

Haidakhandi Universal Ashram

April, 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.

The Kirtan Hall is Underway!!! by Ramloti

Monday, March 8, the contract was signed for the building of the kirtan hall. This same date was chosen independently by Shri Muniraji, our contractor, Paul, a local realtor, and myself. About 20 of us gathered in the temple to chant and to ask for Mother and Baba's blessing.



Mother watches Annee, Ramloti, Prem, & Paul signing the contract.

Work began immediately on the project. The photo below, taken a week and a half later, shows the excavation in and around the area and the laying of the radiant heat system for the floor. This heat will be generated primarily by solar panels. The electricity will come from photovoltaic panels, and the walls will be straw bales.

We originally planned to do the project in two phases. The reality of living with a temple under construction is both exciting and daunting. Each day so far, just getting into the temple with all the excavation has been an adventure. Considering our thousands of visitors



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that come here and the fact that building costs continue to increase, we realized that spreading the job over two summers was not a good idea.

We have decided, therefore, to do the project all at once. This will take approximately eight months and cost \$303,000. We know that

this is a huge step, but we trust with Baba and Mother's grace and the generosity of our friends that we will get it done.

As soon as we made the decision to go ahead with the full project, miracles began to happen. People began to pledge or send money, the weather unseasonably warmed up, and people have called to volunteer on

the crew or to fill in for Jonathan and Prem at the Ashram so they could work on the crew. Just yesterday we had four karma yogis on the project from as far away as Texas. One of the workers expressed what a blessing it was to be able to help build Mother's house.

Upcoming Tour by Ramloti

Atlanta, Memphis, Columbia, and Fairfield

We hope to see you at one of our events as we join together in our Babaji Centers in the south and midwest. I will be showing a new slide show entitled "Twenty Years Later" commemorating the 20th anniversary of Babaji's Mahasamadhi. This presentation begins with life with Babaji in Haidakhan and ends with how His teachings are now expressed at His Ashram here in Crestone.

Prem will be accompanying me on the trip. His drumming and quiet presence are always a strong addition. Each location will have a variety of gatherings, so please call the phone numbers in your area for full details about the event.

When we come together in Baba's name in chanting, ceremony, and satsang, His Presence is palpable. This is one of the ways that Baba lives among us now.

Atlanta - Tuesday, April 27, 7-9pm
Slide Show, Puja, Chanting, and Satsang at Unity Christ Center, 3474 S. Scales Rd., Suwanee. Call 770-495-0881 for directions.

Atlanta - Wednesday, April 28, 7-9pm
Puja, Aarati, Chanting, and Satsang at Karin Kabalah Center, 2531 Briarcliff Rd, #217
Call 404-320-1038 for more information.

Memphis - Friday, April 30 through Sunday
Slide Show, Puja, Chanting, Satsang. Fire Cermonies, Aarati, Videos at 3737 Misty Oak Dr. Call 901-756-0285 for information.

Columbia, MO - Monday, May 3, 7-9pm
Slide Show, Puja, Chanting, Satsang at Unity Center of Columbia, 1600 W. Broadway
Tuesday, May 4, 8am, Aarati and Havan
Call (573) 499-0070 for information.

Fairfield, IA - Thursday, May 6, 7-9pm
Slide Show, Puja, Chanting, and Satsang at Revelations Book Store, 112 North Main St., (upstairs) Call 641-472-9952 for information.

Recent Events and Celebrations

Since the last newsletter we have had very wonderful Babaji gatherings in Florida and California. We have also had a beautiful MahaSamadhi celebration and our all-night chant and havan for Shivaratri. Here are a few comments about those events.

I wanted to thank you for the wonderful weekend in Treasure Island, FL. It was a great bringing together of people. It was truly "time out" from a very busy schedule. Melody, NY

My neighbor Rich and I attended this past Shivaratri for the first several hours. Upon entering the temple, I felt immediate bliss singing the very first mantra. Later my neighbor said he'd felt similarly. How does one put into words the ineffable? My heart was stretched to the 'nth, love and joy radiating outwardly, overflowing to All that Is. Rosalyn, CO

Eight years after learning of Babaji, His influence continues to reach deep and stir the memory of oneness. The ceremony at HUA marking the 20th anniversary of his Mahasamadhi was no exception. Ramloti, Prem, and John hold space for Mother and visiting devotees in a kind of open, gentle, yet strong way that defies description. My friends and I were honored by their welcome and were blessed by the chance to wash Baba's padukas. Being in his presence that way was like stepping into a river — enveloping, powerful, and full of purpose...to the sea, to the sea!!! Philip, Sweden

The chanting and slide show in San Diego was very powerful for me and some of the other attendees shared with me similar experiences. One of the things I cherished most was how easily all the children in attendance blended in and felt a part of the program. Shristi, CA

Kirtan Hall Fund Raising Update

The response to our fund raising for the new kirtan hall has been gratifying and with your help we know we can complete the entire project by the end of this building season. To date we have raised nearly \$130,000.



