



Madras Week '14

August 17 to
August 25

Updated till August 14th

During August

- Trips in sail boats (with fishing included) off the coast of Adyar are being arranged by **Adventure 'n' Nature** to celebrate 'Madras 375'.
Dipankar Ghosh 99403 55521
- **Exhibition:** A rare collection of old Madras photographs will be on display throughout the month. There will also be special Madras tiffin combos at **Blu Hickey Bistro Restaurant** at Rs. 500 nett per person.
Radisson Blu Hotel GRT, GST Road, 11 am.-7 p.m.

August 15-22 (7 outlets), 17-22 (7 more outlets)

- **Promotion:** All **Hot Breads** outlets will have a celebratory look with iconic structures of Madras/Chennai as entrance arches. Special Madras Week counters/products/special 375 promos in each outlet.

August 15, 2014

- **CD Release:** CD-release function of the **Madras Youth Choir**. Welcome by P.C. Ramakrishna. Songs by children, and release of the children's CD by Leela Samson. Followed by:
Talk: Madras and Music. Dr Ghatam Karthik, well-known musician and ghatam exponent, will speak on the history of Carnatic music, its luminaries, the various sabhas of our city, the happenings of the December music season etc. Organised by **South India Heritage Programme**
9.30 am to 11.30 am at TAG Centre. Only for member and their guests.

August 16 and 17

- **Films:** Documentaries on Madras-based artists organised by **DakshinaChitra**. *Echoes of freedom* – R.B. Bhaskaran. 30 mins; *Red Symphony* – Achuthan Kudallur. 40 mins; *Deskilling of Art* – Banner artists. 40 mins; Films by **Gita**.
DakshinaChitra. 11 am-1 pm. Details: 98417 77779
- **Exposition: Eco Spots of Chennai: Know Them, Sustain Them**, Interactive sessions with public on various Eco Spots. Organised by the **Madras Naturalists' Society** (MNS).
SPACES, 11 a.m.-7.00 p.m. on both days

August 16

- **Heritage Walk: Looking back at Lloyd's Road** – walk led by **Mohan V Raman** and **Sriram V**. Walk requires registration (at editor@madrasmusings.com) and payment in advance. Ends with breakfast. Organised by **Chennai Heritage**.
6.00 to 8.30 am. Register at editor@madrasmusings.com
- **Quiz: QFI Chennai Qfiesta**. Registration fee: Rs150/-. Organised by **The Quiz Foundation of India**
9.30 am onwards. IIT, Madras. Details: qfichennai@gmail.com
- **Talk: Madras to Chennai: A Strategic Hub** by **Dr. Uttam Kumar Jamdhagni**, Department of Defence and Strategic Studies, Madras University, followed by an open discussion. Organised by **Observer Research Foundation**. Intending participants should confirm their interest by email: orfchennai@orfonline.org and also warn-in for lunch.
11 am-1 pm. A1 Towers.
- **Talk: Biodiversity of Chennai** by **Dr. R. Bhanumathi**. Organised by **MNS**
11.45 a.m. SPACES
- **Photowalk:** Organised by **YOcee** inside **Adyar Poonga**.
3-4.30 p.m. Limited to 30 children studying in Classes 4-10.
Meet at Adyar Poonga gate, 2.45 p.m. editor@yocee.in
- **Talk: Bird Sanctuaries: Pulicat and Vedanthangal.** by **Dr. T. Murugavel**. Organised by **MNS**
4.00 p.m. SPACES

- **Talk: Institutional Habitats: Theosophical Society, IIT-M and MCC, Tambaram** by **Preston Ahimaz**. Organised by **MNS**
05.15 p.m. SPACES
- **Madras meets Korea at the Korean Bazaar**. Organised by the **Korean Consulate-General** and members of the Korean community in and around the city. Food stalls too
San Thomé HSS San Thomé 3.00-7.00 p.m.
- **Walk: Mint Street, Sowcarpet Food Walk:** Notable items include dhokla/kachori/jalebis/vada pav/lassi/chats/samosa/fafda/Kulfi/pav bhaji/badam milk. Contact: **Sridhar Venkataraman**: sridharve@gmail.com, https://www.facebook.com/sridhar.venkataraman
Meet at Mehta Brothers, 5 p.m. 2535 0689

Aug 17, 23 and 24

- **Food Demonstration:** Chettinad cookery demonstration by an expert at each venue. Items to be demonstrated are: **Day 1:** Kavan arsi, capsicum mango mandi, paniyaram, varamuligai chutney and meen kolumbu; **Day 2:** Kandarappam, potato karuvattu poriyal, iddiyappam thalichadu and kosamalli, chicken pepper fry; **Day 3:** Kuzhi paniyaram, kadamba chutney, pal kozhakottai, milagu kolumbu and mutton uppukari. Organised by **M. Mahadevan** of Hot Breads
At copper Chimney, The Marina, Bombay Brasserie on all days.

August 17-24

- **Exhibition: Armenians in Madras (17th & 18th Centuries)** curated by the **Society for Armenian Studies, Paris**. There will also be various talks during the Week.
Armenian Church
- **Food Festival: Chettinad Virundhu**. Cooks from *The Bangala*, Karaikudi will provide a full plated menu at lunch. Different menu on each day. At dinner, a special menu with a few dishes from the lunch menu of the day. Organised by **M. Mahadevan** of Hot Breads
Armenian Church Restaurant
- **Food Festival: Dinner buffet: Madras Curry Week at Buzz**.
Details: 6680 2500
Taj Gateway Hotel

August 17-25

- **Exhibition: Books on Madras**. On all days except the 19th.
Madras Club Members only, 10.00 am – 7.00 pm

