

# ASHRAM NEWS UPDATE

**October 2020**

## **Maha Lakshmi at the Creek**

**Saturday, October 10**

It was a time of concern when we installed Maha Lakshmi above Spanish Creek to protect our water and the Ashram. It was about 15 years ago when the land above the Zen Center (our neighbors on the south side of the creek) and the Ashram was sold to the Forest Service from a private entity that protected the land. Although it was good to open it up for public use, we were concerned of pollution of our water (we both have water rights and take our water from the Spanish Creek) and the chance of fire. At that time, the Zen Center put a large Buddha statue above their portion of the creek and land, and we installed Maha Lakshmi overlooking our water system and land for Her constant blessing.

Since that time, we have done puja to our Mother at the Creek on a regular basis. In the past we tried to make it on a Saturday or Sunday during Navratri so that our visitors could join in. This time, since the Ashram is still closed to visitors, we will do it this Saturday, October 10, which is the Saturday before Navratri.

In these uncertain times, it feels very important that as many



people as possible join in with their prayers and intentions. Although we cannot live-stream the ceremony due to lack of cell phone reception there, here is how you can be involved and participate virtually,

Please send us your name or a special prayer, we will take it to the puja for you ([info@babajiashram.org](mailto:info@babajiashram.org) or call at **719-256-4108**). We will video the puja and post it on Facebook and YouTube by noon that day at Ramloti Wood.

We have an additional special blessing for you all. Since this is still the auspicious month of Purushottam (dedicated to Lord Vishnu and His consort, Maha Lakshmi), which is a time of giving, we received lovely cotton facemasks as a donation. Our local artist devotee, Rita Berault, has generously and beautifully hand painted them. We will take them to the puja as well for blessing and send it to you for a donation of



any size (or of course if you just ask and cannot make a donation, you will still receive one). If you notate which one in the photo below, we will be happy to send that one if we still have it. Rita is currently

painting more of them, so we could also send a similar one or one your request (color, design). Think of it, you will be wearing a facemask blessed by Maha Lakshmi!

So here are some links to donate, if you are able and don't forget, we certainly will send you a hand painted facemask if you request and do not make a donation. If you would like a mask, describe what kind: Om, Floral, Abstract and make sure your mailing address is on your donation or request. We thank you in advance for your prayers and support. Jai Ma!

You can use our Gofundme Fund at:

<https://www.gofundme.com/manage/help-support-the-ashram>

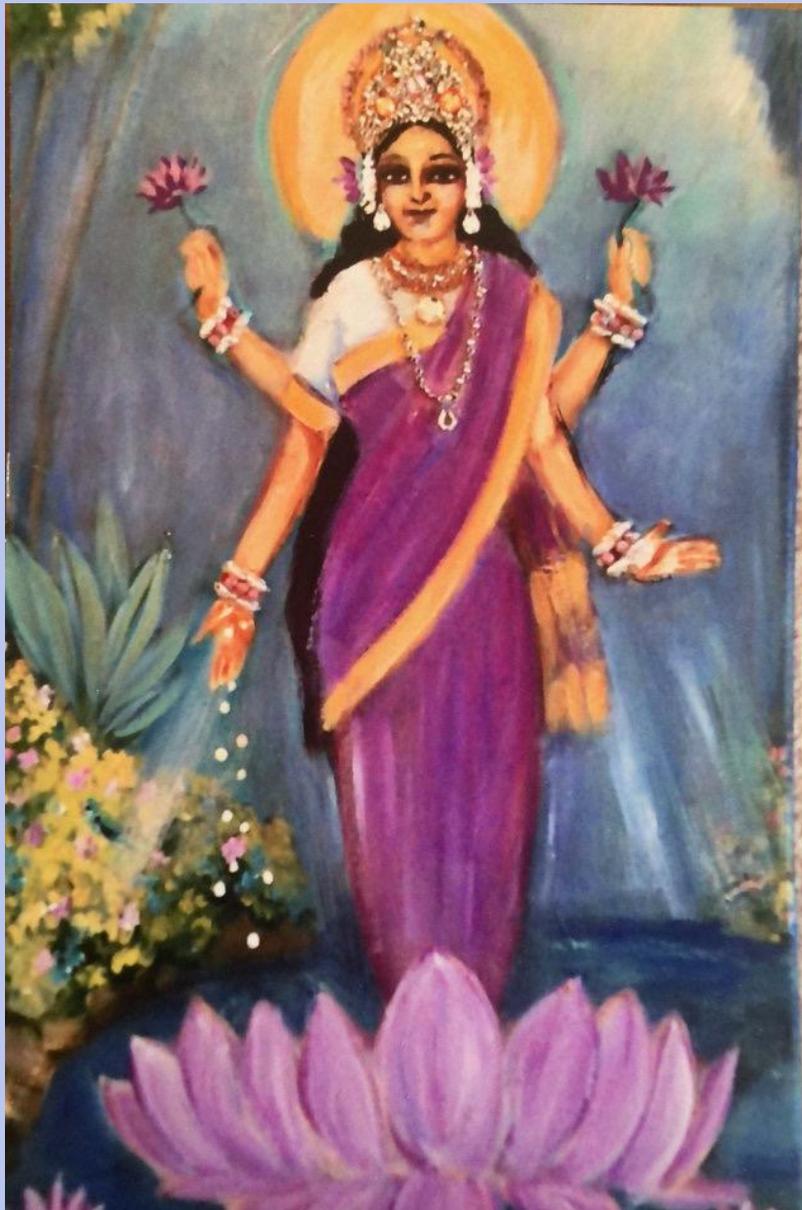
or Paypal at: [Shop@babajiashram.org](mailto:Shop@babajiashram.org)

or the Ashram Website at: <https://www.babajiashram.org/donate>

## Mixed Media Painting of Maha Lakshmi

by Rita Berault

We have also been gifted a beautiful 10x20" mixed media painting by Rita of Maha Lakshmi. We are selling it for \$150. The proceeds will go to support the Ashram during this time of closure. Thank you so much for all of your love and support. Here is a photo of the painting.



## Fall Navratri October 17 – October 25

And just around the corner is the auspicious time of Navratri when our prayers and ceremonies will join with millions around the world thanking the Divine Mother for all She gives us and praying for Her love and support. We will send out a full newsletter detailing how you can join in many live-stream ceremonies, pujas, discourses, practices and chanting right from your home. Although the Babaji ashrams in India and here in Crestone are still closed to visitors, it feels like a most important time to join together in our prayers. So mark the days on your calendar and the full newsletter will be sent before the end of this weekend. Bhole Baba Ki Jai!



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## Calendar of Events for 2020

Oct 16 Nov 14, Dec 14	New Moon Fire Ceremony
Oct 31, Nov 30 Dec 29	Full Moon Fire Ceremony
Oct 17 - 25	Fall Navratri
Nov 14	Diwali

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