

Featured Exhibits at the 2013 JAINA Convention

Imagery of Mantras, Symbols and Rituals Jainism

Shubhra Jain

Through her use of color and unique style, Surbhi Jain's classically-influenced paintings illustrate Jain practices, ideals and values as well as the Jain Way of Life.

Diamond Soul

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Abstract paintings by Yogendra Sethi are just a few examples of how Jain principles and practices have influenced artistic expression in the Jain community.

Vegan-Eco Exhibition

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The Vegan-Eco Project aims to spread awareness of veganism throughout the Jain community. JAINA aims to encourage 10% of Jains to practice veganism by 2020 so take a step toward veganism with JAINA today.

JAINA: Projects for the 21st Century

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This special exhibit recognizes the projects and initiatives which bring JAINA's shared vision to life. These projects range from JAINA's scholarship program to its latest technologies to its service to the global Jain community.

"You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give." - Winston Churchill



The Federation of Jain Associations in North America (JAINA), is the umbrella organization of Jain associations (sanghs) in the USA and Canada. JAINA has done tremendous work in sharing and educating the Jain and non-Jain communities on the philosophies of Jainism and the Jain Way of Life. This work is reflected in over 40 inspiring projects and committees, some of which are being exhibited at the 2013 JAINA Convention. To learn more about all of these innovative initiatives, visit www.JAINA.org.

The leaders of these projects welcome volunteers to give their time so JAINA can continue expanding and promoting its projects among Jains and non-Jains alike. Volunteer today by emailing us at volunteer@jaina.org.

These initiatives also need your financial support. Your generous donations will accelerate these projects and help us to better serve the Jain community.

Thank you,
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"It is the direction of our progress that matters, not where we stand at present." - Sri Ram

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INNOVATIVE JAINA PROJECTS SHOWCASE 2013



JAINA Projects

Boy Scouts of America Jain Emblem Awards

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The Emblem Awards Program brings together Jain values and the Boy Scouts of America to develop the young, service-oriented leaders of tomorrow.

College and University-based Centers for Jain Studies

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A growing number of North American institutions focused on the study of Jainism offer open discourse and practical applications of Jain teachings in today's world.

High School Teachers Non-Violence Summer Immersion Program

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This innovative program sends high school teachers to various parts of India where they practice Jain principles while exploring the benefits of living a non-violent lifestyle.

“Ahimsa is not merely non-participation in destructive activities; it principally manifests itself in constructive activities and service, which leads to the upward growth of men.”
- Acharya Vinoba Bhave

Huffington Post - Jain Perspectives

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JAINA's own Huffington Post blog provides articles written from a Jain perspective that aim to increase awareness and understanding of Jainism and its values.

JAINA 99th Year Yatra

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The Shree Shatrunjay Mahatirth Yatra will take place in Palitana, India from November 17, 2013 through January 16, 2014 and costs \$1,400 per yatri. The last day for registration is September 30, 2013. You can find out more info at www.jaina.org/99yatra2013.

JAINA Academic Scholarship Program (JASP)

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JAINA's scholarship program helps disadvantaged students defray the cost of their higher education studies. With your financial assistance, JAINA hopes to increase the number of scholarships from ten to 20 \$1,500 scholarships offered each year to deserving individuals.

JAINA Calendar

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Jain temples come to life with JAINA's calendar. With over 14,000 copies distributed this year, this calendar ensures you never forget important Jain holidays and events while exploring Jain temples in the heart of India.

JAINA Community Portal

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JAINA is in the midst of revamping its website and administrative backend. Take advantage of these new and improved features to continue connecting with other Jains.

JAINA Internships

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The JAINA-American Jewish Committee Legislative Internship (JALI) builds leadership skills while collaborating with the AJC to improve Jain-Jewish relations. In the JAINA Summer Internship (JASI), students work in a startup-based environment while gaining practical experience within an established non-profit organization.

JAINA Management/Office

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In order to better serve North American Jains, JAINA wants to have its own office facilities by 2020. To reach our goal of having a full-time staff of 30 people and a \$10 million operating budget, we need your support.

JAINA Mobile Application

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JAINA's latest offering provides smartphone users the chance to get connected with all of the aspects of JAINA at any time of the day. At the convention, users will also be able to help fundraise and participate in live polling.

JAINA Upliftment Program

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The Upliftment Program aims to empower disadvantaged Jain families in India to develop sustainable livelihoods through vocational programs and quality education.

Jain Digest

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JAINA's quarterly publication highlights events in the Jain community as well as interesting and informative articles covering different aspects of the Jain Way of Life.

Jain Mentorship Program (JMP)

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JMP helps foster mentor-mentee relationships among different age groups to reinforce our shared values, strengthening professional, social and religious networks.

Jain Networking Forum

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JAINA's own social network offers Jains the opportunity to develop connections with other Jains, forge friendships and more. Visit jnfonline.org for more information.

Jain Way of Life (JWOL)

Yogendra Jain: yogendra.jain@jaina.org

JAINA will be revising Yogendra Jain's *Jain Way of Life*, a contemporary handbook of Jainism and its principles. Pick up this book to learn how to spread Jainism in your daily life.

Mahavira - A Compassionate Hero

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Written by Dr. Manoj Jain and illustrated by world-renowned illustrator Demi, JAINA is proud to announce the release of *Wisdom Tales'* new book about Mahavir.

“Ahimsa Paramo Dharma - Non-violence is the greatest Dharma.” - Mahavir

Mangalam Show

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Mangalam is a non-sectarian Jain TV and internet show that focuses on youth-based programming to spread the values, messages and principles of Jainism. To help keep the ideals of Jainism alive, visit www.mangalamshow.com.

Plant-Based Meal Initiative

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The Healthy School Meals Act is designed to help schools offer healthful, plant-based vegetarian meals. Learn more about JAINA's continued efforts to spread vegetarianism across the nation at www.jaina.org/healthymeals.

World Community Services Committee

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This committee provides humanitarian and medical services to disadvantaged people all over the world with an emphasis on India. The committee also provides aid during natural disasters and emergency situations. Since its inception, it has donated over \$350,000 in aid.