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NEWSLETTER OF

THE ZOROASTRIAN SOCIETY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Yalda and Christmas

December 21 is the longest night, the winter solstice and from the next day December 22 onwards the day starts to grow longer. According to ancient belief Mithra the Sun was growing up. So the winter solstice was celebrated as the birth of Mithra the Sun God.

It was an ancient Iranian belief which was discarded after the advent of Zarathushtra. Later after the defeat of the Achaemenian Persians in 330 BCE by Alexander, the Greeks reintroduced Mithraism among the Eastern Iranians in order to destroy the scientifically advanced Persian culture, but unwittingly the Roman soldiers and traders fell in love with that ancient belief. They followed it and then took it with them to Europe, and Mithraism was known as the religion of the soldiers and traders in Europe.

It became so deep rooted in the centuries that followed that when Constantine decided to adopt Christianity as the state religion and declare the very person they had crucified centuries ago as their saviour, they had no choice but to integrate the two systems. The birth of the Sun God Mithra became the birth of the Son of God.

As for the Persians they celebrated and recognized the Asha of our solar system as is evident in the Avesta.

'The coming of the season at the proper time of the solar year.' 'Haptan Yasht' Ha-3 'I learn about and I work with the solar year, the righteous period."

Yasna Ha 1.9, Ha 3.11, Ha 4.14 - Visparad Karda 1.4

Nou Rooz the Vernal Equinox, Tirgan the Summer Solstice, the longest day, Mehregan the Autumnal Equinox, and Yalda the Winter Solstice, the longest night. Yalda means the birth but is not a Persian word.

It is unfortunate that we cannot wrap our head around the facts in the Avesta and have three different calendars. At least in North America FEZANA should be bold like the Iranian Anjumans and Mobed Council and adopt the Fasli calendar only. It does not stop us from enjoying traditional festivals of the other calendars. An example is our Gahanbars. Our ancestors who lived in the Arctic had two seasons or Gah's which they celebrated.

Maidhyo-shema Gahanbar- mid summer - the time for harvesting corn. (June 29 to July 3.) (8 to 12 Tir) The middle of the seven month long Arctic summer (Farvardin to Mehr) *and Aya-threm Gahanbar* -beginning of winter - sowing of winter crops – (Oct.12 to Oct 16) Just before the beginning of the five month Artic winter (Aban to Esfand)

When they migrated to the tropics which had four seasons they created four new Gahanbars but did not discard the old festivals. Today it is a proof of where our ancestors came from.

Similarly the festivals of the two out of tune calendars will be a proof of the Zoroastrian Holocaust where the learned were killed and scholars who dared to write had their hands and fingers cut. The result of which was the loss of knowledge about the need for intercalation of the calendar. For more information on the holocaust of the Zarathushtis go to www.ancientiran.com Genocide of the Zarathushtis or click here.

Happy Yalda, Merry Christmas, and a Prosperous 2014

Fariborz Rahnamoon, President

THE CYLINDER OF CYRUS THE GREAT



Fariborz Rahnamoon, President of The Zoroastrian Society of British Columbia [ZSBC] was recognized by the FEZANA UN-NGO committee, for the efforts of his Zarathushti association in Canada for taking a lead in making efforts to create a monument in a public park in the city of Vancouver to raise a monument to peace themed on the iconic symbol of

the Cylinder of Cyrus from Ancient Iran. The city has rules and regulations whereby only original works of art can be provided space in public spaces, and this initiative remains a work in progress for ZSBC. Artists and sculptors interested in helping with their creations are welcome to contact ZSBC.

