

Haidakhandi Universal Ashram Newsletter

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Dear Friends,

This last month has certainly enhanced my feeling of the wonderful connections we have made through Babaji. I feel that it is His way to keep us deeply feeling His presence and love. For instance, when Manish was here from New Jersey, he was telling us about his trip to Haidakhan and that he had a difficult time getting a room. He was on the verge of leaving, even though he finally got a room, when he began to feel the blessedness of Haidakhan. He and his family then did not leave but stayed their planned amount of time. At this point Musi Radha from Germany started to tell stories of Babaji not allowing certain people to stay at the Ashram. She began to tell the story of when she was told to leave by Babaji in Fall of 1981. In a couple of minutes, I realized that this story she was telling also involved me being told to leave the Ashram at the same time! It was interesting to hear her part of the story. She was having a dream in which Babaji told her to go from the Ashram and then forgave her and allowed her to stay. This is what was transpiring in her sleep as she missed aarati that morning. So she said, when He told her to go, she never took it that seriously since He had already done this in the dream and also allowed her to stay.

Meanwhile, I was at aarati on time but had arrived while the pujari was offering food to the murti with the temple doors closed. Somehow my name had gotten on the list of "late or absent from aarati" and everyone on the list was to leave the next day. Gaura Devi told me that Baba certainly must not have meant me since He had just given me permission the night before to renew my visa for another three months. She took me to Babaji and explained what had happened and I asked to be forgiven. He said I was forgiven but that I could not renew my visa. He then said that all the people on the list could remain for another three days but must stay up each night in the temple chanting.

We then compared memories of those three nights. I told about some dreams that I had while at Haidakhan that came to fruition during those three nights, Musi Radha told of the supreme blessing of those nights and that she was never the same after this. We both remembered Moti Singh, the barber, staying up with us all night playing the dollak (drum) to accompany us. I then told a story, a story of walking around the temple late in the night with Moti Singh singing bhajans as he played the drum. From one side of the temple, in those days, you could look out over the Gautama Ganga River and up Mount Kailash. As I was gazing at this, all of a sudden I saw two very strong lights traveling down Mt. Kailash. I pointed them out to Moti Singh, who did not speak English. We both watched and after a while they came down to the river bed and then over the river. They danced around above the middle of the river for awhile and then both disappeared in the river. I was spellbound and when I looked at Moti Singh, he seemed equally amazed. With our lack of language, I just said, "Shiva and Shakti" and he nodded and then we went on singing in bliss the rest of the night.

And so the stories went on late that night, each of us reminding the other of stories we had almost forgotten now 33 years later. Manish and his wife, Neha, were so grateful and inspired by all the sharing. It reminded me of Navratri, a few weeks earlier, when Emily Goldman from Santa Fe and Jane Caddick from Canada, who had both been with Baba, were here. Once again, one story

reminded us of another. During Navratri, however, there was not so much time to share many stories.

These stories are all priceless. For this reason, some years ago, I collected many devotees stories on video. For years the dream has been to have some dvd's full of devotees stories. This may be coming to fruition as Ferd, a devotee in Canada, is working on them. I am so grateful for his time and effort.

Oh yes, to end my story... Babaji kept telling me that I could not renew my visa and told me exactly



when I should fly home in a couple of weeks and organized a place for me to stay in Delhi. As I looked inside, I realized that I was running out of money and ready to go home, since my children had returned to the US one month earlier and I missed them so. I had really asked about the visa to see if Baba loved me enough that He would allow me to stay longer. The night I asked He was so sweet and told me He would arrange everything. So He allowed me to feel that love and then helped me see what was true for me. It seemed like the whole episode was about this since everyone on the list was allowed to stay, I just could not renew my visa. Well after three days of all-night chanting, Babaji told all of the Westerners in the Ashram to go to Chilianaula (an Ashram near Ranikhet built for Babaji by Muniraji) to help prepare for Fall Navratri. Realizing that I would have to leave during those preparations, I asked Shri Babaji if I could stay at Haidakhan and spend my last seven days there with Him and a few other devotees. He agreed and so the next week was pure bliss just sitting and walking with

Him. When it was time to leave, He asked me if I would like a horse to ride out the riverbed. I told Him that I would only like to walk right next to Him. And so we hiked out together, He on the horse in the photo and I right next to Him. At one point I slipped a bit crossing the river and He caught me up by my sari. He looked at me so sweetly and said, "You okay?" I responded, "More okay then ever before in my whole life." What blessings from the beloved Guru.

