



Yasodhara Ashram
YOGA RETREAT & STUDY CENTRE

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Local Artists Offer Auction for the Temple of Light

Yasodhara Ashram, Kootenay Bay, BC: Thanks to the generosity of local and Ashram artists and craftspeople, Yasodhara Ashram is offering its first-ever online art auction. See the items online at yasodhara.org/auction and start bidding! All funds raised by August 31 will go toward rebuilding the Temple of Light.

Everyone is invited to come by, and bring friends and family, to view the gallery of 18 unique items in Mandala House. Hours are 8:30 am to 6 pm for the gallery and the Bookstore. The art display is also part of the East Shore artwalk, Kootenay Lake Art Connections 2015.

The Ashram is located at 527 Walker's Landing Road, near the Kootenay Bay ferry.

At the community preview launch of the artwork, local artist and organizer Shirley Wyngaard commented, "The auction is of mutual benefit – for the artists, for the community and for the Ashram."

Ashram organizer Swami Samayananda thanked Shirley for initiating the idea and the contributors for making it happen. "The loss of our Temple last year had a rippling effect out into our local community. Local artists asked how they could contribute to help with the rebuild, and the idea of the online auction was born." The art gallery was launched one year after the Temple fire following a community presentation of the design for the new Temple.

Contributing local artisans are:

Painters: Deborah Thompson of Nelson; Garry Sly, Danielle Tonossi, Ted Wallace of Crawford Bay and Shirley Wyngaard of Riondel
Woodworker John Burton, Balfour
Potter Lea-Rae Belcourt, Crawford Bay
Broom-maker Luke Lewis, Crawford Bay
Jeweler Galadriel Rael, Crawford Bay
Weaver Janet Wallace, Crawford Bay



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Ashram artists include Amy Allcock, Lindsey Curtis, Donna-Lee Elke, Shanti (Dorlean) Peck, Swami Jyotihananda (Elisabeth Weir), Swami Matananda (Deborah Pohorski), Swami Premananda (Charles Green) and Sara Torrie.

Go to the website (yasodhara.org/auction), click on items of interest and read each artist's story. Make your bid! Tell your friends. It's a creative way to contribute toward construction of the new Temple.

A website dedicated to the reconstruction project - temple.yasodhara.org - includes historical information as well as the latest plans for the Temple of Light.

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