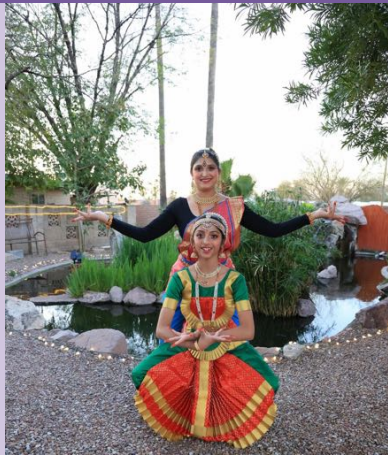


May 2023 ISKCON of Arizona Newsletter



Our koi pond makes a nice backdrop for photos, as these dancers from our recent Rama Fest discovered. Smile!

Best May Days for Meditation and Fasting



Mohini Ekadasi

Monday, May 1st
Fasting from grains & beans

Advent of Lord Nrsimhadeva

Thursday, May 4th
Fasting till dusk

Purnima - Full Moon

Friday, May 5th

Apara Ekadasi

Monday, May 15th
Fasting from grains & beans

Pandava Nirjala Ekadasi

Tuesday, May 30th
Fasting from grains & beans
(or, for maximum meditation,
from all food & drink)

Greetings & Namaste,

Spring's warmer temps are bringing more folks out to our patio to dine. A good day to treat your friends and family will be Sunday, May 14th, Mother's Day. To see the day's vegan menu, please scroll down.

Last month Govinda's acquired a new reverse-osmosis (RO) water-filtration system, providing a lot more high-quality drinking and cooking water for the restaurant and temple ashram.

Compared with the previous system, our new equipment supplies water that is doubly pure, five times less wasteful and six times cheaper, all at fifteen times the speed and volume. For more information about this great upgrade, please scroll down.

Yours in service,



Recent Activities



Pima College Engineering Students Design Green Space for New Temple

Students from the Landscape Engineering Department at Pima College are competing to design the front area of the upcoming temple compound.

We have reserved 650 sq. ft for a green with benches, trees, plants, and a fountain for patio dining. This is the students' end-of-year project, so we can't wait to see whose design places first!



Krishna's Home Care Tucson Launches

On Friday evening, April 21st, Krishna's Home Care Tucson held a pre-opening event at its newly built facility only a block from our temple.

About fifty devotees and guests celebrated with music, dance, storytelling, video appreciations, and prasadam snacks.

Though the project has been years in the making, to see it finally manifest made the occasion historic: the first licensed devotee care facility has arrived!

By the end of the evening, those attending had pledged thousands of dollars to give Krishna's Home its finishing touches.



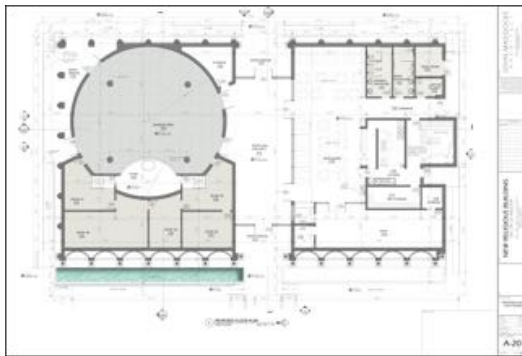
"Mantra Oasis" Outreach Center Opens on Tucson's East Side

Atula Govinda Prabhu had been keeping his realtor's eye peeled for a suitable house to expand Krishna's reach to Tucson's East Side. When one came available over the winter, he seized the opportunity.

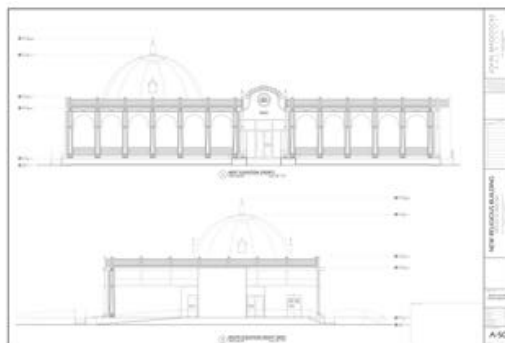
On March 18th temple and congregational devotees celebrated the launch of "Mantra Oasis," another island of Krishna consciousness amid Arizona's desert of material life.

As our ISKCON temple hold its weekly Sunday evening festival, so the Oasis is holding a weekly program on Saturday evening, especially focusing on students and seekers. A promising spiritual one-two, indeed!

Mantra Oasis Tucson:
6634 E Calle Dened
(520) 273-2273



The design is "Rajasthan meets the Southwest," by the renowned architect John Maddocks.



Future Site Of ISKCON Tucson
In the heart of the city 2 miles north of The University of Arizona

ISKCON Tucson's ten-thousand-square-foot temple, *prasadam* restaurant, boutique, dining patio, and gardens will manifest by the contributions of all devotees. To donate to this wonderful project, please see below.

Be the Change
DONATE NOW

[Click to make a Donation](#)

Lord Nrsimha's Advent Day Coming Soon!