With deep love,
Ramloti

Ceremonies and Schedule

The full-moon fire ceremony this month is on Wednesday, May 14 and the new-moon fire ceremony is on Wednesday, May 28. They will both be at 10am and are followed by a meal. Please arrive freshly bathed, in a long skirt or pants with shoulders covered, and having fasted from grains, cereals, meat, eggs, garlic and onions. Fruit, yogurt, nuts, veggies and tea or coffee are fine to eat before. Also, if you have a dietary need for something more hearty before our meal at 11:30 or so, please partake.

Our evening aarati is at 6pm and morning aarati is at 7am, with a paduka puja in Shri Babaji's kutir at 6:30am. Lunch is served at about 12:30pm, and we invite you to join us. (Call if you are a

group or have special dietary needs.) The Maha Lakshmi Shop is open every day from 10am until 5pm.

If you would like to participate by sponsoring a fire ceremony or a bhandara (feast), we would like to send you a blessed item from the fire ceremony if you request. They are:

\$27 sponsorship - Copper, brass, nickel Om Namah Shivaya bracelet

\$54 sponsorship - Rudraksha, Rosewood, or Tulsi Mala

\$108 sponsorship - Rose Quartz Mala or a copper, silver, brass Om Haidakhandi bracelet



You can make the donation online by just [clicking here](#) or by calling 719-256-4108, or by emailing the Ashram at info@BabajiAshram.org. You may also send us a check made to HUA to: P.O. Box 9, Crestone, CO 81131. We are continually grateful for all of your support of the Ashram.

Annual Ashram On-line Auction – May 2 -11

The auction opened just yesterday, Friday, May 2. After only 24 hours, we already have had almost \$2100 in bids. This is a great beginning! There are over 147 items and 15 sponsors with more being added daily. The bidding will only be 10 days ending on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 11 at 8:08 Mountain time, so begin your bidding soon. We have made two new categories called "Items from Babaji" and "Malas from Haidakan". The first one you will find items from Shri Babaji and the second one, beautiful malas that were blessed at all the sacred spots of Haidakhan and carry that wonderful energy.

We are still receiving items to auction. We appreciate it so very much. You may also notice that some items disappear from the auction. This is because we have buy now prices on some of the items and people are going directly to that price and so the item is sold. So if there is an item you really want and there is a buy now price, you may want to cover your bid by using the bid up to this amount button. This will only bid this high if someone is bidding against you.

So we are happy to be putting more things on the auction to keep the number of items high. The more items we have, the better chance of reaching our goal for the auction, which is \$12,500. This revenue goes a long way in helping the Ashram maintain its top condition for Baba and Mother and all of the visitors. With some buildings almost 25 years old, repairs and upgrades are

always needed. It is also possible if we raise enough money that we will build a dhuni, which is an enclosed structure for fire ceremonies. This would allow us to do a daily fire throughout the cold winter here. We have wanted to build this for many years, perhaps this is the year. Your support could make this happen!

This is always a very fun way to get sacred items, services, art, get-a-ways, and much more at great prices and support the Ashram at the same time. Go to our auction site at www.biddingforgood.com/babajashram to see all the wonderful items. There is also a mobile user login at <https://bforg.com/babajashram> so you can bid on the go.

Here are a few of the items on the site. The first is: Shiva Nataraj mixed media painting by Rita Berault. The next is a get-away to Treasure Island, Florida. Finally an Ayurvedic Oil Massage and Shirodhara Treatment in Colorado Springs.



Guru Purnima in Switzerland and Crestone

The International Guru Purnima Celebration will be in Schwibenalp, Switzerland this year and will run from July 9 - 13. There are always hundreds of devotees here with tremendous shakti and love for our Lord Babaji. For more information or to make reservations please go to www.schweibenalp.ch. Americans that will be traveling there so far are: Lok Nath, Gayatri Devi, Ramloti, and Shashi Agarwal.