August 17

- **Heritage Ride: The Perambur Ride** will start from Madras Veterinary College, Vepery, and finish at Sir Baden Powell Scout Training Centre, Perambur. In between, see churches that are a century old, the Railway Hospital that was opened in 1820, a plaque dating to the 19th Century. Students from the KRM Public School, Perambur, will participate.
Helmet is mandatory. Please wear bright coloured clothing to enhance visibility. The ride is free of cost and has no registration fees. You are responsible for your own safety. Obey all the traffic rules. The road will not be closed for the event. Ensure that your bicycle is in a good and safe-to-ride condition. Ride route is subject to last minute changes.
For registration and other information log onto Cycling Yogis fb page: https://www.facebook.com/groups/cyclingyogis/ or call Senthil Tel: 98842 46822 or Ramanujar Tel: 98840 23123
5 a.m. to 7 a.m.
- **Heritage Walk: Coursing down College Road** – walk led by **Sriram V**. Walk requires registration (at editor@madrasmusings.com) and payment in advance. Ends with breakfast. Organised by **Chennai Heritage**.
6.00 to 8.30 am
- **Photowalk: 'S' Walk @ Velachery aka Vedasreni**. From Guru Nanak College to Vijayanagar junction. Walk Leader: **Hari Meiyappan**, ph: 99629 29206. No need for registration. Just join the walk at the starting point.
Meeting point Guru Nanak College, 6.30-9.30 a.m
- **Heritage Walk: Perambur Walk** conducted by Girish, K. 100 year old institutions are in the list of 10 places of interest. Two-hour walk. No fee. Report at Perambur Railway Station near Advance Reservation Counter. Open to 30 participants only.
6.30 a.m. Contact 9884132136. To register email: girishkgb@yahoo.com, with name & phone no.

Check www.themadrasday.in and Madras Week App
for up-to-date programmes.

Promotion and Publicity:
PRISM Public Relations.

- **Heritage Walk:** Fort St George Walk led by **Vincent D' Souza**. Report by 6.45 am for security check. Registration not required. Starting point: Parking lot opp. main gate of Fort. Starts at 7 am; 2hrs.
- **Walk:** Heritage Walk in the Madras Club with **S. Muthiah**. 9.30 am at Madras Club. Members & guests only
- **Quiz:** QFI Chennai Qfiesta, Two quizzes, morning and afternoon Registration fee: Rs150/- per quiz. Details: qfichennai@gmail.com Organised by **The Quiz Foundation of India** 9.30 am and 2.30 pm at IIT, Madras
- **Heritage Tour:** Bronze Gallery tour at Madras Museum led by **Chithra Madhavan**. Organised by **Namma Mylapore**. The fee for the tour will be Rs.250/- (entrance ticket included). From 11 am to 1 pm. To register nammamylapore@hotmail.com
- **Talk:** *Coast of Chennai* by **Dr. T.D. Babu**. Organised by **MNS** 11.45 a.m., SPACES
- **Talk:** *Forests of Chennai: Guindy NP and Nanmangalam Reserve Forest* by **Vikas Madhav**. Organised by **MNS** 04.00 p.m SPACES
- **Talk:** *Wetlands of Chennai: Pallikaranai, Siruthavur, etc.* by **Gnanaskandan K.** Organised by **MNS** 05.15 p.m. SPACES
- **Commemoration:** Release of Special Postage Cover. Theme: *Transport in Madras*. Hosted by **Chennai Heritage Lovers Group** and the **Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)** At Clive Hall, ASI, Fort St George
- **Talk:** Chennai Heritage Lecture: *From Madras to Mandalay*. **Geeta Doctor** looks at the Madras-Myanmar connect through conversations with **S Muthiah** and **Visalakshi Ramaswami**. Readings from the book *A King in Exile*, a short film by Shylaja Chettur and a special menu presented by Chef Rajesh of The Park The Park, 6.30 p.m.

August 18-23

- **Exhibition:** *Print culture in Cennaipattinam*. Organised by the Roja Muthiah Research Library (RMRL) Roja Muthiah Library, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Exhibition:** Photo exhibition on *North Madras – Then and Now*. Organised by **Avvai Kalai Kazhagam**. Avvai Kalai Kazhagam, 10 am-5 pm

August 18

- **Multi-events:** An all-day programme by students of the **Department of Indian Music, University of Madras**. Clock Tower Building, University of Madras Group Rendition of *Vintage Tamil Film Devotional Classics* by the students of the Department 10.15-10.30 a.m. Workshop on *Harikatha Compositions* learnt from C. Bannibai by **Dr. Premeela Gurumurthy**. 10.30-11.15 a.m. *Tiruvallikkeni Vina Ramanuja* and his Sangita Sarvartha Sara Sangrahamu by **Dr. Rajshri Sripathy**. 11.15-12.00 noon *Veena Dhanammal, Madras Lalithangi and Kanchipuram Dhanakoti Ammal* and their musical excellence by **M.Subhasree**. 12.00 noon-12.45p.m. *Malaiakkottai Govindasamy Pillai* and his grandson T.K.Ramamurthy of Viswanathan Ramamurthy fame by **Dr. R. Hemalatha**. 12.45-1.30 p.m. Vintage Film: *Kalki's Parthiban Kanavu*. Jubilee Films. Star Cast: Vijayantimala, Gemini Ganesan, S.V. Ranga Rao. 02.30 p.m (By Invitation)
- **Talk:** *Story of the English Press in Madras* by **S. Muthiah**. Organised by the Press Institute of India. Press Institute of India (PII), 5 pm
- **Walk:** A heritage walk and presentation to discover how the *Ice House* on the Marina became *Vivekanandar Illam*. Organised by **Nithya Balaji** and **Kaveri Bharath**. Duration: one hour and thirty minutes. Maximum participation: 40, first-come first-served.

