

FEZANA *bulletin*

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AROUND FEZANA...

FEZANA Announces Plans for 25th Anniversary Celebrations

2012 marks the start of FEZANA's 25th anniversary celebrations. Starting in March and continuing throughout the year, FEZANA is asking member associations to promote and showcase the excitement and relevance that has defined FEZANA for a quarter century.

The 25th Anniversary Celebration Team invites you to join in a year-long celebration. There are several suggestions to plan an event. You may choose to have an Open House featuring FEZANA books and publications, or hosting a seminar, or arranging a special birthday party with cake and balloons and special entertainment, or carrying a FEZANA banner at the Nowruz parade. The goal is to have a commemorative event by each association, all across North America in 2012. Each member association will receive a poster and flyer with 25 key facts to display at your Association events. The pinnacle of the 25th anniversary events will be an all-day event at the 16th North American Zarathushti Congress to be held in NY, August 2-5, and will culminate with a ticketed dinner Gala with varied entertainment.



FEZANA Journal will publish a special issue during the 25th Anniversary celebration. See "Seeking Submissions" on page 2 for details.

As a way to highlight the breadth and quality of its 25 years of journalism, FEZANA Journal will release archives of each issue of the past quarter century on the website, www.fezana.org that will be available and searchable free of charge.

Two associations already planning events in June 2012 and October 2012 are the Zoroastrian Association of Chicago (ZAC) and Zoroastrian Association of Houston (ZAH). ZAC celebrates FEZANA's birthday on the day the Federation was formed in Chicago. The Zoroastrian Association of Houston (ZAH) will hold birthday celebrations in October 2012, where a play depicting the history of FEZANA, choir performing an original birthday song and a Gala dinner will be featured.

Plan your event! Invite a neighbor association! Join in the Celebration! Let us know and we will feature your event on the FEZANA website.

Your Celebration Team: Mantreh Atashband, (ZAPANJ); Niloufer Bhesania, (OZCF); Dolly Dastoor, (ZAH); Homi Davier, (ZAH); Katayun Kapadia, Ratan Mistry, Bomi Patel (FEZANA Executive Team); & Aban Rustomji (ZAH) □

New Academic Scholarship to begin 2012

The Trust of Morvarid Guiv has endowed a sum of \$25,000 for two scholarships of \$1000 each for an undergraduate and a graduate student studying in North America starting with the 2012 competition.

The FEZANA officers and the Academic Scholarship committee thanks sincerely the Board of Trustees of the Morvarid Guiv Trust and specially Ms Mina Soroosh for their generous donation and for investing in the future of Zarathushti youth by establishing the two scholarships with FEZANA.

UPCOMING DATES

December 5, 2011

International Volunteer Day.

On this day, we are reminded that crafting solutions to global challenges is a job not only for Governments, but for people, communities and civil society.

—BAN Ki-moon,
U.N. Secretary-General

June 30-July 3, 2012

13th Zoroastrian Games
Ontario, Canada

August 2-5, 2012

16th North American
Zoroastrian Congress
Rye, New York. For info
<http://nazc.zagny.org>



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An Endowment Dedicated to all Zarathushti Women

Set up by women, for women. In loving memory of an incredible woman, Mehrbanoo Bamasipour (Zardoshty), her daughters, Paridokht, Homayoun, Iran and Farangis (Zardoshty) have setup and dedicate this endowment of US\$100,000 to help Zarathushti women in need.

Mehrbanoos Bamasipour (Zardoshty) was a kind and generous woman who gave selflessly not only to her family but to the community at large. This endowment is a fitting way to honor her memory as she would want all women be given the opportunity for a safe and healthy living environment.

This Endowment will help Zoroastrian women residing in North America (U.S. and Canada) who due to inferior socio-economic conditions and difficult family circumstances, to include but not be limited to an abusive relationship, or are newly divorced and destitute and are being deprived of the basic necessities of a dignified life.

The Funds shall be utilized for medical, clothing, food, clean shelter or other emergencies to restore a peaceful life for the recipients.

The FEZANA's Welfare and Critical Needs Committee shall oversee the application process, selection of recipients and disbursement of Funds and will keep all information confidential.

FEZANA thanks the Welfare and Critical Needs Committee for the exceptional service they have been providing to the community by managing all of FEZANA's welfare and critical assistance funds.

Additional donations to this Endowment as well as all other FEZANA Funds are always welcome. □

Seeking Submissions for Special Edition

2012 marks the historic 25th anniversary of the establishment of FEZANA and the FEZANA Journal. For this monumental silver jubilee, we will be publishing a special 25 page Journal issue showcasing the North American Zarathushti community and their milestone achievements in the past 25 years; and would like our Global Zarathushti community to be an integral part of this legacy to create a cohesive spirit of communal solidarity.

Thus, we invite you to send a 50-word submission on either a person or an event, which in your best judgment has made a significant footprint on the fabric of our North American Zarathushti community. People can be posthumously recognized as well.

You do not have to be a resident of North America to participate in this submission. 25 submissions will be chosen for publication.

Please send your submission by **FEBRUARY 1, 2012**; via email to editor@fezana.org

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Editor-in- chief, FEZANA JOURNAL

Zarathushti Cultural Center in the Works

The ZAPANJ community is in the process of building a community center. We've purchased the land and have finalized our building designs, but we need generous contributions to start the building process. Please visit www.zacuce.com to donate to this worthy cause. □