Guru Purnima will be celebrated here at the Ashram in Crestone on Saturday, July 12 with a paduka puja at 9:30am and fire ceremony at 10am followed by a meal. For more information please call 719-256-4108.

Annual American Haidakhan Samaj Weekend

The Annual American Haidakhan Samaj Weekend will be held at the Ashram from Friday, July 18 through Sunday, July 20. There will be gatherings to share ideas and stories, chanting, aarati, daily small fire ceremonies and lots of great time together. We so hope you can attend. To learn more about the Samaj please go to www.babajisamaj.us and to reserve space in the dorm, please go to www.babajashram.org. We hope to see you all there. Bhole Baba Ki Jai!

Ashram Annual Family Week - Wednesday, July 23 through

Saturday July 26

We have already had many reservations for Family Week which will run this year from Wednesday, July 23 through Saturday, July 26. The dormitory is totally booked already but there is still some camping space or space in the yurt. We could also put your name on a waiting list for the dorm.

The children's program includes circle time, yoga, karma yoga, chanting, arts and crafts and other fun activities. The children's program runs from 10am until 1pm and is followed by lunch. The families then organize outings for the afternoon to the Sand Dunes swimming pool, hiking, horseback running, or the Sand Dunes National Park.



We are excited that Sarah and Amil Wood will travel here once again from San Diego, CA to run the camp. Their four boys loved the last two years and look forward to seeing the friends they made over the years. It is always such a special time for us all to be together, so call or email soon if you plan to come. The suggested donation for an adult to stay at the Ashram is \$135 per week. Children attend the camp and stay at the Ashram free of charge, they are a gift to the Ashram!

Email the Ashram at info@babajiaashram.org or call at 719-256-4108 with questions or to

reserve a space.

Workshop with Sofia Diaz - Wed. through Sat. July 23 - 26

The workshops facilitated by Sofia are totally amazing and this year the topic will be "The Inner and Outer Fire" and will end with a big new-moon fire ceremony. The workshop runs each day from 10am - 1pm (except the last day, Saturday, which will be from 9am until noon). This is concurrent with the children's programs above, making it easy for parents to take the workshop too. It is always a true gift to give to yourself, so do not miss it. Here is what she has written about it.

"The Inner and Outer Fire"

I had the Great honor and pleasure of accompanying Ramloti and a 'band' of sacred 'band-its' on a Bhole Baba Tour in Florida this winter that was centered around teaching, doing, and now I know, living, the Fire Ceremony.

I knew my part: to deliver an "embodiment workshop" of whatever was happening on a couple of select dates on our 'tour'. I did not know that I had no idea what it is to tend THIS Fire Ceremony!!! In all of the spontaneous ways Fire moves, that is exactly, in my noticing, how Grace/Babaji moves and before I even knew it, I had no lid on my head and the ongoing-ness of the fire-ceremonies blended, one into the other with my particular 'nut' of chewing on 'my world' going, consistently into the fire with the other offerings. What was left, on one fine day, was a return to an Absolute Faith, a Remembrance before any divisions or judgements on my part, an exactly not-scheming about any part of life, a willingness to truly Pray and to Truly Give-Up to the Divine all obstacles I notice. Like the smoke, the Fire Will Have Its Way, and It's Way Is Grace, whatever else it may look like!!! Babaji is alive and well in His Devotees, in The Fire, in all aspects of HUA and in all of my heart-regard toward Truth, Thanks to The Fire!!!

The Workshop, at Family Week this year will be centered - by meditation practices, breath awareness and, of course, the celebration of each other's company in these precious bodies – on

the noticing of the meeting of the inner offering of our lives to this moment and the outer offering of Grace toward us. We have been and are being given the universe, to receive this ominous Grace, there is something to give back NOW. Its easy, it's refreshing, it's perfectly obvious in the circumstance of good company and THE GREAT FIRE. May the Inner and Outer Fires become blurring in our living of the Grace we are Given!!!!

The suggested donation is \$108 with partial scholarships available. For more information about Sofia Diaz and her work around the world go to www.sofia yoga.com.

