



# NEWSLETTER

of New Govardhana Community  
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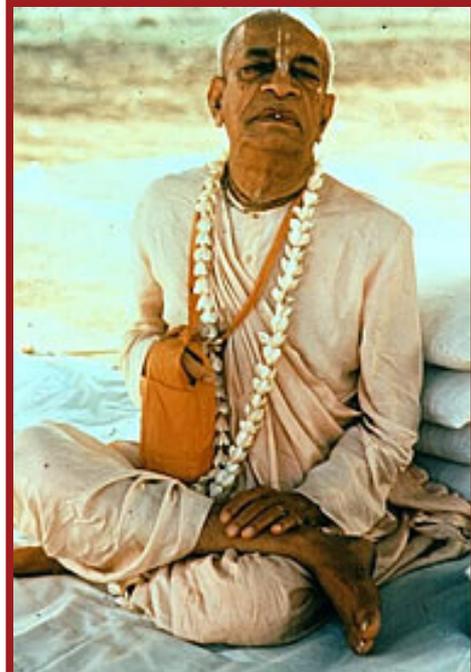
# THE CONCH



"Lord Sri Krishna and Arjuna blew their celestial conches to rally and enthuse the devotees."

Dedicated to His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, Founder-Acarya of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness

## SNAPSHOTS ...



ISKCON Founder Acarya His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada

### Prabhupada uvaca ...

Our Krishna consciousness movement is genuine, historically authorized, natural and transcendental due to its being based on *Bhagavad-gītā As It Is*. It is gradually becoming the most popular movement in the entire world, especially amongst the younger generation. It is becoming more and more interesting to the older generation also. Older gentlemen are becoming interested, so much so that the fathers and grandfathers of my disciples are encouraging us by becoming life members of our great society, the International Society for Krishna Consciousness.

*(Bhagavad-gita As It Is Preface)*

### Friday Night at the Movies

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month 5.00 pm  
Prasadam served - bring a prep optional.  
Film suggestions welcome  
Contact Radha Sakhi 6672 8549



Urvasi devi dasi

Lord Giriraja atop His hill of sweets created by Dhriti Gopi devi dasi and her team of helpers



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Bruce the goose is not cooked !! On the contrary, Bruce has found a new home with the milking herd at the goshala and can be seen coming home with them most days.



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The Bhajan Babas have become a regular attraction at the Sunday Feast (L to R) Venu Gopal dasa, Janmastami dasa and Jamal Arjuna dasa



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New Govardhana residents Madhavi and Lalita feed the cows on Gopastami



## Ratha Yatra

### At Sunshine Coast

**Sunday 4**  
**Dec 2011**  
**10.30am to 1pm**

bhajans, class, procession, outdoor picnic feast.

Meeting place- Parklakes Sports Complex.  
Bli Bli-Yandina Rd, Bli Bli.  
Please arrive between 10-1030am.  
If you would like to help in any way (making garlands, sweets, donate flowers, decorate cart, sponsor feast, etc.) please contact  
Kisori dasi-hisori\_dasi@yahoo.com

ISKCON Gold Coast

# BIO-DYNAMIC GARDEN

by Louise Kloff

During the last 18 months, a mandala shaped garden has gradually emerged in the area opposite the Rathayatra cart. It is lovingly tended on a weekly basis by Shaun, Shannon, Louise and baby Lila assisted by devotees and WWOOFers.

The film, "One Man, One Cow" inspired the project as it shows how bio-dynamic growing in India has revitalised soil depleted by industrial farming.

We use a dynamic preparation of matured cow manure (called 500) stirred for 1 hour before being spread on top of the soil, and also work in harmony with the phases of the moon to promote healthy and optimum growth.

The aim of this project is to establish an earth-enriching and sustainable communal garden which will encourage self-

## LITTLE VAISNAVA PLAYGROUP

by Jane Langella

The tambourine and triangle were the musical instruments of choice for the preschoolers attending the opening kirtan of The Little Vaisnava Playgroup, which took place for the first time at New Govardhana on 11 Oct 2011.

As everyone joined in chanting the Hare Krishna maha-mantra, Seva Kunja devi dasi taught the young devotees how to offer incense and flowers to Sri Sri Gaura Nitai.

Arotrika and kirtan were followed by various games and songs. One particular song taught by Vrinda mataji called "Who's Got Jagannatha, Baladeva and Subhadra?" brought radiant smiles to the faces of the youngsters as they took turns holding dolls of Their Lordships.

"This will be a great opportunity for us to teach our children about Krishna in a fun way," said Krishna Rupa mataji, whose daughter



Urvashi devi dasi

*A close-up of the approximately 1 ha bio-dynamic garden at New Govardhana*

sufficiency.

Our hope is that this project will expand with more devotees becoming inspired to join us. We thank all those who have given

their time and energy to this undertaking and always welcome visitors.

**For more information contact Shaun on 0419668631**



Jane Langella

*Back Row: Jahnvi and Taran  
Front Row: Shyama and Varshana*

Vrindavanesvari recently joined the group.

Little Vaisnava Playgroup takes place every Tuesday at 10.30 am alternating between the house of Jane or Krishna Rupa dasi.

For more information please contact Jane 0488 631 629 or Krishna Rupa dasi 0488 045 858.