Assemble by 5 p.m. at the Illam. Registration by email only: kaveribharath@gmail.com

- **Talk:** Chennai Heritage Lecture: *A Piece of the Past – Mementoes from 18th Century Madras* – Talk by **Dr. Swapna Sathish**, Dept. of Fine Arts, Stella Maris College. A Charles Wallace India Trust grant helped her do post-doctoral research in the UK on art and artifacts in the homes of British 'nabobs' with Madras connections. Her talk derives from the visit. GRT, T'Nagar. 6.30 pm
- **Exhibition:** *158 years of forest conservation in South India*, focussing on H.F.C. Cleghorn, R. Wight and E.G. Balfour. Studio Palazzo, Chetpet
- The INTACH Parampara Heritage Club of the Sri Sankara Vidyashramam Matriculation HSS, Tiruvanmiyur, will conduct the following activities at the school. **Exhibition:** Organised by students of Std. VII and VIII depicting the uniqueness of Chennai City. **Films:** Visitors to the exhibition from neighbouring schools will also see films shot by members of the Heritage Club. **Inter-School Competitions: Painting** (Std. VII & VIII) Two participants from each school. Topic: *On the spot*. **Oratorical** (IX & X): Two participants from each school. Topic: *If I were...* Duration: 2 mins. (Each student can imagine herself/himself to be a place/animal/monument/food item etc. native to Chennai, but must reflect on its heritage value and significance). 10-11 am

August 18-September 20

- **Exhibition:** *MADras!* An exhibition of 375 cartoons on the city and its people by **Biswajit Balasubramanian**. Forum Art Gallery, 10.30 am to 6.30 pm

August 19-23

- **Exhibition:** *Shoot Chennai* – An exhibition of selected entries to photo contests conducted by the **Photographic Society of Madras**. Hotel Ambassador Pallava, 9.00 a.m. - 9.00 p.m.

August 19

- **Talk:** *Temples in and around Chennai*: A presentation by **Chithra Madhavan**. Organised by the PII PII, 5 pm
- **Talk:** Chennai Heritage Lecture: *The Indo-Saracenic Man* – A tribute to Robert Fellowes Chisholm on his death centenary. A talk by **Sriram V**, entrepreneur, writer and Associate Editor, *Madras Musings* Hyatt Regency. 6.30 pm

— **Quiz:** *Women of Chennai*, conducted by Sushi Natraj. Organised by **Rotary Club of Madras South**.

Savera Hotel, 6.30-8 p.m. Members and guests only

- **Workshop:** A unique opportunity for children to learn the art of making miniature models from old Madras photographs. Organised by **DakshinaChitra** DakshinaChitra For more Information and to register, contact 98417 77779
- **Contest:** Power Point Presentation for City schools. Theme: *Temples of Chennai*. Partners: **Mylapore Times & South India National Association**. Sastri Hall, Luz

August 20-23

- **Exhibition:** Art works and photographs of Classic Madras and Contemporary Chennai by **Chennai Weekend Artists** and **Chennai Weekend Clickers**. On display will be collages of printed art works and photographs of various locations in Chennai by artists and photographers who explore Chennai every week. Their original or printed sketch books and photographs will also be displayed. Shilpa Architects, Tiruvanmiyur

August 20-30

- **Exhibition:** *Once Upon a Time... in Madras*. Organised by **C.P. Ramaswami Aiyar Foundation**. Vennirul Art Gallery

August 20

- **Panel Discussion:** *100. Centenary of World War I – New insights about the present and future*. **Sriram V** and **A.R. Venkatachalapathy** will discuss this cataclysmic event and the artistic and literary movements of the era, with special focus on Madras. Moderator: **Helmut Schippert** Organised by **Goethe-Institut** 11.30 am-1 pm, Asian College of Journalism

- **Talk:** *Madras and the American Connection* by **S. Muthiah**. Organised by RMRL.
RMRL, 5 p.m.
- **Talk:** *Revisiting colonial history: What if Lally had defeated the English in 1761?* by **Sumitra Muthukumar**. Organised by the PII.
PII, 5 pm
- **Talk:** Chennai Heritage Lecture: *From LA to Madras in search of music*. Well-known film critic and writer **Baradwaj Rangan** in conversation with young and fast-rising Carnatic musician **Sandeep Narayan** Chamiers Anokhee. 6.30 pm
- **Walk:** Walk for **Hindusthan College of Technology** students on the Marina conducted by **Nandini Arun**
The Marina Beach, 7.00 am

August 21

- **Talk:** *The hidden gems of Madras* by **S. Venkataram** aka Poochi Venkat. Organised by the PII.
PII, 5 pm
- **Walk:** *Purasawalkam Food Walk*: Notable items include vada pav/pav bhaji/chats/murukku sandwich/gola/ sambar idli/sambar vada/chutneys vada paav Contact: **Sridhar Venkataraman**: sridharve@gmail.com, https://www.facebook.com/sridhar.venkataraman
Meet at Mehtaas , 5.30 p.m.
- **Talk:** *Madras – First City of Modern India* by **S. Muthiah**. Organised by TIE.
Raintree, St. Mary's Rd 6.30 p.m. For members and guests only.
- **Talk:** Chennai Heritage Lecture: *Foodpreneurship* in Chennai – Panel discussion anchored by entrepreneur **Chandu Nair**. Panelists – **Kiran Rao** of Amethyst, **Vinit Chordia** of Dinein.in and **Bhuvanesh** of Donut House.
Amethyst, 6.30 p.m.
- **Talk:** *The Lesser Temples in and around Chennai* by **Chithra Madhavan**.
7.00 pm. Madras Club Members & guests only.

Till August 22

- **Exhibition:** *Magic of the Muse: Madras*, an exhibition of paintings by Diane de Valou.
At Apparao Galleries.

August 22-September 6

- **Photo talk:** Programmes for schools being organised by **Parent Circle** magazine.
For Primary Classes – Parent-Child: **Photo talk:** *Madras then and now* – by **Poochi Venkat**: *How our daily activities are affecting the environment*; **DIY activity on Recycling** – *Don't throw that away* – **Takeway** on how to restore and preserve our beloved city
For Middle School – Parent-Child: **Photo talk:** *Chennai's Waterways* – by **Poochi Venkat** on *Then and now*; **Debate:** *Can the Coovum regain its lost glory?*
Both programmes will be conducted in Sri Sathya Sai Vidya Vihar Matriculation School, Tiruvottriyur end of August; Al Qamar Academy, Tiruvanmiyur – August 23; Bamboola, RA Puram – August 22; Headstart Learning Centre, Karanai (near Shollinganallur) – 1st week of September; KRM Matric Hr Sec School, Perambur – end of August/1st week of September; Aloha International School, Neelangerai – end of August/1st week of September.

