

Haidakhandi Universal Ashram

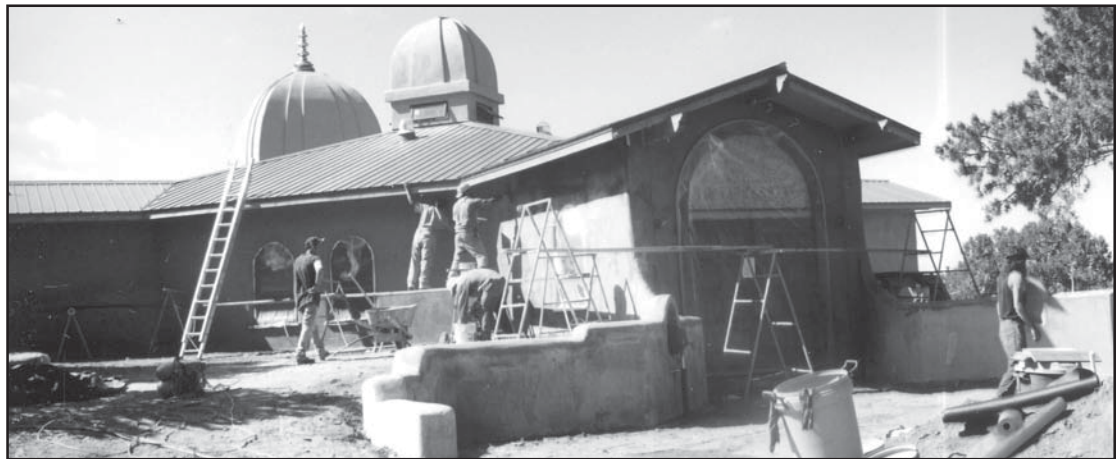
September, 2004

Mission Statement:

We aspire to live the teachings of Haidakhan Baba, to hold this Ashram as His home, to serve humanity, and to be stewards and caretakers of the land.

Kirtan Hall 2/3rds Finished!!! by Ramloti

As you can see by the photo, the final stucco work is complete inside and outside the new kirtan hall. We also took this



opportunity to redo the stucco on the existing temple which was fifteen years old. The tongue and groove ceiling is just about complete as is the solar electric and heating system, the pujari room, and the utility room. The next big project is the pouring of the adobe floor which will begin just after the busy Labor Day Weekend. Since this will require three weeks for drying, one of the windows of the existing temple will have to be removed and be utilized as a temporary entrance to the temple. We invite you to participate in this grand kirtan hall project as much as you are able to with your prayers, service, or financial support. Let's get Mother's expanded home finished by Fall Navratri on October 14!

Baba's Padukas Bless Center Tour

Shri Babaji's Padukas (sandals), accompanied by Ramloti and Premanand will visit some of the existing Babaji centers, and help dedicate some of the new centers in the US in September and October. There will be chanting, puja, slide presentations, fire ceremonies, and aarati. Please call the contact number for the exact details in your area. If you have friends in these places, please let them know. Coming together in this way is so full of Baba's blessings.

September 19, 20, & 21 - Berkeley, CA
Call Saradambe at 510-527-3568

September 24 & 25 - Shrewsbury, MA
Call Indira & Nirmal at 508-754-1242

September 27 & 28 - New York, NY
Call Melody at 212-628-4129

October 1, 2, & 3 - Monroe, WA
Call Don & Kay at 425-424-2322

October 4, 5, & 6 - Eugene, OR
Call Charles at 541-988-1172

Photos of Summer Events



Guru Purnima (July 2) was commemorated with a Paduka Puja, sacred fire ceremony, and bhandara and attended by about 85 folks. Baba's energy was very present.



Family Week was another special time as adults and children gathered from around the country. Here the children are chanting with Ramloti before performing a playlet about Hanuman, Sita, and Ram.



Our loyal friends from Denver came once again loaded with groceries and loving energy to cook and sale food at the 4th of July Fair to raise money for the kirtan hall. This year the 22 of them raised over \$1400!!!

After the Samaj Fire Ceremony, Nirmal Sharma led Amil and Sarah in exchanging wedding vows.



Maha Lakshmi Shop

The Maha Lakshmi Shop is happy to introduce its new shop manager, Anna Louise Stewart. Pictured here with her daughter, Zienna, she and her family have relocated here from Florida. Originally from Denmark, Anna Louise has a warm and caring way of serving her customers, so give her a call at 719-256-4185.