Mother's Day

at Govinda's
Sunday, May 14h
11 am to 2:30 pm

Special All Vegan Menu

Eggplant Parmesan+
Veggies & Tofu+
Seitan with Coconut Gravy
Stir Fry Pasta & Veggies
Veggie Fritters+ w/ Coconut Dip+
Basmati Rice Pilaf+
Creme of Broccoli Soup+
Sesame Dinner Rolls
Chips+ & Dips+
Fruit Salads+ & Salad Bar+
Lemon Pie &
Whipped Creme

First 25 mom's get a free cookbook -
with 60 recipes & health information

All you care to eat \$19.95
Kids: 4 to 12 yrs. \$8.95

under 4 yrs.
eat free

Govinda's Natural Foods Buffet
info 792-0630 www.GovindasOfTucson.com



Musical
Concert on
the Patio
with
Dhiro



Appearance Anniversary of Krishna's Protective Avatar, Lord Nrsimhadeva

Thursday May 4th

- 6pm - Bhajans in the temple
- 6:30pm - Musical slideshow of Lord Nrsimhadeva's pastimes
- 7pm - Deity bathing ceremony, arati & kirtan
- 7:45pm - Feast served under the stars

Sponsor the festival for \$51 [HERE](#), get a Mayapur Nrsimha garland!

Join us on Sunday,
May 14th, for a Vegan
Mother's Day Brunch &
Live Music on the Patio
See Menu [HERE](#)



Sponsor the Sunday Feast



Feeding guests *prasadam*
(food offered to God)
benefits everyone!



Sunday Feast Sponsorship

Sponsoring our Sunday feasts is a wonderful way to receive the blessings of Sri Sri Gaura Nitai. Your sponsorship may honor a loved one, mark a birthday, an anniversary, or another special occasion.

To make an offering, use the link below to identify who or what you're honoring plus the date of your sponsorship. Your donation is tax deductible.

Click [Here](#) To Sponsor
the Sunday Feast

The Sunday Feast & Festival



Join us each Sunday for an evening of
musical meditation, topical
philosophy, an ancient worship
ceremony, and an
8-course vegetarian feast.

ALL FREE!



5:30 pm - Bhajans

6 pm - Topical talk

6:30 pm - Worship ceremony

7 pm - Announcements

7:10 pm - Feast

May Sunday Talk Lineup

May 7th - Govinda Datta Prabhu

May 14th - Dhira Datta Prabhu

May 21st - Suresvara Prabhu

May 28th - Yudisthir Govinda Pr.

(ISKCON India Communications)

New Service Offered



Let us make your Wedding Garland!

Made by our pujari at the temple for your special ceremony.
Any kind of flower, color combination, or technique.

Prices vary by length and style. Flower cost plus \$30 and up.

Contact Sandamini @ 520-250-0299 or sandamini108@gmail.com

Assisted Living Update



Krishna's Home News Update

Please take a look at our latest **one-page newsletter** to see the home's progress. With the inside nearly done, we are focusing on furnishings and the outside.

Click **HERE** to read.



We had a grand pre-opening to show the facility to friends and interested visitors. The licensing process is next while we landscape and furnish the home.

To get Krishna's Home up and running, we gratefully accept your kind donations.

Krishna's Home Care Tucson

514 E. Blacklidge Dr. (just one block west of the temple across 1st Ave) Krishnahome.org

Feeding the Unsheltered on Tucson's Southside



Join us on the 3rd Monday

of every month!

For the past 10 years we've been serving Tucson's houseless folks a six-course hot meal along with a kirtan. Giving a plate of prasadam is not only healthy and nourishing but it helps elevate the consciousness bringing spiritual awareness.

**Sponsor a meal here,
\$125 serves 100 plates.
Come help us serve every
3rd Monday of the month at 7am!**

Govinda's Vegan/Veggie Restaurant

**Govinda's Self-Serve
All-You-Care-To-Eat Hours:**

**Lunch - Wednesday through Saturday
11:30 am to 2:30 pm**

**Dinner - Tuesday through Saturday
5 pm to 8 pm**

Sunday Brunch - 11 am to 2:30 pm

Closed Mondays

***Join us for Mother's Day
Vegan Sunday Brunch
May 14th!***

May [Menu Click Here](#)

**Check out our web site at
www.GovindasOfTucson.com**

Govinda's guest quote of the month: "I never thought that a simple meal could turn into a spiritual journey! Namaste!"



Thanks to our steady crew who work so hard to maintain our spiritual oasis, day after day, season after season, and many thanks to all our donors. Thank you Murli, Mohini, Balarama, Malina, Roopa, Bhavana, the temple teens, & Ethan. You make it happen!



**Income/expense Tracker: Please [click](#) to
view our temple financial statement
for the month of March 2023.**

Check out this clip by Vaisesika Das,
"Adjust Expectations for a Happier Life."



Authentic Indian Cuisine Catering!

All varieties and quantities of Indian foods for parties, dinners, weddings, and banquets. All main Indian dishes cooked by Master Chef Kul Sharma. Call him at 520-891-8083



"My dear friends, just see how Sri Kṛṣṇa is enjoying the season of spring! With the gopis embracing each of His limbs, He is like amorous love personified. With His transcendental pastimes He enlivens all the gopis and the entire creation. With His soft, bluish-black arms and legs, which resemble blue lotus flowers, He has created a festival for Cupid!"
(*Sri Caitanya-caritamṛta*, *Adi-līla* 4.224)

From Srila Prabhupada's *Bhagavad Gita As It Is*...

"Know that all opulent, beautiful, and glorious creations spring from but a spark of My splendor."
(*Bhagavad-Gita As It Is*, Chapter 10, verse 41)

[Visit the website](#)



Homas, Pujas & Blessings

Perform a sacred ceremony...

Have your home, car, business, or family blessed and protected with the help and guidance of our experienced temple priest, Kirtan Yajna Prabhu. You may call him at (520) 288-1775, or email pkeshavraj@gmail.com.



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