August 22-September 22

- **Exhibition:** *Chennai Nalla Chennai* – a photo exhibition featuring photographs from **S.A. Ramesh**, Chennai. Organised by India Cultural Centre, Kuala Lumpur, Think City, and George Town Festival (Penang) Star Building, Penang, Malaysia

August 22-23:

- **Market:** *By Hand from The Heart*, an artisan and farmers' market that will present all things handmade and wholesome. The market will have makers of exclusive handcrafted jewellery, stationery, bags and more. Organic food – mangoes, rhubarb preserves and sun-dried tomatoes – also on sale.
Hanu Reddy Residences, 10 am-8 pm

August 22-24

- **Exhibition:** *Buckingham Canal – Maps, pictures, notes*. Hosted by **Chennai Heritage Lovers' Group** and the ASI
Clive Hall, Fort St George. 10 am-5 pm

August 22-30

- **Exhibition:** *Women artists of Chennai*. Curated by **Premalatha**. Also, a talk on restoration of art works by **Aparajitha**, and a one-day art camp by some of the participating artists. Organised by **Association of British Scholars**.
Art Houz, Alwarpet

August 22

- **Walk:** *Mylapore Food Walk*: Notable items include adai/bonda/onion samosa/vazhakka bajji/chutney/filter coffee/rose milk/badam milk/goli soda. Contact: **Sridhar Venkataraman**: sridharve@gmail.com, https://www.facebook.com/sridhar.venkataraman
At 4.30 p.m. Meet at Mylapore Head Post Office, Kutchery Road.
- **Talk:** *The Origin of Chennai/Madras* by **Prof. J.B.P. More**. Organised by RMRL.
RMRL, 5 p.m.
- **Talk:** *Chennai that was Madras*, in song by **Uma Vangal**. Organised by the PII.
PII, 5 pm
- **Book Release:** *Tales of Old and New Madras* and 7th Edition of *Madras Rediscovered* (revised and expanded) by **S. Muthiah**. Also the second edition of *Madras Rediscovered* in Tamil (translated by **Karthik Narayanan**). The translation is of the 7th English edition. Also sale of books on Madras. Organised by **Westland**.
Vivanta by Taj at Connemara 7 p.m. Invitees only.
- **Commemoration:** 375th Birthday Dinner/Dance.
7.30 pm. Madras Club Members & guests only.
- **Film:** Screening of prize-winning short films on Madras architecture. The competition open to all schools of architecture was organised by **Dr. K.R. Thooyavan**.
School of Architecture and Planning, Anna University
- **Competition:** A folk dance competition for college students organised by **DakshinaChitra**. Colleges can send in groups of six to ten students. The theme would be on traditional folk performances. The best three folk performing teams will be given prizes and certificates. There is no participation fee for the competition.
At DakshinaChitra For information and registration call 98417 77779
- **Exhibition:** *Namma Anna Nagar* featuring photographs by you which represent the essence of Anna Nagar. Age no bar. To be mailed on or before 10 am, August 22. Register for the venue details. Organised by **Anna Nagar Social History Group**
Registration annanagarshg@gmail.com, 98404 95717

August 23 and 24

- **Films:** Documentaries on Madras-based artists organised by **Dakshina-Chitra**. *Shilpi speaks* – Ganapathy Sthapathy. 60 mins; Film by **Bala Kailasam**
DakshinaChitra. 11 am-1 pm
- **Competition:** Drawings on *Anna Nagar*. Day 1: 3-10 years; Day 2: 11- 15 years. Register for the venue details 98404 95717
Organised by **Anna Nagar Social History Group**. 2.30 pm. Registration annanagarshg@gmail.com

August 23

- **Heritage Walk:** *The Gujaratis of Sowcarpet* – walk led by **Karthik Bhatt**. Walk requires registration (at editor@madrasmusings.com) and payment in advance. Ends with breakfast. Organised by **Chennai Heritage**.
6.00 to 8.30 am
- **Heritage Tour:** *Trace Origin of Madras: Tour of Pulicat*. **AARDE Foundation** conducts a heritage tour of Pulicat (Pazhaverkadu). 8.30 a.m. – Breakfast at Pulicat Interpretation Centre; 9.00 a.m. – Heritage Walk 12.30 p.m. – Lunch; 1.00 p.m. – Departure from Pulicat; Fee: Rs. 845, incl of A/c bus trip, breakfast, lunch, water & snacks
6.30 a.m. from Loyola College rear. Contact: 42139961 Email: info@aarde.in; www.aarde.in
- **Tree Walk:** *Trees and melody in Carnatic music*. Musical tree walk with **Vidwan R.K. Shriramkumar** and **Latha Nathan**. Organised by **Nizhal**. For registration: nizhal.shade@gmail.com or message www.facebook.com/nizhal.shade or call 90030 98613 97910 29568, or 9940061810
Kotturpuram Tree Park, 7.30 a.m. to 8.30 a.m
- **Heritage Walk:** *A day at Fort St. George*. Assemble at the parking lot opposite main gate of Fort between 8.45 a.m and 9 a.m. Limited to 30 children studying in Classes 5-12. Participants should carry a photo Id card or School Id card. There will be a short guided heritage walk, a

scrapbook making session and a map reading session, an art contest and a Madras word game. Organised by **YOCee**

