Upcoming Ashram Courses

Fall Harvest Program
Sep 04 - Oct 30

7 Days of Yoga
September 14-21

The Dreaming Mind
Sep 14-16

Music & Consciousness
September 21-23

Relaxation Retreat
September 25-29

Visit our course calendar

August at the Ashram

This is a time of year when the Ashram seems more abundant than ever. Raspberries and cherries came in huge quantities. In one day alone, we picked over 232 pounds of cherries and canned 92 jars! The Ashram summer kitchen is in full swing--stocking freezers and root cellars for the seasons ahead.

Another form of collecting the fruits happened at the recent Annual General Meeting, with teachers returning from around the globe to share what’s been happening, be inspired by each other and to set the direction for the coming year.

Where are all the Radhas?

Puja Opening Speech by Swami Radhananda
An inspiring guide for anyone interested in mantra initiation and for those already initiated. Available Soon!

Check for updates early September on Timeless.org

Celebration of Light

The play, devotion and dance of Radha and Krishna wove it’s way through this year’s Celebration of Light – taking the form of karma yoga, poetry, music, dance, relaxation, art and reflective space in the beautiful setting of the Ashram. An evening of dance under the old chestnut tree gave a feeling of being in forest of Vrindivan, caught up in the net of Radha and Krishna. Everyone was invited into the images and sounds coming through time– listening to an audio clip of Swami Radha speaking of love as we watched images of her dancing in India. Swami Radhakrishnananda’s presence was felt through a video of her moving description of the Radha

Swami Radhananda talks about Swami Radha's question “Where are all the Radhas?” View Video

Living the the Practice

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Check for updates on Radhananda.org
Feelings of devotion were carried into the Puja on the last day of the celebration – a tradition from the East which gives a way to express gratitude for the lineage of teachers who have carried the teachings through the generations, making them available in the world. Years ago Swami Radha asked, ‘Where are all the Radhas?’ Looking around the Temple, Swami Radhananda said the Radhas have come– through commitment to service and bringing the Light forward in ourselves, our families and communities.

**Yasodhara Ashram’s AGM**

**Preparing for the Ashram's 50th Anniversary**

The recent Annual General Meeting brought together the three organizations carrying on Swami Radha’s work–Yasodhara Ashram Society, the Friends of Radha Foundation (FRF) and the US based Association for the Development of Human Potential (ADHP).

On the eve of the Ashram’s 50th Anniversary, the AGM was both reflective and looking forward to many new initiatives. Some of these include innovative programming for 2013, new teacher opportunities, sustainability initiatives and the Ashram’s visually stunning new logo. As the Ashram moves into its second half century, the next generation of Board members were introduced–Alicia Pace has become Treasurer, Shandi Miller – Secretary, and Paris Marshall Smith steps in as a new director. These vibrant women bring a wealth of experience with them. They are excited to serve, and learn about the intricacies of the Ashram in a whole new

**Photo of the Month**

Krishna dance.
AGM Highlights
Looking forward to 2013

Look for courses in 2013 that will be offered as the 50th Anniversary Signature Packages. These are 5 day programs that combine original courses Swami Radha developed. Here are a few examples: The Power Pack – Life Seals & Straightwalk; Calling to the Divine – Music & Consciousness, Mantra & Dance; Who Am I? – Identification & Self–Image. Stay tuned for more details of all new programs – including Family Week July 8–12, Service & Renewal (Karma yoga for adults over 30), Short Term Residency opportunities, Day Visitor programs and events. The 50th Special Celebration dates will run from August 7 – 11.

Plan to be part of the 50th celebrations– take a Signature Package. Come together with friends or students on a pilgrimage to the Ashram; help us publicize the news of 50 years of Growing into Light. Create a buzz from wherever you live and let’s see what happens! We will be posting new ideas with each newsletter.

Renew & Refresh Project – In the coming months, the Ashram’s new logo will make its way into the Ashram’s new website (coming later this fall), ads, newsletters, letterhead, the program calendar and more!

This fall a new Registrations–Front Office system called ResortSuite will bring together different Ashram operating systems into one guest focused database. This system offers many new features and will be a huge benefit to the office, bookstore and accounting in creating a more efficient process in serving guests.

The future is now!
Two Neighborhood Electric Vehicles - Swami Sivananda has passionately headed up this project with stacks of research and has negotiated the best possible deal - 2 green vehicles have been ordered from Vancouver and will be delivered in early September! A big step up from our golf cart, these little trucks are capable of local road travel for ferry and mail pick-ups. Their silent operation will soothe the Ashram as they transport guests and luggage, supplies and precious elders. With our move toward zero emissions and plans in the works to recharge through renewable energy sources - the future is looking bright! Be part of it! You can support this initiative with your donation. Click here to donate

Mobile Hoophouse - Paris Marshall Smith, who oversees the Ashram’s food flow initiatives, has been equally busy searching for innovations to strengthen local food systems. We're implementing her recommendation for a mobile hoop house, which will extend our growing season throughout the year. Paris tells us: ‘Our new mobile hoop house will extend our garden production by 3 to 4 months, giving us the opportunity to eat more of our Ashram grown greens through the winter as we move towards 4-season harvesting’. You can be part of this leading-edge program by supporting this initiative with your donation to our green building fund or come and help us put it all together during the Fall Harvest Program.

Ridesharing to the AGM!
So many ways to support sustainability - Gordon Matchett is committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions! He and another individual drove a 'Modo - The Car Co-op' van from Vancouver to the Ashram to attend the AGM and the Celebration of Light, and then returned to Vancouver with 6 passengers - a full van. Gordon and his passengers highly recommend this co-operative and sustainable approach to transportation - plus they had a lot of fun on their way back to the west coast! Consider car-sharing if you are planning a pilgrimage from your community to celebrate Yasodhara Ashram's 50th Anniversary or plan on visiting the Ashram in the future. View our rideshare board

Kundalini & Dream Teacher Certification
Thirteen women came together for the Kundalini & Dream Teacher Certification this month. Danuta Karpinska travelled from France for re-certification. “The joy of the course is having the opportunity to work with dedicated, sincere teachers. I’m grateful the Radha House Association supported me as a teacher in Europe to come to the Ashram and re-train. It’s been a really powerful experience.”

Read More

Rays of Light - News at a Glance

- We’ve had a great response to the Fall Harvest Program so far. Consider taking 2 weeks to learn about selfless service, gain perspective and take a step deeper into the Teachings.
- Imagine having 3 months in a supportive community to explore questions like: Who am I really? What is important in my life? How have I changed? How do I live my ideals in the world? Join us for the 2013 YDC.
- Living the Practice – Toronto Event: Join Victoria Campbell at Wonderworks Bookstore (September 14, 6:30pm-8:00pm) for a conversation on the transformative power of yoga. This conversation will draw on writings and practices from Living the Practice: Collected Writings on the Transformative Potential of Yoga by Swami Radhananda. All are invited and attendance is by donation. Learn more
- Our rideshare board is just one way we’re moving forward to being carbon neutral by 2013. Check it out if you’re looking to share a ride or if you’re able to offer a ride to the Ashram. View our rideshare board
- Support the Ashram in supporting all who are a part of the community: Join the Circle of Sustainability with regular monthly donations by clicking here
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