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Karma Yoga at the Ashram

Once again, Shri Babaji and the Divine Mother have taken good care of their home by having just the right karma yogis arrive when they were needed. Generous folks cooking, cleaning, washing dishes, and doing whatever else is needed. With so many visitors, we really appreciate the help. A good example is when 20 students from Aspen High School came for the last day of Navratri. After the fire ceremony and bhandara, they shook rugs in the temple, cleaned the dormitory, and helped clean up the kitchen. Thank you to all who helped over this very busy month.



We are so grateful to all of the those who can come and help at the Ashram and to all of you

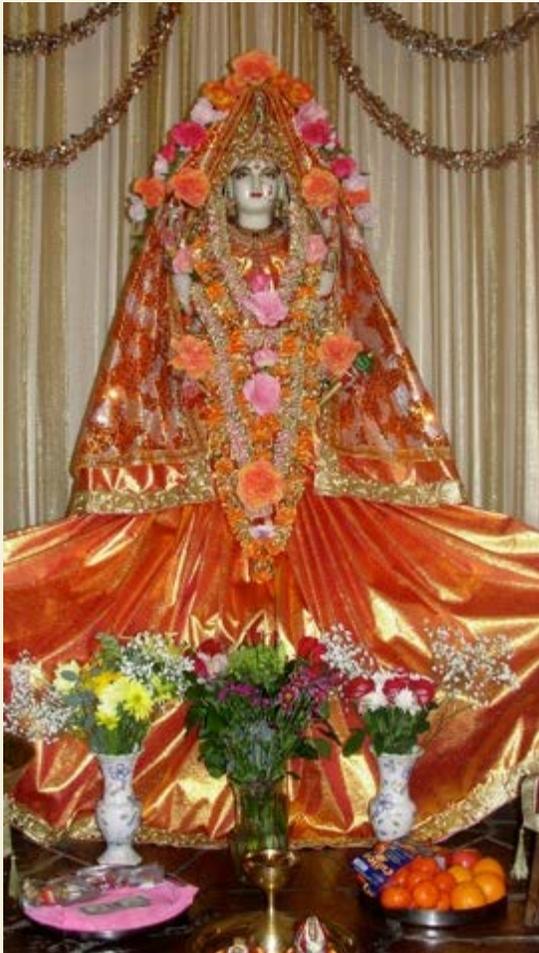


that help make these projects possible by your financial donations. We ask each of you to look into your hearts and see what this Ashram means to you and to please donate as you are able. You may go to our website and [donate through PayPal](#) . (You can even set up a monthly tithe.) You can also send a check (made out to HUA) to P.O. Box 9, Crestone, CO 81131; or you can call us at 719-256-4108 with a credit card number. We want to thank you for your support, love and prayers.

Recent Events

The Last Four Days of Spring Navratri

The final four days of Spring Navratri were even fuller and busier than the first five days. With the final weekend, we had hundreds of people, about 35 children honored on Children's Day, and magnificent fire ceremonies and pujas. It goes without saying that Mother was more resplendent every day!











Birthday Celebration for Hanuman



The full moon after Spring Navratri was Hanuman's birthday. This year it fell on Tuesday, April 15. Being a work day for most folks, the number attending the festivities were only about 35 but the love, exuberance, and devotion shown by the attendees made up for the smaller numbers. We began with a fire ceremony and then proceeded to the temple where six Hanuman murtis awaited. We, mostly the 10 children, bathed them and dressed them in their new clothes and jewels and then did puja to them. We followed this with many Hanuman Chalisas and



offered a cake to the images of Hanuman as well. A big Indian feast followed that was lovingly prepared by our visitors from New Jersey. Hanuman Bhagwan Ki Jai!



Visitors from New Jersey and Germany

Just after Navratri we had two families arrive for a week or so visit to the Ashram. For both, it was their first visit. All had been to Haidakhan before so it was a wonderful time to share the Ashram and Crestone with them and exchange stories about Babaji. Manish and Neha Jansari and their three beautiful girls came from New Jersey. Musi Radha (Dr. Brigit Mayer-Konig) and her husband Martin came from Germany. I first met Musi Radha at Shri Babaji's lotus feet in 1981. We shared many wonderful stories with the others of our experiences with Babaji. It was a special time to reconnect and to show her this Babaji Ashram in America.



