever that I assumed a seemingly harmless but essentially erroneous purpose for my service. I appeared to have mastered selflessness but was too caught up in earning credit and recognition for my deeds. I needed to grasp more out of the Gita's teachings. In the coming months, I took the practice of tyāga to heart. Tyāga, which is not the mere physical renunciation of worldly pleasures, instead consists of complete altruism. It mattered not how much reputation I build up for helping others. All that matters is that I am helping others for its own sake and not expecting anything in return for it.

As an adult ready to start a new chapter in life, I am thankful for my family and friends who have helped me reach this rung of the spiritual ladder.

SPORTS NEWS

HTS sponsored golf tournament was held on April 26, 2015 at the Pine Ridge Golf Club, North Augusta. Congratulations to the winners: Achyut Patel, Mahesh Shah, Pankaj Bhatt, Praful Patel and Mukund Deshpande.

Upcoming golf tournament will be arranged on September 27, 2015. Please contact Achyut Patel for details.



Temple House Keeping

Maintaining the temple clean is a difficult job with several visitors and only one permanent paid staff. Most of the cleaning and maintenance is done by temple volunteers and we need full community help to keep the temple clean. You can help by following the guidelines outlined below and also by volunteering. If you are able to volunteer once a month and help in any way, please contact Nimitha Shetty at 706-868-5800.

- Please refrain from bringing any house hold items including pictures of deities, pots, pans, pooja samagri or clothes. Please use the goodwill donation location close to your neighborhood for recycling used household items.
- Please replace the kitchen items where you found them. Several volunteers worked hard to clean the kitchen and label locations for the storage of everyday usage items like towels, plates, cups and napkins in the kitchen. Next time when you enter in to the kitchen please carefully note the labeled location and try to stack the items in their respective locations.
- Do not leave any food ingredients in temple kitchen. The leftover ingredients brought for cooking in the temple for any functions including third Sunday puja, should not be left in the temple. Leaving them in the kitchen will attract ants, flies, cockroaches and rats. So please take home the leftovers.
- Clean the fridge and close the fridge door tight. If any food is left over in the function, please distribute it among the community members. Don't try to put any food in the fridge. Don't leave any fruit and prasad in the kitchen or on the stage or on the tables or on the chairs. Leftover food stuff always attracts ants and bugs.
- If you are using any temple pots and pans please return back to the respective location.

Please remember that it is every body's responsibility to maintain the temple clean because it is our temple and try to volunteer.

Soup Kitchen Dates
September 6th
October 4th

ATTENTION!

**Trustee Nomination Form will be emailed to all the members of HTS
for necessary action at their end.**

SEPTEMBER 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	7 pm Shiv Puja	1 6.45 pm Hanuman Chalisa 7 pm Ganesh Puja	2 6.45 pm Krishna Archana	3 Priest Day off	4 6.15 pm Krishna Chanting 6.30 pm Sitar Concert	5 9 am Kartikeya Puja 7 pm Janmashtamai
6 11 am Priest Busy	7 7 pm Shiva Puja	8 6.30 pm Hanuman Chalisa 7 pm Satyanarayana Puja	9 6.45 pm Krishna Archana	10 Priest Day off	11 6.15 pm Krishna Chanting 7 pm Ganesha Puja	12 9 am Venkateswara Puja
13 2 pm Jain Puja	14 7 pm Shiva Puja	15 6.30 pm Hanuman Chalisa	16 6.45 pm Krishna Archana	17 11 am Ganesh Chaturthi Havan	18 AIH 6.15 pm Krishna Chanting	19 AIH
20 AIH	21 7 pm Shiva Puja	22 6.45 pm Hanuman- Chalisa	23 6.45 pm Krishna Archana	24 Priest Day off	25 11 am Satyanaraya- na Puja 6.15 pm Krishna Chanting	26
27 10 am Ganesh Chaturthi Celebra- tions 2 pm Jain Puja 6 pm Temple closed	28 Pitru Paksha Starts 7 pm Shiv Puja	29 6.45 pm Hanuman Chalisa	30			

OCTOBER 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			6.15 pm Krishna Archana	1 Priest Day off 7 pm Ganesh Puja	2 6.15 pm Krishna Chanting	3 9 am Kartikeya Puja
4	5 7 pm Shiva Puja	6 6.45 pm Hanuman Chalisa	7 6.45 pm Krishna Archana	8 Priest Day off	9 6.15 pm Krishna Chanting	10 9 am Venkateshwara Puja 10.30 am Jain Group Visit
11 2 pm Jain Puja	12 Pitru Paksha Ends 7 pm Shiva Puja	13 Ghata Sthapana 6.45 pm Hanuman Chalisa	14 Navaratri Begins 6.45 pm Krishna Archana	15 Priest Day off	16 6.15 Krishna Chanting	17
18 10 am Third Sundry Puja	19 7 pm Shiva Puja	20 6.45 pm Hanuman Chalisa	21 Ashtami 6.45 pm Krishna Archana	22 Navami Priest Day off	23 Dashami 10 am Vijayadashami 6.15 pm Krishna Chanting	24 9 am Durga Puja
25 8.30 am Durga Puja 2 pm Jain Puja	26 7 pm Shiva Puja	27 6.45 pm Hanuman Chalisa 7 pm Satyanarayana Puja	28 6.45 pm Krishna Archana	29 Priest Day off	30 11 am Ganesh Puja 4 pm Lakshmi Puja 6.15 Krishna Chanting	31

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RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP
AND
ENCOURAGE YOUR FRIENDS TO BECOME
MEMBERS

SCHEDULE

Mondays	7 pm	Shiv Puja
Tuesdays	6.45 pm	Hanuman Chalisa
Wednesdays	6.45 pm	Krishna Archana
Fridays	6.15 pm	Krishna Chanting
First Friday	7 pm	Devi Puja
Saturdays	8 am	Suprabhatham
1 st Saturday	9am	Karthikeya Puja
2 nd Saturday	9am	Venkateshwara Puja
3 rd Sunday	10am	Monthly Puja
2 nd & 4 th Sunday	2 pm	Jain Puja

Temple Hours: 8 - 10 AM and 6 - 8 PM

Temple is open every day at these hours except on **Thursdays**.

Temple is CLOSED on **Thursdays** and **last Sunday** of the month.