

October State of the Arcology Address

Arcosanti/Auroville Exchange Program

Currently we are working with members of the Auroville Community to create an Arcosanti/Auroville Student Exchange Program. We feel that the Arcosanti project and the Auroville Township could both mutually benefit by an exchange of ideas, people and culture. There used to be an Arcosanti/Auroville/Findhorn Exchange Program in the 1970s, we are trying to resurrect that energy.

Auroville is located 160 km south of Chennai on the east coast of India, just 6 km north of Pondicherry. The township boundary is in the form of a circle of 2.5 km radius encompassing 20 sq. km.

The Residential Area comprises both village settlements and Auroville community settlements, the Auroville population is around 1,500. The Manufacturing use includes about 100 large and small manufacturing and processing units, the products of which are marketed locally as well as internationally.

The Peace area, forming part of the public and semi-public uses, is the most special area in Auroville. It is the centre of Auroville, which contains the Matrimandir - the soul of Auroville, the Urn and the Amphitheatre consecrated at the foundation ceremony, the central Banyan tree, the lake and the well laid-out gardens around the Matrimandir.

A year ago an Aurovillian named Selvam Rajmani came to Arcosanti, one of his goals to rekindle the Arcosanti/Auroville/Findhorn Exchange that existed in the 1970s. Selvam stayed here for 6 months and then returned home. Later Dave, Nadia (That's Construction Dave and Planning Nadia), Tristan, Brad Bishop, and MJ Bourgeois all went to Auroville and lived there for six months.

Now Selvam has returned to Arcosanti and people from AV are starting to come over. Arjunan and Arumugam are the first people to come over as part of the Arcosanti/Auroville Exchange Program. Meanwhile Selvam and I are in contact with Jill, who lives in Auroville and works on their student exchange programs.

So the A/A Exchange is happening, it is just still in its infancy.

We need help raising funds, especially to provide Aurovillians with money while here in America. Since they would not have a J-1 Visa we would be unable to pay them for their six months here. To help us with this program we are seeking financial sponsorship to help cover the costs for the students from Auroville. We are currently estimate each student would need AT LEAST \$560.00 to cover food expenses, housing is being provided for free by Arcosanti.

We are seeking financial sponsorship of Auroville students from other sources, including Auroville International now from the Indian Embassy Community Affairs department.

- Can you please advise me on organizations in America that may be able to help us raise the funds to make this exchange program feasible for Aurovillians to be here?
- Do you know someone who would be willing to personally sponsor an Aurovillian?
- Could you contact the Indian Embassy Community Affairs Department and let them know you support this initiative and wish they would help support us? (their e-mail address is minca@indiagov.org)
- As an Arcosanti alumni would you be interested in going to Auroville for three (or more) months as part of this Exchange Program?
- Do you know any students who would want to first come to Arcosanti for three months and then go to Auroville for three months?

For more information about Auroville visit www.auroville.org or e-mail Selvam at selman259@yahoo.co.in

ART Invite

So we are preparing to enter the year 2004, of course our goal is to double the average workshop participation. For this we need help; you the alumni all are in a better position to outreach to those groups in your local areas and fields than we are. Your efforts in this would be greatly appreciated here and hopefully help you to enjoy your further participation in the Arcosanti project.

To achieve this goal we have formed the Arcosanti Recruitment Team. As a member of the Recruitment Team you will receive supplies and information from Arcosanti, as well as regular contacts with the goal of helping you to be able to spread the word about the project in your local area.

What exactly you do would be up to you, some of the suggested strategies we would like to try are:

- posting brochures,
- giving slide shows,
- meeting with classes and professionals,
- for you to organize Custom Workshops for groups of friends, classes or organizations,
- really promote our Internship programs

- Interface/integrate into college curriculums by working with specific professors

We can assist you with any of these goals. Feel free to contact me to talk more about accomplishing these goals.

Also if you help us out with recruitment we offer two packages for you to take advantage of;

- 1) The Legacy Discount; the child or sibling of any alum on the ART receives a 10% discount on tuition for any Workshop Program (unless part of a larger group).
- 2) Sky Suite Bonus; If you send us six people who name you as why they came here and finish the five-week workshop you will receive one free weekend in the Sky Suite (availability permitting).

If you want to be a part of the Arcosanti Recruitment Team please fill out and mail in the form on the back of this letter. Let me know if there is anything I can do for you or any questions I can answer. Also, we hope to see you come visit some time.

Thank you for your help and I hope we can help you to enjoy the experience,

Camp Renovation

The decision has been made that this January we will be working on camp, some additions and renovations. We are asking if there are any alumni who would like to come back for that time and help us out to rejuvenate the Camp?