9 a.m. to 12 noon. To register editor@yocee.in

- **Quiz: Anna Nagar: When? How? Why?** Age 15 and above. Teams of two. Register for the venue details 98404 95717 Organised by **Anna Nagar Social History Group**
10 am. Registration annanagarshg@gmail.com
- **Quiz: Heritage quiz for college students on The Madras Presidency.** Organised by **INTACH Chennai**. For registration rajvignesh@xpressminds.com, intangibleheritage1@gmail.com, youngintachchennai@gmail.com, intachchennai@gmail.com
TAG auditorium Anna University, 10 am-2 pm
- **Talk: The Anglo-Indians- A 500-year history** by **S. Muthiah**, followed by an open discussion. Organised by **Observer Research Foundation**. Intending participants should confirm their interest by email: orfchennai@orfonline.org and also warn-in for lunch.
A1 Towers 11 am – 1 pm.
- **Heritage Tour: Stone Gallery** tour at the Madras Museum led by **Chithra Madhavan**. Organised by **Namma Mylapore**. Fee for the tour Rs.250/- (entrance ticket included).
From 11 am to 1 pm. To register nammamylapore@hotmail.com
- **Quiz: Madras Quiz** (in Tamil). Open to school registered teams from Tamil medium schools ONLY. Teams of two can participate. Each school can send 3 teams. Registration of teams must be made by the schools, not individuals at 98405 44629. Organised by **Mylapore Times**.
P.S.Hr.Sec.School campus, Mylapore 1.30 p.m. onwards
- **Photowalk: W' Walk @ Aminjikarai aka Amaindha Karai**; From Toll Gate to Ampa Skywalk. Walk Leader: **Ramaswamy Nallaperumal**, 94440 62684. No need for registration, just join the walk at the starting point. Meeting Point: Aminjikarai Tollgate 4 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.
- **Talk: Mariyamman at the interface of Science and Religion** by **Prof. Perundevi Srinivasan**. Organised by **RMRL**.
RMRL, 5 p.m.
- **Quiz: Open quiz** organised by **INTACH Chennai** on *Madras*. Quizmaster: **Kunal Savarkar**, Delhi. Details: intachchennai@gmail.com
The Marina restaurant, 5 pm
- **Tree Walk. Siddha medicine tree walk** with **Dr. K.V. Abirami** and **Chithra Viswanathan**. How have the Naaval, Nuna, Putranjiva and many other such trees been a part of Siddha medicine down the ages. Organised by **Nizhal**. For registration: nizhal.shade@gmail.com or message www.facebook.com/nizhal.shade or call 90030 98613, 97910 29568, or 9940061810
At Panagal Park, T Nagar. 5 p.m. to 6 p.m..
- **Walk: Triplicane Food Walk**: Notable items include bread bajji/mysore bonda/goli soda/aloo bonda/all bolis/masala paal/samosa & jalebis/sambar idli Contact: **Sridhar Venkataraman**: sridharve@gmail.com, <https://www.facebook.com/sridhar.venkataraman>
Meet at Parthasarathy Temple (entrance near tank) At 5.00 p.m.
- **Walk: Discovering Mylapore**. Starts at Luz Church and ends at The Children's Club, V.M. Street, Mylapore. Children need to bring their own pens, colour pencils, sketch pens, scissors and glue to make their scrapbooks. Resource person **Kalyani Narayanan** of Snapshot Memories. Open to first 25 registrations. Organised by **YOCee**
5 pm to 7 pm SMS name and age to 98405 44629 R. Revathi Register on or before Aug. 19, 2014
- **Talk: Chennai Heritage Lecture: A birth centenary tribute to T.S. Baliah**, veteran comedian and character actor. Talk by **Mohan V Raman**, actor and entertainer.
Sheraton Park 5.30 pm
- **Talk: The American Connection** by **S. Muthiah**. Organised by the **Indo-American Association**.
6 p.m. Stella Marris College.
- **Talk: Temples around Chennai** **Chithra Madhavan**. Organised by **Namma Mylapore**.
Tattvaloka, Eldam's Road at 6 pm
- **Book Release: A Guide to some Urban Fauna of India**. Published by **Madras Naturalists' Society**. Chief Guest: **Venu Srinivasan**. Guest of Honour: **M.V. Murugappan**. Special address on *Living with Urban Birds*: **Dr. V. Santharam**, Director, Rishi Valley Institute of Bird Studies and Natural History
5.00 p.m. Asian College of Journalism

- **Walk: Walk and Make Madras Scrapbook** – organised by **YOCee**. Children will be taken for a walk on a short stretch and at the end of the walk they will have to make a scrapbook. Open to children from Classes 5 to 9 and restricted to 25 participants. Prior registration required. To register, SMS name and age to 98405 44629 on or before August 20.
IIT, evening

August 24

- **Heritage Ride: The East Coast Road**. Ride will start from Madhya Kailash (opp: Kasturba Nagar MRTS Station) and finish at the Madras Square (Cafe-Art Gallery, Neelankarai). Heritage places to be covered during the ride are Tiruvanmiyur, Covelong (Kovalam) and Tiruvidhanthai. The ECR ride will finish with a talk by **Jahiram Janakiram** at the Madras Square. He will share his experiences about cycling in Madras during 1975 and 1990.
Helmet is mandatory. Please wear bright coloured clothing to enhance visibility. The ride is free of cost and has no registration fees. You are responsible for your own safety. Obey all the traffic rules. The road will not be closed for the event. Ensure that your bicycle is in a good and safe-to-ride condition.
Ride route is subject to last minute changes. For registration and other information log onto Cycling Yogis fb page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/cyclingyogis/> or call Senthil Tel: 98842 46822 or Ramanujar Tel: 98840 23123
5 a.m. to 9 a.m.
- **Heritage Walk: Touring around Triplicane** – walk led by **Sriram V**. Walk requires registration (at editor@madrasmusings.com) and payment in advance. Ends with breakfast. Organised by **Chennai Heritage**.
6.00 to 8.30 am
- **Nature Walk: Pallikaranai Marsh**. Organised by the **Madras Naturalists' Society**.
6.15 a.m.
Group size: 30; How to reach reporting place: When coming from Velachery, take the service road along the 2nd flyover on the Velachery-Tambaram Road and turn left at the junction under the flyover onto the Velachery-Thoraipakkam Road, travel around 300 m. and take the U-turn after the Toll Plaza sign and the office is on the left immediately after the turn. When coming from OMR, the Office is 200 m. after the Toll Plaza.
Reporting Place: Forest Dept. Office on Velachery-Thoraipakkam Road For details: Vijay 98400 90875
- **Heritage Walk: St. Thomas' Mount**. Duration: 2 hours. Rs. 500 (inclusive of breakfast) For registration: **Richard O'Connor**: 98402 07283.
From St. Patrick's Church Time: 6.30 a.m.
- **Walk: Photowalk for children** led by **N. Ramaswamy** of Chennai Daily Photo. Organised by **YOCee**. Limited to first 25 children from Classes 5-12. From AMM School gate on Gandhi Mandapam Road, Kotturpuram to Kotturpuram MRTS Station. Children should bring their cameras (any type). Parents welcome
6.45 a.m. to 8 a.m. For registration R. Revathi 98405 44629
- **Heritage Walk: Fort St George Walk** led by **Vincent D' Souza**. Report by 6.45 for security check. Registration not required. Start point; Parking lot opp. main gate of Fort.
Starts at 7 am 2 hours.
- **Tree Walk. Putranjiva tree walk** with **Dr. T.D. Babu**. From Banyans to the Pala Indigo Tree, explore the magnificent trees in their sylvan setting. Organised by **Nizhal**. For registration: nizhal.shade@gmail.com or message www.facebook.com/nizhal.shade or call 90030 98613, 97910 29568, or 9940061810; 7.30 a.m. to 8.30 a.m.
At Rostrevor Gardens Railway Colony, Teynampet, Anna Salai
- **Exhibition: Annual parade of vintage cars** followed by a display of the cars. Organised by **The Madras Heritage Motoring Club**
9 am to 12.30 pm Don Bosco School
- **Quiz: Madras Quiz** by **Sriram.V**.
12.00 noon. Madras Club members & guests only.
- **Quiz: Open Madras Quiz**. Quizmaster **Dr. Sumanth Raman**. Sponsor: **Murugappa Group**.
1.30 pm Hotel Ramada, Egmore
- **Tree Walk. An Insect tree walk** with 'Poochi' **Venkat** and **Rajani Shankar**. Visit the magical world of insects and the trees that they inhabit. Organised by **Nizhal**. For registration: nizhal.shade@gmail.com or message www.facebook.com/nizhal.shade or call 90030 98613, 97910 29568, or 9940061810
5 p.m. to 6 p.m. At Nageswara Park