Getting Together in Crestone

Crestone, as many of you know or have heard before, is a place unique in the world with 26 spiritual groups living together in harmony. We at the Ashram certainly relish this and do our best to participate in all of the meetings that might be held as well as attending the larger celebrations held at the different centers. Occasionally we also take our longer-term visitors, particularly those who travel here from great distances, to visit the centers. This also gives us a chance to say hello to everyone.

On Easter, Jonathan and I attended the Sunrise Service at the Carmelite Retreat Center and then a few days later a fire training at the Crestone Mountain Zen Center. Last Saturday about 12 of us had lunch at the Ashram and rehearsed for a playlet we are presenting at the Shumei's Anniversary in May. While our visitors from Germany and New Jersey were here, we took them to Vajra Vidya, the Zen Center, the Shumei Center, and the amazing Tashi Gomang Stupa. What good fortune and appropriateness that our Babaji Ashram is in such a place of spiritual wealth. Babaji exemplified great love and respect for all of the spiritual traditions of the world.





To add to this, I just attended an outdoor cremation of a dear man who lived in Crestone for many years. This is another part of this place, unique in the world. I will take the time next month to feature our "End of Life" program that is in place in Crestone. It is an absolutely amazing group of folks who volunteer their time to make the end of life a time of beauty and dignity.

Tons of Visitors and Jessica's Birthday Too

It certainly has been a very full month. It has also been a month of considerable moisture, for which we are most grateful. But even on snowy days we have had tons of visitors. Unfortunately there is not room in this newsletter for most of the photos but please know you are appreciated.







Jessica, who works here, wanted to bring her mother, who was visiting from California, up for a quiet birthday lunch last Friday. Won't you know it, by the time lunch was served, the whole kitchen table was filled once again with visitors. It was a great lunch and celebration and her mother got to see what the Ashram is often like, busy!



More interviews from Haidakhan

This year while in Haidakhan I gathered many stories from devotees. There was not room for all of them last month, so here are more.

Sabina from Germany

"When I was 22, I met a man who had been with Babaji in the Himalayas for 3 days. So, I looked through his pictures and one of Babaji's photos, in which He is young and looks like an Indian Chief, caught my eye and I knew that all my life I had looked for that face. Later I met more Babaji devotees and joined an aarati group in Hanover. And the man who led the aarati group, he was a long-term devotee of Babaji, had written a letter and if people from his group could come to Navaratri. At the bottom of the response it was written, "Other people may also



come.” And I knew that was meant for me. So, in 2 weeks I packed my suitcase and I was here in India and met Babaji on the Gufa side. And one very lovely thing I remember, I got told that I had to give him a gift...a flower or something. Well, I had picked a flower in the valley. That flower looked already very tired when I was in front of Babaji and I didn't know any better than to give it to him, and he received it, this flower with its head down. He received it. And he looked into my eyes and I remember it was like blood froze in the bones. Then I went back to the other side and stayed for 18 hours in the ashram and the next day everybody went to Chillianaula for Navratri and Babaji asked me to go home. And what did I do? You see my mother had been very ill all her life, so I grew up very quick into an adult. And, of course, for a long time I had obeyed nobody. And when Babaji told me to go home...the thing that shocked me the most was that I realized that I would obey Him.

“So then I made my way home to Germany and I ended up in a very difficult situation, in a partnership, what had become dangerous, what I had never faced in my life. So, I went to the German ashram for help and a very good-hearted lady there, she understood how difficult it all was for me, she said, that if I don't make spiritual practice regular then Babaji cannot help me. So, I went home and started singing morning aarati and in the evening. I had no work, so I had time to do that. And from the first day on Babaji sent me dreams every night. I had been in a very physically threatening situation, and for every night Babaji guided me through the next day. I think at that time maybe hundreds of dreams. And after two months I was really able to leave the situation in a peaceful way, and, not to come back to it. So I went back to live with my parents and I continued to go on with my sadhana and if I once missed it Babaji was always strict with me and showed me that I had to do more japa. So he educated me in regular discipline. Since the day I began it my life improved. I cannot say without difficulties but with the regularity it improved. That was all the time that Babaji was still in His body. This was 1983. So, after his Mahasamadi then I went and met Sri Muniraji and I can say that through his guidance I understood Babaji better. And his example...Muniraji was like a Swiss clock...his regularity to his spiritual practice, and I understood that this is the base of a harmonized life.