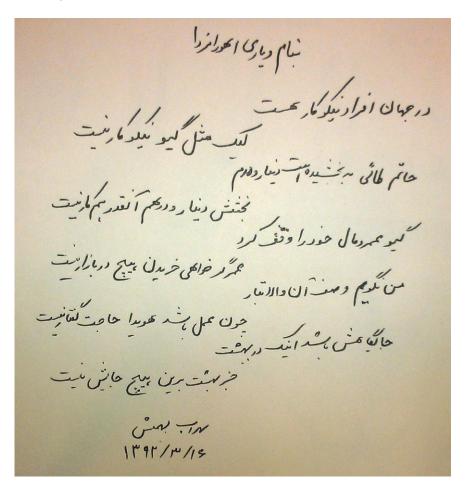


Left to Right:

- ✓ BEHRAM PASTAKIA
- ✓ Co-Chair, FEZANA UN NGO committee
- ✓ **KATAYUN KAPADIA**President FEZANA
- ✓ FARIBORZ RAHNAMOON President ZSBC
- ✓ HOMI D GANDHI
- ✓ Vice President, FEZANA

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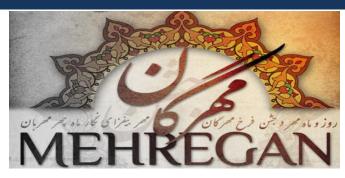
A poem in Farsi for Arbab Rostam Guiv by Mr. Sohrab Behmanesh سروده ای از آقای سهراب بهمنش به زبان فارسی در وصف ارباب رستم گیو



2014 NEW YEAR CELEBRATION



MEHREGAN CELEBRATION



Mehregan, the Winter Solstice, was celebrated on Oct 12 on a Multicultural level. We had advertised in other ethnic newspapers and we had a good response from other ethnic communities who joined more than 200 members of our community at the Royal Palace Banquet Hall in the celebration.

Ms Shirin Kiani was the MC for the night and informed our guests about the programs. Fariborz Rahnamoon, ZSBC's president, had a speech about Mehregan and the reason for celebrating it followed by a short speech by Mobed Tooraj Khodabakhshi about relationship between Zoroastrians and Mehregan in history.

The entertainment started with our Z-study students who had two rounds of dances performed professionally followed by two rounds of dances performed by Kiana and Kimia Ziyafat.

At the end of this section of the program, Kiana and Kimia rewarded our Z-study dancers with gifts and wished them luck in their lives.

Each table had to win their turn at the food line by performing an act like singing or saying a joke. We have below the picture of the group performances of "Chayeh Hame Zartoshti" to win their turn.

DJ group who performed free of charge was also the sponsor of the program and donated 13 gift cards and 3 coupons which were given away as door prizes. Dinner served at 8:30 pm followed by group dancing. There was a contest for choosing a name for DJ. The name has been chosen and the winner will be announced soon.

What a great night it was!





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MEMBERSHIP

PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEES ONLINE ... NOW AVAILABLE!

A concerted effort has been made by the ZSBC Board of Directors to set up a system that will allow members to pay their dues and donations online. If you prefer this method of payment, please visit www.zsbc.org and use your credit card. The ZSBC Board of Directors urges you, your family, and Zarathushti friends to pay the annual membership fees on time. This will enable our Society to better budget projects and to continue to thrive and survive. We thank you in advance for your cooperation and generosity!

MEMBERSHIP FEES (Due date is December 31, 2013):

Family: Husband and wife, including children under 18 Senior (65 years and over) Full time student (18 years and over and not working)

Individuals (18 years and over, even those living with parents)



Our Board of Directors will be available to collect your membership fees. You can pay fees by cash, cheque, or online by credit card. Please feel free to contact any of the Directors, on any issue relating to our Society and/or convey your views.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- 1- Students whose parents are members in good standing can qualify for scholarship
- 2- Children get to learn about their culture and religion & meet and make friends with community children.
- 3- Seniors get to attend programs for seniors.
- 4- Marriage Registration on behalf of the Government of Canada is available to members.
- 5- Event tickets (e.g. Now Rooz and Parsee New Year, etc.) are available to members in good standing at subsidized rates.
- 6- Dare Mehr community hall is available for rental at a very nominal fee to members in good standing.
- 7- Reference letters can be provided to members in good standing and who have become Canadian Citizens to apply for Canadian passport.