## LIVING IN THE MATERIAL WORLD

"GEORGE HARRISON Living in the Material World" is a recently-released film by Academy Award-winning director Martin Scorsese. Friends, family and associates of the musician tell the story of his life and how spirituality became a major part of it. A segment was filmed at New Govardhana and featured an interview with Mukunda Goswami. One can view a trailer for this film at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pMg9sNONIaE>



<http://www.imdb.com>

*This photo of George Harrison was used for the recently released documentary film*

# KRISHNA - BALARAMA'S 30<sup>TH</sup> ARRIVAL ANNIVERSARY

by *Virabhadra dasa*

In the days immediately after Christmas 1981 devotees arrived from all over Australia and New Zealand weary from their marathon exploits and travel. Some adventurous feats were amazing almost to the point of disbelief. Sanga, kirtana, and the anticipated Deity installations transformed fatigue into enthusiasm. Sabhapati dasa and Bhavananda dasa had journeyed to Jaipur after the 1981 Gaura Purnima festival to order marble deities of Gaura

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*Sri Sri Krishna Balarama and Lord Giriraja*

Nitai and Krishna Balarama to flank the previously installed Radha Govardhanadhari. Their distinctive poses, especially Krishna's raised left 'little pinky', softens the devotees' hearts to this very day. Their Lordships were bathed and dressed with grand ceremony. The greeting kirtana ebbed and flowed from one end of the temple to the other in a sea of saffron that lapped the altar steps and the feet of guru, back and forth, to the sweet melody of Dhrstadyumna's lead. The matajis must have been there somewhere, but we barely noticed, caught up in the kirtana and the smiling radiant faces of the Deities. And after thirty years Their smiles and disposition seem all the more sweeter.

## COCOS PALMS GO



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(L to R) Shanker Mitra, Nitai Chand dasa, Krishna Gan dasa, Ajita dasa, and Govinda dasa (not shown) remove the Cocos palms from the temple forecourt. These trees are usually thought to be weeds. New trees are being planted.

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by *Rupa Raghunnatha dasa*

"If he buys one book his life may be turned, that is best preaching work."  
(Srla Prabhupada, letter, November, 1972)

Submitted by Rupa Raghunatha dasa



*Rupa Raghunatha dasa with recipients of Srla Prabhupada's books*

Recently en route to Sydney for book distribution, our sankirtan van emblazoned with the huge eye-catching sign, "CHANT HARE KRISHNA", was overtaken by an enthusiastic driver beeping his horn. Our vehicle tends to attract a lot of attention so we smiled and waved to acknowledge him. Soon after, we pulled off the highway stopping at a red light. In the car right next to us was the same person who had beeped us. We began chatting and found him to be quite friendly and interested in our activities. I quickly showed him a hardcover *Bhagavad-gita* which he promptly agreed to purchase. We had just enough time for him to hand over \$20 before the lights changed and he sped away.

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# HARINAMA SANKIRTANA KI JAYA !

# THE CONCH GOES ELECTRONIC



Dhriti Gopi devi dasi

**Friday Evenings 6.30 pm**  
Bhakti Centre Surfers Paradise  
[bhakticentregoldcoast.com.au](http://bhakticentregoldcoast.com.au)

**Sunday Mornings**  
Northern NSW & Gold Coast  
[folkkrishna.com/program.htm](http://folkkrishna.com/program.htm)  
**Isvara dasa 0411 825 549**

**4 Dec 2011** Byron Bay Market  
**11 Dec 2011** Coolangatta Market



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*The WWOOF (Willing Workers on Organic Farms) team repair the roads of New Govardhana*



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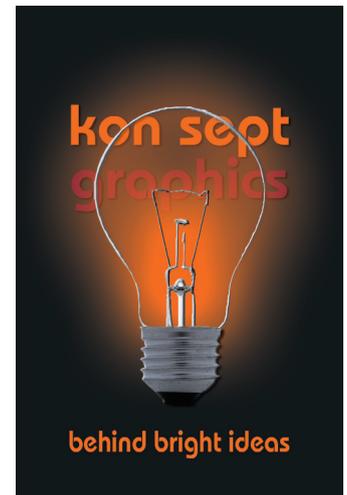
*Aravinda dasa and Mandakini devi dasi recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. The event will be featured in a documentary being made about our Granny Rapper*

## DECEMBER CALENDAR

(from the online Vaisnava calendar [www.vaisnavacalendar.com](http://www.vaisnavacalendar.com))

1 Thu	Odana sasthi <b>Community Meeting 5.00 pm in the Temple</b>
6 Tue	Ekadasi (suitable for fasting) Fasting for Moksada Ekadasi Advent of <i>Srimad Bhagavad-gita</i>
7 Wed	Dvadasi Break fast 4.44 am - 9.21 am
10 Sat	Purnima Katyayani vrata ends
14 Wed	Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura — Disappearance
21 Wed	Ekadasi (suitable for fasting) Fasting for Saphala Ekadasi Sri Devananda Pandita — Disappearance
22 Thu	Dvadasi Break fast 4.49 am - 9.27 am
23 Fri	Sri Mahesa Pandita — Disappearance Sri Uddharana Datta Thakura — Disappearance
25 Sun	Sri Locana Dasa Thakura — Appearance
27 Tue	Srila Jiva Gosvami — Disappearance Sri Jagadisa Pandita — Disappearance

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