- **Talk:** Chennai Heritage Lecture: Screening of **Karan Bali's** feature length documentary film *An American in Madras*, on the life of Ellis R Dungan. Co-hosts: Cinema Rendezvous. The director will be present for there a discussion post-screening
Savera 6.30 p.m.
- **Heritage Walk:** *Living Statues of Marina Beach*. Brief dramatic enactments of six historical figures (Kannagi, NSC Bose, Thiruvalluvar, GU Pope, Bharathidasan, and Avvaiyar). Tamil and English. If anyone would like to perform one or more of these characters in the format, for example, "I am George U. Pope, and this is my story..." contact <http://www.storytellinginstitute.org/28.html>. You are welcome to modify these scripts (and translate them into Tamil). Also, they are invited to recite or read aloud poetry by Thiruvalluvar, Bharathidasan, and Avvaiyar (in Tamil, and in English translation). No admission fee. Organised by **World Storytelling Institute**. Contact: www.storytellinginstitute.org
7.30-8.30 a.m. Meet at the Kannagi Stature, Marina Beach (Bharathi Salai) 98403 94282
- **Competition:** *Madras: As we see it today*, a collage contest organised by **Namma Arcot Road**. Each team will comprise a child in the 6-10-year age group, and a parent. Contest open to the first 20 teams that register. There is no participation fee. Participants must bring their own materials. Call or SMS 99404 10271 to register.

August 25

- **Workshops:** A workshop by the **Association of Geography Teachers of India**, Chennai Chapter, for taxi and tourist taxi operators and their drivers who are new on the job and are not so familiar with the geography and history of the city. Conducted by **Balaji** and **Visvanathan** of the AGTI
2-4 pm Srinivasa Gandhi Nilayam, Alwarpet
- **Talk:** Chennai Heritage Lecture: *My memories of Madras* – Veteran artist, art director and designer **Thotta Tharani** speaks
The Accord Metropolitan, 6.30 pm
- **Quiz:** *How well do you know your Madras?* – A quiz by **S. Muthiah** for Rotary Central and four other clubs.
Savera Hotel, 6 p.m. For members and guests only
- **Film:** *Bhowani Junction* will be screened by **The Forum of Anglo-Indian Women**. There will be a short introduction by **Dr. Beatrix D'Souza** on the Anglo-Indian/Madras connection.
6 pm Ambassador Pallava
- **Film:** *An American in Madras*. Documentary on Ellis Dungan by **Karan Bali**.
8.00 pm. Madras Club. Members & guests only.

August 26

- **Walk:** *Kapaliswarar Temple Walk* for **Rotary Club of Madras Temple City**. Conducted by **Pradeep Chakravarthy**
6.30 am. for members only.
- **Competition:** Inter-school contest on *What I like in my Madras?*, organised by **United Way Chennai** with *The Times of India* for students in classes 6-12.
The students can express their views through posters, chart work, banners, thermocol models, graffiti, fabric art, paper craft, woodwork, clay artifacts, photographs, recycled waste-art or any out of the box-medium. They can also have an audio-visual, a Power Point presentation or even interactive games/dance and activities on the theme.
9.30 am-7 pm Registration from 6 am onwards. Valluvar Kottam
- **Talk:** *Temples of Chennai*, by **Chithra Madhavan**. Organised by **Rotary Club South of Madras**.
Savera Hotel 6.30-8.00 p.m. Members and guests only

August 27-September 7

- **Exhibition:** *Centenary of the Emden Spirit: 100 Years of Shared Military History*, a commemorative exhibition by the **Australian Consulate-General for South India**. The story of the German Cruiser *Emden* which shelled Madras in 1914 and was later sunk by the Australian cruiser *Sydney*.
Hyatt Regency, Mount Road

August 27

- **Exhibition:** *Evolution of Tamil Cinema: Down memory lane*. Also prize distribution for music, oratorical, poster and *kolam* contests held during the first two weeks of August at **Padma Seshadri Bala Bhavan Sr. Sec. School**, as part of its Madras Week celebrations.
10.30 am. at Padma Seshadri Bala Bhavan Sr. Sec. School, K.K. Nagar.
- **Talk:** **Capt. D.P. Ramachandran** speaks on *The Madras Soldier* at the **Madras Book Club**.
Vivanta by Taj at Connemara 7.00 p.m. Members and guests only

August 29

- **Film:** Produced by **INTACH Chennai**, a film on *The Story of Madras – The First City of Modern India* with a recorded talk by city chronicler **S. Muthiah**. Copies of the film are to be distributed to schools in Chennai to increase awareness and appreciation of the heritage of the city we live in. The film will be released by the Prince of Arcot, **Nawab Mohammed Abdul Ali**, and screened at the venue.
5 pm *Amir Mahal*. By invitation only.