“I wanted to come back to Babaji in 1984. I had written Him a letter and He said that I could come in April. By now I knew that I had to ask Him the precise question to get a precise answer. So I had asked for the first of April through the 30th and I got the answer...He had left His body. But it didn't matter as He was for me everywhere here in Haidakhan. So, for one year more I lived with my parents and then I had the feeling that I had to leave home. Muniraji came to Switzerland and I had the feeling from there that my way would open. And, indeed, they needed a new secretary at the Swiss ashram and in Spring, 1985 I took the position.

“In Spring 1986 I had a dream that I should come back to India and that my mother would pay the ticket. But that was not common in our house. We children had to work for our things. But when I phoned my mother she said yes, I will pay the ticket. So, in 1986 I came here for autumn Navaratri and from that time Sri Muniraji kept me in India. This was from 1986 -1990, just going back to Germany to go back 3-4 months a year. And from 1990-1998 I did a kind of residential permit and got to stay in India most of the time. In 1998 I went back in the summertime for the holidays to my parents and my father had a stroke. He was paralyzed and my mother's

cancer came back. So, I stayed then 12 years in Germany to care for them until they died.

“After my parents died, I came back to India to ask Muniraji’s advice because the third part of my life started and I was already 51. And he asked me to be finished with Germany. I said, “Does that mean to give up the flat where I have lived for for 50 years?” And he said, “No home in Germany.” So I came Back to India in 2010 and I thanked Babaji a lot because He fulfilled this one desire of mine to serve Him again in Haidakhan. And for almost two years I could serve Shri Muniraji and spend time with him before he left his body.

“So now I am coming to Haidakhan when I am able and serving in whatever is needed and, of course, with the increasing age I am not physically super-strong. So that is why I keep my stays shorter. I had to realize that to give the health a break and also since the ashram life is very, very demanding on the personal life...the little bit of personal life I need also. I realized that for the simple things like knitting because in the ashram in the end of the day there’s very, very little space left. So now I try, for this reason, to keep my stays shorter...like 3-4 months and I can give a lot. And the other times I go to my sister’s home and we spend time together. And that’s why I really wish that young people come to Haidakhan and learn the jobs here so that we older devotees can just be the background guiding and helping, but not carry the main load.”

Bhagwan from Haldwani, India

“Shri Prabu Haidakhan blessed our family for the last 2 centuries. My father, in his life, had darshan of 3 forms of Bhole Baba, Haidakhan Baba. The first, the old Haidakhan Baba form. The second, Brahmachari Baba form. During this, he never allowed anyone to take his pictures. And third form, present form. Baba blessed our family right from the beginning. He had blessed us through the deities of our village who were made to look after our family and we were told that Lord Shiva was going to appear in the human form. This we were told in late 50’s and early 60’s. And it took exactly 13 years for Baba to appear in human form. It was not known where and how He would appear. But we were told however He would appear, and whenever He appears He will call us.



“This is how the story goes. My father’s brother was very keen to come to Haidakhan, when he came to know through a very staunch devotee of old Haidakhan Baba, that a young man of age 16-17 had appeared in Kailash. People said that he is Haidakhan Baba. My father and my uncle wanted to come, but my uncle fell sick so they could not come at that time. In the month of February, we received a letter that Babaji was going to Vrindaban. My father went to Vrindaban, but Babaji had already left for Galior. My father then went to Galior and had a first darshan of Babaji.

“It was afternoon and Babaji was sitting in his room with the family members. My father, Swamiji entered the room and Baba ordered everybody to leave the room and for Swamiji to bolt the door from inside. Swamaji did aarati to Baba and cried in front of him and said, “Lord, don’t make me weep anymore.” He asked some things of Babaji. Firstly, why His old disciple, Sri Jivani Joshi from Alamora was not in a good state. Baba replied, “He did not listen to my order. That is why he is suffering. And let Me tell you, there are no new devotees. Each and every devotee who comes to Me has been with Me since ages.” Second, Swamaji asked him when He was going to come to Dhyan ashram where You have done the divine lila in our family? Baba said, “I will come later.” Swamiji then asked Babaji, “Why did my brother die so early?” Babaji said, “He is with Me. And he will come again.”