HALLOWEEN PARTY

THE END OF DAYS PARTY
FRIDAY OCTOBER 31
ENTRY FEE \$7.00

WILL INCLUDE SEVEN DIFFERENT CASH PRIZES FOR
COSTUMES
IN THE LAB BUILDING.

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Living a Fearless Life

April 2-4, 2004
New York City

This conference is about uncovering the well of courage, faith, and passion within us; it is about turning the negative energy of fear into the life-giving energy of fearlessness. Fearlessness is not the absence of fear. Rather, it is the courage to face life with wisdom and an open heart—even in uncertain times, even when things are out of our control, even when we may feel uneasy, restless, or afraid. Fearlessness is the ability to meet whatever comes our way head-on with curiosity and compassion; it is taking risks in order to learn and to love; and it is the willingness to take a stand and show leadership when the world calls for new direction.

Faculty includes David Deida, Caroline Myss, Paulo Coelho, Don Miguel Ruiz, Anna Quindlen, Jon Kabat-Zinn, and many others.

More about this conference...

Women and Power

September 10-12, 2004
New York City

In a time of great global change, humanity is still relying on the old myth of survival and domination. We need a new myth, a new vision, a new definition of power and leadership. We must move away from the old model and toward one of creative cooperation on our small and threatened planet. The world needs women to imagine, define, and lead us toward a sane and sustainable culture—a culture of soul, a culture that values peace more than war, people more than profits, and hope more than despair. This conference is a call to women from all walks of life, careers, races, and age groups, to bring their bold imaginations to the table so that we can dream together another way of running this planet.

Faculty includes Eve Ensler, Jane Fonda, Gloria Steinem, Marion Woodman, Debra Winger, Rosie Perez, Debbie Ford, Gurmukh Kaur Khalsa, and many others.

More about this conference...

The Essence of Yoga

October 22-24, 2004

New York City

Next fall we are returning to New York City with a fantastic lineup of distinguished yoga teachers. Omega's yoga conferences are renowned for combining both the physical and spiritual aspects of yoga. Yoga's beginnings 5,000 years ago emphasized both of these ideals and we are continuing this ancient tradition. Most of our intensives and classes are for all levels—beginner, intermediate, and advanced—so whether you are just beginning to explore yoga about or are an accomplished teacher yourself, we encourage you to join our community. There's nothing like a large gathering of yogis and yoginis practicing together in the Big Apple; come see for yourself.

Faculty includes Baron Baptiste, Rajashree Choudhury, John Friend, André Van Lysebeth, Dharma Mittra, Shiva Rea, Erich Schiffmann, Rodney Yee, and many others.

More about this conference...

Soul Survival

October 29-31, 2004

Miami, Florida

What happens to us after our bodies die? Can departed spirits communicate with the living? Is there evidence for the existence of past lives? These profound and timeless questions are among the greatest mysteries of human existence. People throughout the ages have turned to religion, science, and mysticism looking for answers. This unique gathering is an extraordinary opportunity to explore the evidence for life after death with some of the finest teachers, spiritual practitioners, mediums, and scientific researchers of this profound topic. In an Omega conference setting, with a like-minded community and open-hearted staff, we examine the latest research and explore how we can better understand the immortality of the soul.

Faculty includes Sylvia Browne, Raymond Moody, Caroline Myss, Brian Weiss, and many others.

More about this conference...

The Heart of Yoga 2003

November 7-9, 2003

Miami, Florida

And don't forget... This fall we're returning to Miami to a new location—the newly renovated Sheraton Bal Harbour Beach Resort—to offer a weekend conference with a stellar group of yoga teachers who will help you begin or deepen your yoga practice. Yoga is an extraordinary way to get and stay in shape; it is also a profound spiritual practice. In response to your feedback, we're offering many lecture/meditation classes. This allows you to take a break from the rigors of your physical practice while you continue to deepen your experience by learning about some of yoga's timeless philosophical insights.

Faculty includes Baron Baptiste, Bikram Choudhury, T.K.V. Desikachar, Jon Kabat-Zinn, Shiva Rea, Erich Schiffmann, Rodney Yee, and many others.

More about this conference...

Find out more...

* **Questions?** Contact us at 800-944-1001 or registration@eomega.org

- * [Request a brochure](#) for any of these events and find out when all brochures and catalogs are available.
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Rec Center

A little while ago the Community Council received the go ahead to make a temporary Recreation Center in Units 9 and 10 of Phase V of the East Crescent, and so we did.

So far the RecRoom has been a smashing success. We have some couches and furniture for chillin', a TV, a ping-pong table, dart-boards, foosball table, and the workout equipment, and in the back a prototype solar powered hot tub. We are still working on improving the quality and facilities of the room, keeping in mind that it is a temporary space and will have to be moved or something come March to make way for the Yesterday's Tomorrows traveling Smithsonian Exhibition.