August 30

- **Talk:** *Madras: Trade, Business and Industry – Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow* by **Sushila Ravindranath**, Consulting Editor, *Financial Express*, followed by an open discussion. Organised by **Observer Research Foundation**. Intending participants should confirm their interest by email: orfchennai@orfonline.org and also warn-in for lunch.
11 am-1 pm. A1 Towers
- **Talk:** **Fr. Anand Amaladoss** speaks on *The Jesuit Presence in Madras* at the **Madras Book Club**.
Vivanta by Taj at Connemara 7 p.m. Members & guests only

August 30 and 31

- **Films:** Documentaries on Madras-based artists organised by **DakshinaChitra**. *Golden Flute* – Alphonso Arul Doss. 30 mins; *Perumal's People* – P. Perumal. 30 mins. **Films by Gita** DakshinaChitra. 11 am-1 pm

August 31

- **Heritage Walk:** **Perambur** Meeting Point: Lourdes Shrine. Rs. 500 (inclusive of breakfast). For registration: **Harry MacLure** 98413 97502
From Lourdes Shrine, Time: 6.30 a.m. Duration: 2 hours
- **Talk:** *Art Deco in Madras*. **Sujatha Shankar**, architect, planner and interior designer and Convenor, INTACH-Chennai, will speak on the popular international design movement that flourished between the 1920s and 1940s in India.
Residency Towers, T. Nagar, 6.00 p.m.
- **Walk:** Walk in and around the Royal Madras Yacht Club (RMYC), led by **Sriram V** followed by sailing tracking the *Emden's* course. Fee for those who want to leave after walk and breakfast: Rs. 500. Sailing or motorboat option: Rs. 450 extra. RMYC will organise breakfast, boats, harbour passes, port permissions and life jackets. Participants are free to stay on at the Club till 5 pm exploring its various trophies, press material and photographs. Snacks, beverages, lunch will be available at RMYC at extra cost.
7.30 am, RMYC For details captviki@gmail.com

September 6

- **Quiz:** *Madras Quotient Quiz* for school teams organised by the **Murugappa Group**. Quizmaster: **Navin Jayakumar**.

September 14

- **Run:** Chennai Heritage **Marathon** conducted by the **Prastara Trust**. Contact rajini@prastara.in for further details.
6 pm QMC

Till September 28

- **Exhibition:** *The Urban Story* – an exhibition of photographs organised by **Apparao Galleries**. **George K** at Sandy's (Cenotaph Road) and **Deidi Von Schaeuwen** at Sandy's (Nungambakkam)

Other events / opportunities

- ♦ The **British Council** holds a daily online blogging competition (August 18-22) on the subject of *Madras and World War I*
- ♦ **Literature:** Prose, poetry and essay reading (English and Tamil) Organised by **Alliance Francaise of Madras**.
- ♦ **Screen savers for Madras Week:** **B.R.S. Sreenag**, a talented photographer of Chennai, has captured various moments in our city's life through his lens. He is offering these pictures as screensavers for computers and laptops as free downloads from this link: <http://www.sreenagpictures.com/calendar-wallpapers.html>
- ♦ **City facts:** **Sriram V**, Associate Editor of *Madras Musings*, has been tweeting facts on the city since the end of July. He hopes to send out 375 facts by end August. Follow him on Twitter - @srirambs or on FB - www.fb.com/sriram.venkatakrishnan.9
- ♦ **Wear Namma Chennai:** Pick up a T-shirt and cap commemorating Madras Day. While the tee will feature this year's winning design – monochrome silhouettes of the city's landmarks – the cap will be emblazoned with the line *Chennai: My city is 375*. Designs by the runners-up may also be available. Available from August 15, in medium and large

size from the website: themadrasday.in

Organised by **Mylapore Times**.

- ✦ **Special Madras dishes** Lunch and dinner buffets at **Madras Pavilion** and Tiffin Appreciation at **Cafe Mercara Express**.
ITC Grand Chola. Tel: 2220 0000
- ✦ **Savouries made by Maami** for Madras Week. Boxed takeaways available. Sheraton Park. Tel: 2499 4101
- ✦ **YoCee** runs a news website for children (www.yocce.in) where school students are trained in reporting and writing. The site now plans to get senior student reporters to do a project on schools in Chennai that are a century and older. A soft launch of the project at an internal meeting of YoCee is planned during Madras Week.
- ✦ As this is also the 25th anniversary of the C.P.R. Environmental Education Centre, a calendar of paintings and aquatints of Old Madras is being released. It will be a collector's item, to be ordered individually or in bulk. The money earned will be used to plant and sustain trees – in Madras (if some place is found in the city!), or elsewhere in Tamil Nadu.
- ✦ **Savera Hotel** celebrates Madras Week with several food-oriented and other activities.

Piano, its multi-cuisine buffet restaurant, will showcase Madras Anglo-Indian cuisine at the *Madras buffet* in a new ambience on August 22nd at lunch and dinner. Lunch deal (come as 3 and pay for 2, come as 5 and pay for 3.)

Malgudi, the southern cuisine *a la-carte* restaurant brings you the best of Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka and Andhra as well as a special Anglo-Indian menu. August 17th to 24th at lunch and dinner.

Bay 146 is organising *The Madras Pub Quiz* which plans to be a fun event. The questions will be about everything you see and hear in and around Madras. The Quiz aims at being a fun night of indulgence in trivia, food and beverages on August 21, 9 p.m. onwards. The quiz is brought to you by **Berty Ashle, T.V. Abhinav, Surya Venkat** and **Abishek Swaminathan**.

Cake cutting: A birthday cake wishing Madras on its 375th birthday will be cut by all the **Savera's** F&B outlets. The cake-cutting is planned for the peak hours when there are the most number of guests at a given time.

Contests

Heritage of Chennai – Multimedia Presentation Contest

The contest encourages city school students to explore Chennai's history and heritage and present the topic given to each team in multi-media form.