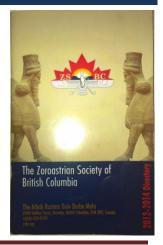
2014-2016 DIRECTORY

As we are going to update the ZSBC Telephone Directory for the period 2014 to 2016, we need your current contact information. So, we request you to click here or visit www.zsbc.org; Resources tab; and open ZSBC Directory Census Form, fill and email or print, and send it to us **BEFORE DEC 31, 2013**.

If you know of a new immigrant or of anyone who is not in the present directory, please advise them to fill in the form, or inform us so we may contact them. Thank you.

No access to internet? No worries. Fill the form on page 8 of this newsletter.





ADVERTISING RATES IN NEWSLETTER

(All advertisements in ZSBC newsletter will be in black and white only)

- > Business card size ad in one issue \$30
- ➤ Quarter page size ad in one issue \$40
- ➤ Half page ad in one issue \$60
- > Full page ad in one issue \$100
- > To sponsor an issue and get recognition: \$300

Your support by advertising in ZSBC newsletter will be highly appreciated.



ZSBC SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDS

ZSBC Directors and members of the Scholarship Committee (Homi Italia, Bella Tata, Fariborz Rahnamoon, Dinaz Mizan and Farrokh Namdaran) extend their hearty congratulations to Arzan Balsara for receiving ZSBC's 2013 Scholarship Awards during Mehregan Celebration on Saturday Oct. 12, 2013. These are given out annually to those students who have completed Grade XII and have not only achieved good marks but also been active in our community and met other criteria laid down by the Committee.



MEHRABAN & PARIDOKHT ZARTOSHTY EDUCATION FUND SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDS

We can be so proud of our youth, who have been studying hard to better their prospects and some of them even working part-time to earn towards their studies. Apart from this, they also do volunteer work. Thank you to all of the youth who have been contributing towards the well-being of our Zarathushti community despite the many scholastic and personal issues you have to handle. We urge all our youth to give some of their time to our community programs here, as it cannot be left to just a few enthusiastic few.

This year's scholarships under the above education fund sponsored by the late

philanthropist Mehraban Zartoshty and his wife Paridokht, were awarded to Mahsa Kabolizadeh and Rozmin Irani.

This scholarship is for those in the second year of their graduate studies and thereafter, while The Zoroastrian Society of British Columbia awards scholarship to those who have completed Grade XII and are going in for the first year of their college, university or technical institution studies. Congratulations to both Mahsa and Rozmin. Members on the Board of this Education Fund are Homa Zartoshty, Bella Tata, Shirin Abadi, Khodadad Lohrasb, Kourosh Mehin, and Fariborz Rahnamoon.

DONATIONS

donate

All donations paid to Arbab Rostam Guiv Trust

to help with Dare Mehr's renovation costs are acknowledgeable by the Arbab Rostam Guiv Trust exclusively. Tax deductible receipts will be issued by the Trust. Please donate generously. With interest rates being very low the Trust has no other source

of income and depends on your donation to keep the Dare Mehr in shape. Donation made toward ZSBC will be acknowledgeable by ZSBC and Tax Deductible receipts will be issued likewise by ZSBC.

New ONLINE option to donate to ZSBC is now available on www.zsbc.org

Donors of this quarter:

Hoshang Shroff \$300; Alayar Dabestani \$200 Keykhosrow Edalati \$50; Rustom Patel \$1,000 Anonymous \$202

And other donors that supported our society with their cash donations

ZSBC ANNUAL SPORTS DAY

ZSBC Annual Sports Day Held At Mahon Park North Vancouver, on Sunday, September 8, 2012.

It was a cloudy day with promises of rain, luckily for us the rain started just when we had finished. The Games began at 11.00 a.m. and went on till 3.00 in the evening when prizes were distributed. All children participants were given gifts courtesy of ZSBC.