The Shop has several new Haidakhandi bhajan CD's from Italy at a special price of only \$16. The titles are: 1) Truth Simplicity & Love; 2) Maha Shakti Dhuni; 3) Jagadambe Ma; 4) Hari Sharanam; 5) Om Namah Shivaya; 6) Nataraja; 7) Lord Krishna; 8) Hanuman Chalisa; 9) Lord Rama; 10) Phuro!; 11) Prabhuji; and 13) Mahavatar. You may call for the exact bhajans on each CD or just get them all for a great chanting collection. Also, one of my favorite aarati tapes, by Prembhai, is now available on CD for \$18. With Harigovind on harmonium and vocals, this studio production is clear, but also lively. It is a great CD (also available on cassette for \$12) if you wish to learn the aarati. Remember you can order on-line at www.BabajiAshram.org/mls.

Kirtan Hall Fund Raising and Raffle

We are thrilled to announce that we have nearly \$190,000 in funds and pledges for the new kirtan hall which leaves us \$113,000 away from completion of the project.

Please take this time to fill out the coupon below and help complete the kirtan hall for Mother by the beginning of the Divine Mother Festival (Navratri) on October 14. You may also send your donation on line through Paypal at **www.BabajiAshram.org**

The raffle was a great success bringing in over \$4,000 for the krtan hall. Thank you to our many donors for the wonderful prizes and to every one that purchased tickets.

The lucky winners were: Cassandra Metz (autographed basketball by the Los Angeles Lakers); Dan Sundaresan (a week at Whispers in Treasure Island, Florida); Nirmal Sharma (colored photo of Benares, Early Morning by JD Marston); Christine Harell (solid silk duvet cover from Streit Exotics Designs); Wayne Abbot (homemade quilt by Margie Sanders); Annelou Perrenoud (30 pound amethyst crystal from Gene Curtis); and Peggy Thompson (stained glass Om from Ochoa Stained Glass).

It is miraculous what has been built at the Ashram over the years with Mother and Baba's grace and every one's generous support.

Join Us For

There are so many things to be grateful for in life, particularly here at the Ashram. From Thursday, October 14 through Friday, October 22 we take time from our daily routine to thank and honor Mother in a very special way. This is a magnificent time at the Ashram with the abundance of fall harvest and the abundance of



Fall Navratri

ceremonies, prayers, chanting, and devotion to the Mother. This year will be even more special because we anticipate the kirtan hall to be completed at this time. Please join us for some or all of these glorious days. If you are not able to attend in person, please join us in spirit as you sing your praises to Mother in your own home.

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Yes, I want to complete the Kirtan Hall at the Haidakhandi Universal Ashram

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

My donation for the Kirtan Hall Fund \$ _____ My monthly pledge for the Kirtan Hall \$ _____

Donation to the Ashram General Fund \$ _____ I'd like to Sponsor a Fire Ceremony (\$108) _____

I'd like to Sponsor a Navratri Fire Ceremony (\$108) _____ on day _____ or bhandara (\$108) _____

Credit Card #: _____ (Visa, MC, or Discover) Expiration Date: _____

Email me at _____ instead of sending me a hard copy of the newsletter.

Would you like to remain on the Ashram Mailing List? _____

Make checks payable to (HUA) Haidakhandi Universal Ashram and send to: **HUA • PO Box 9 • Crestone, CO 81131**

All donations are tax deductible. Thank you for your support.

Calendar for 2004

September 14	New-Moon fire ceremony and bhandara
September 28	Full-Moon fire ceremony
October 14 - 22	Fall Navratri - Festival of the Divine Mother, daily fire ceremony, and puja
October 27	Full-Moon fire ceremony and bhandara
November 12	Diwali - Festival of Lights, fire ceremony, and evening chanting & dessert
November 26	Full-Moon fire ceremony and bhandara
December 11	New-Moon fire ceremony and bhandara
December 26	Full-Moon fire ceremony and bhandara

Mark Your Calendar for 2005

March 8	Shivaratri, all-night chanting with fire ceremony & bhandara on the 9th
April 9 - 17	Spring Navratri - Divine Mother Festival, daily fire ceremony and puja
July 21	Guru Purnima, paduka puja, fire ceremony, and bhandara
July 24 - 30	Annual Family Week at the Ashram
July 30 - 31	Annual American Haidakhan Samaj Meeting
October 4 - 12	Fall Navratri - Festival of the Divine Mother, daily fire ceremony, and puja
November 2	Diwali - Festival of Lights, fire ceremony, and evening chanting & dessert



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“Do your duty with faith and devotion. You must remove hatred and jealousy from your hearts to be of real service. All of you must climb the mountain of victory.”

Shri Babaji - April 10, 1983



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