The contest is on August 19 from 9 am to 3 pm

Theme: *A city temple with great heritage and architecture.*

Venue: Srinivasa Sastri Hall, Luz, Mylapore

Please avoid the Sri Kapali Temple, Sri Parthasarathy Temple, Sri Marundeeswarar Temple – because we want presentations on less known temples.

Contest open to schoolchildren studying in Classes 8 to 12.

The best THREE presentations will be awarded trophies, gifts and certificates. All participants will be given certificates. The prize giving function will be held on the same day at about 4 pm.

This event is supported by **Mylapore Times** and the **South India National Association (SINA)**, Luz.

• Shoot Chennai – Photo Contest

The **Photographic Society of Madras (PSM)** is organising the contest for two groups: 1. Students only; 2. Open The themes are as follows: 1) **My Madras:** The photographer's personal tribute to Chennai, depicting what it means personally to him or her. Including typical Chennai views like beaches, eat-outs, city life, cityscapes, scenes against which day to day life in Chennai plays out. 2) **Monuments of Madras:** From the architect's scrapbook, capturing the magnificence of the city's architecture, from the oldest to Art Deco and the modern architecture of the city. 3) **Unusual Madras:** Strange and unusual happenings in the city. Also the unexpected that breaks tradition and contradicts stereotypes. 15th August is the deadline for entries.

• Navin's Photo Contest

Navin's, a leading real estate developer is hosting a photo contest *Inspirational Madras*, for all the camera lovers. Participants can send their entries to Navin's official id – info@navins.in

Participants are expected to focus on capturing utility and functionality aspects of landmark buildings across Chennai. Each photograph should be supported with a brief write-up which defines why the building is inspirational to the photographer. The entries will be shortlisted and exhibited at a common venue. The winners will be announced on the Madras Day (August 22, 2014) at the exhibition by an eminent jury. The winners will grab exciting prizes worth over Rs. 15,000 and an attractive

opportunity to work on a portfolio project for Navin's.

For more details about the photo contest kindly visit, Navin's official Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Navins/366181446727437>.

• Anna Nagar Social History Group contests

1. Teams of 2 to 5 persons above 16 years of age to make presentations on how your family moved to Anna Nagar, when, why? How your family history is related to Anna Nagar.

Doubts, queries and registration at annanagarshg@gmail.com

2. For children of 8 to 12 years of age. Start with a four generation (minimum) family tree, add pictures, plan of your house (before and now), write stories, add function invitations, postcards, sketches. Add information on how your family moved to Anna Nagar, when and why and how your family history is related to Anna Nagar. Selected works will be displayed and felicitated at an exhibition in August.

Registration at annanagarshg@gmail.com

• YoCee Contest

Enga area – a photo essay contest for children (online). Open to children studying in Classes 7-12. Research the history, heritage and the everyday life of your neighbourhood. Walk down the area and shoot unique features, heritage landmarks, historical spots, old houses and anything that you feel proud of in your area.

Last date: August 20 Send the presentation to yocce.in@gmail.com

Login to <http://docs.google.com/presentation/with> your Google account. Create a presentation of the story of your area in photographs. Add short descriptions of each photograph in the same slide. Remember to make the presentation also visible to the public under the visibility option. Number of slides should not exceed 20. The best three presentations will receive prizes on August 23, 2014. Winners will be informed about the time and venue through email.

Addresses for the venues

A1 Towers: Fifth Floor, Conference Hall, 89, Dr Radhakrishnan Salai; **Adyar Poonga:** Greenway's Road, gate next to Ambedkar Mani Mandapam; **Amethyst:** Next to Corporation Bank, White's Road, Royapettah; **Aminjikarai Tollgate:** Opp. V. Seshiah Diabetes Hospital on PH Road; **Apparao Galleries (Sandy's):** 2/15, Ganapathy Colony Main Road, Teynampet and 16/2, Wallace Garden, 2nd Street, Nungambakkam; **Art Houz Fine Art Gallery:** No 41, Near Onkyo Showroom, Kasturi Ranga Road, Alwarpet; **Asian College of Journalism:** 2nd Main Road, Taramani; **Avvai Kalai Kazhagam,** 15/9, Somu Chetty 4th Street, Royapuram; **Chamiers Anokhe:** 106 Chamier's Road, R.A. Puram, (diagonally opposite Sheraton Park); **DakshinaChitra:** East Coast Road, Muttukadu. **Don Bosco School,** Casa Major Road, Egmore; **Forum Art Gallery:** 57, 5th Street, Padmanabha Nagar, Adyar. **Hanu Reddy Residences,** Poe's Garden, Teynampet; **Lourdes Shrine:** Paper Mills Road, Perambur; **The Marina:** 39, College Road, Nungambakkam. **Mehta Brothers:** 310, South Mint Street; **Mehtaas,** 22/9, Raja Annamalai Road; **Press Institute of India:** Second Main Road, Taramani, CPT Campus, (behind M.S. Swaminathan Foundation); **Roja Muthiah Research Library:** 3rd Cross Road, Rajiv Gandhi IT Expressway, CPT Campus, Taramani, (opposite Indira Nagar MRTS Station); **SShilpa Architects,** L20, VSI Estate, near SRP Tools Junction (OMR), Tiruvanmiyur; **SPACES,** across from Besant Nagar beach; **Studio Palazzo:** 14, Harrington Road, Chetpet; **Srinivasa Gandhi Nilayam,** Ambujammal Road, close to Alwarpet post office, TTK Road. **Srinivasa Shastri Hall,** Luz Church Road, Mylapore, Chennai. **Vennirul Art Gallery:** CPRAF, Eldam's Road.

A mobile app for Madras Week

As the number of events being held for celebrating the founding of our city keeps increasing, we at *Madras Musings* realise that it becomes difficult for many of you to keep abreast. There may be many events that you may want to be a part of or you may simply want to know of events that are taking place in your neighbourhood. We are therefore launching a mobile app. Developed by **Broadgate Technical Services Pvt Ltd**, the app has been sponsored by **Sundaram Finance Limited**, who have been one of the staunch supporters of all activities connected with heritage in this city.

Titled **Madras Week**, it is a free download from Android stores and app stores. It is compatible with Android and ios phones. So go ahead and remain up to date with Madras Week events using this app.