“Swamiji, after two days, returned back to Delhi where we were living. On 21 April, I met Babaji for

the first time in Jaipur and that was the day I considered myself extremely lucky that Babaji kept me with him for more than 3 months, and I served him. He ordered me to have one meal per day. I did that, but I can tell you that at that time Babaji did not even eat any grains. He was living purely on water, milk, curd, and very few fruits. His diet was negligible. For 3 months when I served him I saw him going to toilet once in 15-20 days. And, I will not hesitate in telling, whether he ever slept or not, I do not know, but I found him always sitting in meditation form. He made me sleep in his room a number of times during these 3 months, but I never saw him sleeping once. Never.”

Michaelangelo from Italy

“I came to Baba first because one devotee gave me a copy of *Autobiography of a Yogi*. This was New Years, 1987. I had tried several times to go to India to see Sai Baba but each time something had happened to prevent me. When this friend said she was going in February to Haidakhan Babaji’s ashram and I could go with her, I thought it would not be possible. My passport was expired and I had a rigorous teaching job, but I knew if it was Baba’s will I would go. And so that is what happened.



“When I arrived in Haidakhan, I didn’t know much about these rituals and everything. I had only read that book. Then it was Spring Navaratri and that’s when I met and started to give treatments in reflexology to Muniraji. He told me to go to Chilanaula after Navaratri and that’s when I started everything. Then I was coming for the next Navaratri and was coming every year. Then in 1992 Muniraji had a bad car accident and I remember Rhaguvir called me. I was in London and he me if I could do something. And then I said yes, but not until he is out of the hospital. And he came back home on the 27th of December and I arrived there the same day, and then we started treatments and from that moment our relationship became even stronger. Muniraji recovered very well, very quickly. And then I was going to check on him and doing some preservation exercises every time I came to India. I have come many times, I brought many groups and many people.

“When I first came here and Babaji had left his body already for 3 years, that it was shocking to me how I still felt His energy and I still feel it now. Also Muniraji’s energy is very strong. So, for me, I don’t depend on the physical contact. It doesn’t make any change. It means He’s not here in physical presence. We have to do our best, better, in order to honor Him. That’s what we are called for.”

Pujari from Haidakhan

“1980 I was very sick, like sick enough to die. That time in my home there was one book of Babaji in my room and suddenly I saw this book and I opened and read every page. So, that time while I was reading, Haidakhandi Babaji appeared for one second in the room with light and with body, and disappeared. The next day, one boy come from Haidakhan in my village and I ask him about Babaji, how is the place of Haidakhan? He said that it is a very nice place. So, I said, I will come with you tomorrow. So, I come with him to Haidakhan the next day. So, I saw first the Gufa side, and heard aarati and I was really happy. And then I told this boy that I wanted to meet Babaji. Then, I went to the other side of the river with this boy and I joined a line to make pranam to Babaji. The first time I met Babaji, I gave him prasad. He asked me “Where are you from?” I told him my village and my father’s name and then he said, “You live always with me and stay with me.” He said, “You like?” I said, “Yes, I like.” Then he gave me one orange and said, “This is for you” and also gave me lots of toffees and told me to divide this prasad with other people. And that time, I started my duty. So, after 5 months I lived with him, he asked me “I’m very happy with you...what do you want?” And I said, “No, no Babaji. What you like? You tell me.” At the same time he told me to be pujari in Chilanaula and live family life and do puja. So, next day he said to Muniraji, “You take him to Chilanaula.” So, next day I went to Chilanaula and after that I start puja. And so, I was pujari there for 25 years.

“Even though Babaji left His body, I still feel Him all the time, He’s in Haidakhan. Many times, Muniraji pushed me, “you live in Haidakhan.” So, at that time I didn’t understand but the last I met Muniraj before he died he said, “You go to Haidakhan. And take your family too. And live in Haidakhan and to make japa. This place is very good for japa, so you must stay here and look after your family.” So, now I’m doing this.”