The Rec room adds a bit of some urban like life to the East Crescent, provides a better space for socializing up the Hill and allows for a better use of all the equipment we put in there.

We are still looking for a few more items to spruce it up. So we've compiled the following Wish List, if you could help us out by sending any of the following (or funds specifically for any of the following) it would be greatly appreciated:

- Air Hockey table (asking a lot we know, but you never know)
- A computer, (suitable for putting a bunch of music on and hooking up to the Network)
- Dart sets
- DVD player
- Espresso machine
- Keerator
- Game systems, from old Atari's to PS2 or anything in between, (games would help to)
- Inflatable Furniture

- Movies, VHS or DVD
- Sound system, from a jam box to a nice stereo
- VCR
- Video projector
- A small workout trampoline
- Yoga pads or work out mats

SMART Board

A few months ago we had a sales rep come to site to show us the new SMART Board presentation device. According to the promo”

The SMART Board interactive whiteboard transforms your space into an interactive working, training, and learning environment. With the combined power of a projector, computer and whiteboard you can do everything you do on your computer – and more. Simply touch the SMART Board interactive whiteboard to highlight key points, access applications and Web sites, and write notes in electronic ink. Then, save all your work to one file that you can print, e-mail or post to a Web site.

- Touch the screen to control your computer
- Write in electronic ink
- Save, print or e-mail notes
- Highlight key information with easy-to-use tools

The System was quite impressive, and because we could hook them into our computer network the SMART Board has even more potential uses on the Arcosanti site than the Representative himself had thought of. We talked a lot about how these systems could be integrate into our site:

- Display for Seminars and School of Thought, other educational meetings, we could write on the board as well as call up info from the Archives and Planning and web site as we spoke.
- To supplement tours in the gallery (connecting to Archives, daily progress, site maps, video promos, etc)
- Help with meetings (e.g. in the morning Construction Meetings they could display and manipulate plans directly from the Planning computers)
- We could rent these systems to groups who use facilities on site, helping us to earn some revenue from them
- Teleconferencing

- Community Interaction, for example we could write the Morning Meeting, or Community Council, notes on one board and they could then be read from any other board, or off a computer, (or off the web-site).
- “Domestic Uses”, in an apartment the board could project movies, display community notes, be an interface to a computer ‘jukebox’, and display images like moving posters

We were looking at the 60” screens with the cheapest projector. Even one of the systems would be great to have on-site, but the more we had (upwards of 3-6) the better the whole system would be.

Of course the main problem was/is \$\$\$\$. A single system would cost us about \$3,000.00. We applied for a grant to help us purchase them, but we were refused the grant because we are not accredited institution. So I asked the people who turned down our grant what other options we should pursue for financial assistance with this idea. Their suggestion was that we seek independent Corporate, or private sponsorship, or find an accredited institution that could receive the Grant and then purchase the equipment through them.

So that’s what this entry is about: Seeking Corporate or Private sponsorship to integrate SMART Board systems into the Arcosanti site. Or find an accredited institution willing to help us.

If you know of any leads to help us with this please contact me, and the help would be greatly appreciated.

To learn more about the SMART Board system you can visit their website, <http://www.smarttech.com/>

The Smithsonian Comes to Arcosanti

So, it’s the 21st Century already! Where are our George Jetson space crafts? And our personal robots? Will there ever be a real “Time Machine”? What did the future look like for our grandparents and parents? What does it hold for us? For our children?

Welcome to “Yesterday’s Tomorrows: Past Vision of the American Future,” a traveling exhibition that explores the history of the future—our expectations and beliefs about things to come. From ray guns to robots, to nuclear powered cars, to the Atom-Bomb house, to predictions and inventions that went awry, “Yesterday’s

Tomorrows” helps us understand the values and hopes Americans hold and have held about the years to come.

Beginning in March, 2001, “Yesterday’s Tomorrows” will embark on a five-year tour, traveling to approximately 150 small towns in 25 states. As part of the Museum on Main Street Program of the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service and the Federation of State Humanities Councils, these communities will connect their past and present fantasies of the future with those of other communities and with national visions of tomorrow.

Yesterday’s Tomorrows will be on display at Arcosanti for six weeks starting in March 2004. Further details will be on the website as they develop.

As part of this exhibit we wish to outreach to local schools at all levels to organize visits and in-school projects supported by the traveling exhibit. If you are, or know of, any teachers who would wish to work with us and come visit the exhibit, please have them contact Wes Ozier, workshop@arcosanti.org

So come on in, look around and have some fun exploring the future’s past with us!

You can learn more about the exhibit itself at <http://www.yesterdaystomorrows.org/>