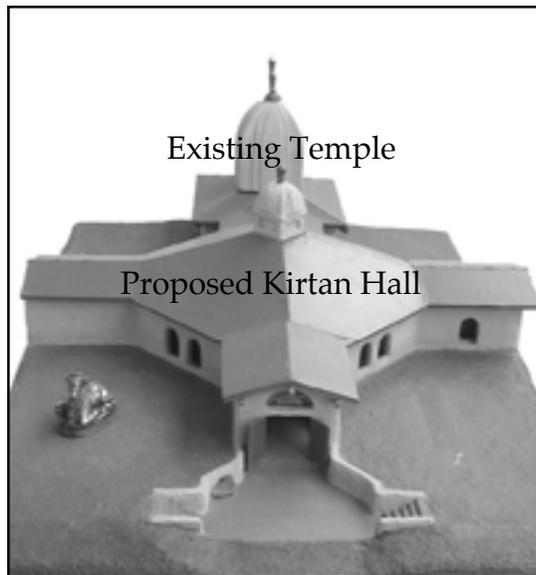
Kirtan Hall Construction Begins!!!

general clean up and moving straw bales to carpentry, painting, and other expertise. Every hour of karma yoga work saves the Ashram the money that would otherwise be paid to a hired laborer. Another way to support the project would be by donating funds to help support a karma yogi while he or she is working here. There is a place on the coupon for your donation as well as your pledge for a monthly donation.

We also have people coming forward making large one-time pledges, pledging \$108 dollars a month, or what ever they can afford. Others are pledging time working on the project. If each person on our mailing list would contribute we can reach our goal of \$303,000.

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There are many ways you can support this project. If you are able to volunteer your skills for a period of time this spring or summer, our contractor will put you on the crew. The skills needed range from



Please think how great it will be to have a kirtan hall where we can all chant together in front of our lovely Divine Mother. There are so many times in the year when many of the people have to sit around toward the back of the temple or stand outside. Together we can do it!

Yes, I want to build 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 \$ _____

My contribution to support a Karma Yogi \$ _____ I would like to be a karma yogi on the project _____

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

Maha Lakshmi Shop by Annee Laird

Our new shipment from India of gorgeous murtis is due to arrive any day. We have several new murtis so call or email us for exact information. We will get it all on our website as soon as we are able. Other new items include: a beautiful CD by Dana DeLong playing flute in the cave in Haidakhan (\$18); a new aarati CD and a bhajan CD by Pujari in Holland (\$18 each); a new CD by Robbie Gass called Awakening (\$18); a new book by Jeffrey Solomon, *Playing in the Mind of God* (\$24.95); and two new books by Gabriel Cousens, MD, *Rainbow Green Live-Food Cuisine* (\$30) and *Conscious Eating* (\$35). Call us toll free at 866-686-4185 or email us at mls@amigo.net for more information. We love to talk to you. Our website www.BabajiAshram.org has the catalogue and you can order on line!

Calendar for 2004

(Please note: Throughout the year we perform a large havan on every new-moon and full-moon.)

- April 27 - Slide show, chanting, and satsang in Suwanee, GA 7-9pm (770- 495-0881)
- April 28 Puja, aarati, chanting, and satsang in Atlanta, GA 404-320-1038)
- April 29 - May 1 Fire Ceremony, aarati, and slide show, in Memphis, TN (901-756-0285)
- May 3 - 4 Fire Ceremony, aarati, and slide show, in Columbia, MO (573-499-0070)
- May 6 -8 Slide show, chanting, and satsang in Fairfield, IA (641-472-9952)
- July 2 Guru Purnima and 15th Anniversary of the Temple Opening
- August 2 - 8 Children's Week, Fire Ceremony Workshop, American Samaj Meeting
- October 14 - 22 Fall Navratri - Festival of the Divine Mother
- November 12 Diwali - Festival of Lights



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“Every human being should understand his duty. A real human being is he who does his work/duty equally, whether I am present or not....this hall has become a home for divine beings”

Shri Babaji - March 21, 1983



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