Girish from Haidakhan

“I met in Babaji in 1973. I was working nearby the ashram and Babaji sent someone to bring me to Him. Since then I have built many, many buildings here at the ashram. My last building that is just now finished is Baba’s new Kutir. Muniraji told me to start building it and I started I think 3 years before Muniraji left his body. When Muniraji came there last, it was uncompleted. He came and made an assan for Shri Babaji under the hall and he told me this is your Babaji kutir inauguration. Then he left his body.



“After Muniraji left his body we had a sad life, but now it is getting better. We felt Muniraji held us together and we afraid everyone would just go here and there. But now it’s good. So, now I feel better. I hope and think that Babaji will come back soon. Because when I built this original Babaji kutir here, when we finish Baba came and lived here. And I hope that with new Babaji kutir, I hope He will come very soon. I love living here very much, very much. Because there is really nowhere to go outside. I look and I see outside the world and I like here.”

Hira Singh from Haidakhan

“I met Babaji in 1974. I was very small so I studied in primary school and then I had to finish school. Then Babaji called all students for karma yoga. Most important for Haidakhan is karma yoga. It is work. Then 1980 Baba opened for me this little chai shop. Now for my family, it is enough. Babaji give us a very big blessing. Then Babaji took Samadhi in 1984, 14th February. After one year my father also died on the same day. Babaji liked my family very much. I live very near the ashram. My grandfather gave old Haidakhan Baba a place for ashram. I am happy to live here. I feel Babaji all of the time. Always in my heart. I see many devotees come...they like this place. In your heart you must always remember, Om Namah Shivaya, Babaji.”



Marleen from Belguim

“In 1987 I was going through the pages of the photo book of Babaji. And one of the pictures...I didn’t see Baba...I saw myself in the most beautiful being I ever saw in my life. It was touching me so deeply I had to close the book. So, when five years later Baba called me, I decided to come to Haidakhan. So, it took me 5 years before I could come here. And the reason I’m still coming is that for me this is a magic place, even if I have been coming for more than 22 years now, it’s still this overwhelming wow feeling.



“I lived six years here, and after I came twice a year for 6-7 weeks. I just come to serve. And to enjoy of course. And even now, I still feel quite a joy. I’m still happy to come here. After Muniraji left his body, it was a bit hard and things seem to get very loose at Haidakhan. It’s nice to see now that it’s getting better again. So, it’s all the time also changing and things are moving. So, now I still coming, even with my leg, no problem. Because I have to say it’s my way of putting my love outside for Baba...I’m not interested in relationships...”

just to serve this place. I come for six weeks, I serve, and then I go back home. It's perfect. That's how I feel."

Calendar for Events at the Ashram in 2014

May 2 - 11 Ashram Sixth Annual On-Line Auction Fundraiser
(www.biddingforgood.com/babajiashram)

July 12 - Guru Purnima

July 19 & 20- Annual American Haidakhan Samaj Weekend and Meeting. Their new web address is www.babajisamaj.us

July 23 - 26 - Annual Family Week w/ concurrent Sofia Diaz Workshop.

September 23 - October 1, 2014 - Fall Navratri - Divine Mother Festival with daily fire ceremonies, pujas, discourses, reading, chanting and other ceremonies.

October 23, 2014 - Diwali, Festival of Lights.

Maha Lakshmi Shop Report

We continue to receive wonderful treasures for the Shop. The shelves are very full. Much is on the website but the cloth items are often all unique so you would have to call us for those. We could email you a photo of something if you request it.

We have redone the Maha Lakshmi Shop website making it more easy for you to navigate. Please take a look at www.mahalakshmishop.wazala.com and give us some feedback.

The Maha Lakshmi Shop is open every day. We can bless an item at Mother's feet for you if you ask. You may call the Ashram at 719-256-4108 and place your orders over the phone (every day from 10am until 5pm Mountain Time). We are happy to answer any questions. It is really nice to connect in this way. We take Visa, Mastercard or Discover.

The Shop is a major supporter of the Ashram, so we deeply appreciate your patronage.

Maha Lakshmi Mata Ki Jai!