

# MILONEE NEWSLETTER

Saraswati Puja issue

February 15, 2003



## Saraswati Puja Pushpanjali Mantra

সংস্কৃত:

ওঁ ভদ্রকাল্যৈ নমঃ নিত্যং সরস্বত্যৈ নমো নমঃ ॥  
বেদ-বেদাঙ্গ-বেদান্ত বিদ্যাঙ্গানেভ্যঃ এব চ ॥  
এষ সচন্দন বিলুপত্র পুষ্পাঞ্জলিঃ ওঁ ঐং শ্রী শ্রী সরস্বত্যৈ নমঃ ॥

বাংলা:

ওঁ ভদ্রকালী মা সরস্বতী তোমাকে সর্বদা প্রণাম করি ॥  
বেদ-বেদান্তের বিদ্যা যাঁহার মধ্যে সদা বিদ্যমান  
সেই দেবীকে চন্দনচর্চিত বেলপাতা এবং পুষ্প সহ  
অঞ্জলি এই ওঁ ঐং শ্রী শ্রী সরস্বত্যৈ নমো নমঃ মন্ত্র উচ্চারণ  
করে অর্পণ করি ॥

English:

O Mother Saraswati, I bow my head before you as a mark of respect, everyday. The knowledge of the Vedas, Vedangas and Vedantas is imbibed in you. You are the beholder of ultimate knowledge. Offering this woodapple leaf coated with sandalwood paste and this handful of flowers, I submit myself before you, uttering the mantra, "Ong Oing Shree Shree Saraswattoi Nomo Nomoh".

## From the New Milonee Committee

Dear Friends,

We'd like to start by wishing you all a happy, healthy and prosperous 2003 and welcome you to our first event of the year—Saraswati Puja.

We have gathered at a new location this time, a bigger and perhaps better one which we are quite lucky to get.

We thank you all for coming and participating in today's activities. We would especially like to thank our purohit Mr. Bejoy Banerjee as well as Mrs. Runu Banerjee and others who helped organize and conduct the puja ceremonies. We thank Mr. Manick Sorcar for our Saraswati Pratima. Many thanks to our members who prepared the prasada, bhog, chutney and sweets. And thanks also to all the participants of the cultural program. The Milonee committee suddenly became quite short handed just before this event and we thank all those individuals who volunteered to help us out in this crisis.

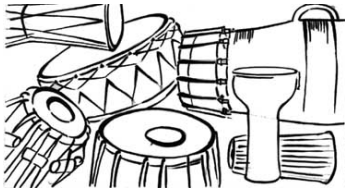
As we gear up for this year's events, we look forward to your continued enthusiasm and energy. We thank the outgoing committee for an excellent job last year. Celebrating our traditions and heritage preserves our Bengali identity and we are proud to be a part of this endeavor. We hope you all enjoy today's events.

Sincerely,

Bashistha & Raja Bhattacharjee  
Kakali & Sudipto Chakraborty  
Indrani & Shantanu Roy  
Sutapa & Subhas Roy  
Surupa & Sumit Sur

## The Milonee Potrika is back : Call for Articles !

It brings me immense pleasure to announce that, after a long absence, the Milonee Potrika has returned to satisfy the literary cravings of our community. You can look forward to two more issues of the Milonee Potrika, in their full glory (unlike this short issue) at Boishakhi and Durga Puja. Please send all your writings: essays, stories, poems (in English or Bengali); news & announcements and any digital art to me at: [milonee@milonee.net](mailto:milonee@milonee.net) for the Boishakhi issue by May 5 . For those sending digital art please keep in mind that the newsletter will be published in black and white. Bengali fonts are available on the web at Prabasi.org. Thanks!— Sutapa Ray (editor).



**Milonee Proudly Presents**  
*Saraswati Puja 2003*  
**Cultural Program**



- ❖ Dance: “*Prathomo Aadi*” - Romona Mukherjee
- ❖ Dance: “*Ganesh Bandana*” Bharat Natyam by Navya Natrajan Roopesh
- ❖ Violin Recital by Shayer Chowdhury
- ❖ Songs: “*Amar Hiyar Majhe*” & “*Aroop tomar Baani*” by Ranjan Chakravarthy
- ❖ Dance: “*Sheeter Haoar*” by Julia Chowdhury
- ❖ Piano Recital by Juhi Ghosh
- ❖ Dance by Raka Sen
- ❖ Songs by Mala Chatterjee accompanied by Milan Chatterjee on the tabla
- ❖ Piano Recital by Monica Roy Chowdhury
- ❖ Recitation by Ruchira Ray Burman
- ❖ Dance: “*Shiva Vandana*” Bharat Natyam by Navya Natrajan Roopesh
- ❖ Dance: “*Jhumra Naach*” by Juhi Ghosh and Monica Roy Chowdhury
- ❖ Dance by Romona Mukherjee and Purba Chatterjee
- ❖ Songs by Nina & Sudipto Ghosh, Indrajit & Indrakshi Ray, Akhil & Swapna Banerjee and Sutanay Chowdhury

**Today's Dinner Catered By:**



**8665 N. Sheridan Blvd.  
Westminster, CO 80003  
303-426-1976**

HOURS: **Monday-Friday**  
Lunch: 11:00 am - 2:30 pm  
Dinner: 5 pm - 10 pm  
**Saturday & Sunday:** 11:30 am - 3:00 pm

**Schedule of Today's Events**

10 AM - Pooja  
12:30 PM - Proshad/Bhog  
2:00 PM - Cultural Program  
4:00 PM - Dinner  
6:00 PM - Closing