See more photos at: http://zsbc.homestead.com

TROPHY WINNERS

Best Athlete 10-14 YRS (Boys) Parsa Khodabakhshi, Shervin Namiranian, Parsa Keshmiri

Best Athlete 10-14 YRS (Girls) Ryka Shahzadi, Raeiti Azarkeyvan, Yasna Javanmardi

Best All Round Athlete Parsa Khodabakhshi

400-meter Adults Roham Behmanesh, Keykhosrow Ashtari, Shahriar Namiranian

Special thanks to:

✓ Mehrdad Keshmiri for being our official photographer

✓ Farhad Iranfar for setting up the tables and delivering lunch and drinks

NEW HORIZON SENIORS PROGRAM







Please refer to the Event page of this newsletter for the exact date. Everybody is welcome to join us.

Under the auspices of the NEW HORIZONS for Seniors Program, we have decided to have the information session to talk about "Financial Abuse and the

ways we can avoid it" every month on Vrahraam Izad day from 6:30 pm to 9 pm

We pair-up seniors with drivers who can bring them to and from Dare Mehr. If you would like to drive seniors, we would like to hear from you. You will be paid \$10 per senior for a return trip. For more information, please contact program coordinator, Mitra Sorooshi (604) 924-9947, e-mail: himitra@hotmail.com.

Being informed about your finances keeps you in control of your money and prevents fraud.

This project is funded in part by the Government of Canada's New Horizons for Seniors Program.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NAVJOTE/SEDREH PUSHI

Cyrus Bharucha, son of Kersasp and Tazeen Bharucha, brother of Zahra, grandson of Rusi & Banoo Bharucha, and Sam & Khursheed Behramfram, on November 10, 2013 at Richmond, BC. Ceremony was performed by Mobeds Ardaviraf Minocher-Homji and Firdos Balsara.



CONDOLENCES

Parvindokht Ziabary, 82 years old, Wife of late Khodayar Kaviani, mother of Mahindokht, Mehrafarin, Mehrangiz, Bozorgmehr, and Azadmehr Kaviani, mother-in-law of Armita Rostami, on Monday, Sept. 16, 2013 in Tehran, Iran.

Faramji Minwalla, 80 years old, Husband of Mani Minwalla; father of Jamshed, Jahingir, Perosha and Mehrin Dastoor; father in law of Tushnamaity Minwalla, Cyrus Dastoor and Stacy; grandfather of Vera, Jazmin, Narius, Aneeta, Daraius, Karen, Justin & Savannah on Thursday, September 19, 2013

Akhtar Khadiv Parsi, 95 years old, sister of Hormozdyar Khadiv Parsi in Vancouver, Mother of Pari Batha (Jamshidi), Mother-in-law of Aspi Batha, Grandmother of Raieti and Kaveh Batha on Monday Oct 7, 2013 in Melbourne, Australia.

Mobed Dinyar Goshtasb Sahzadi, 61 years old, husband of Mahvash Behmardi; father of Delshad and Shiva Shahzadi; brother of Fereidoon (Shahi) Shahzadi, brother-in-law of Shahin Bastanipour; on Friday, Oct. 18, 2013 in Yazd, Iran.

Rati Godrej Bhagat mother of Nevill, Percy and Aban; mother-in-law to Maharukh, Meher and Yazad and grandmother to Burzis & his wife Farzin, Jasper, Arzan & his wife Roxenda, Roneesha and Hufriya on Wednesday, November 27, 2013, in North Vancouver, B.C.

We convey our sincere condolences to the family and friends of the departed. May the departed souls rest in eternal peace.



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DIRECTORY CENSUS FORM

Record of Family members in each household

Title	: Last	name:	First Na	ime:	Middle Name:	
Prof	ession/Place of w	ork (if applicable	e):			
Spot	use's full name as use's Last name: use's profession/s		ear in the next dire Spouse'	•	name:	
Resi	dency address:					
Tele	phone:		Fax:		Email address:	
Depe	endent Children a	and/or other relati	ves living in house	ehold		
#	TITLE	NAME	RELATIONSHIP	AGE	SCHOOL/PROFESSION	

When did you settle in B.C.?

For example:

Mr.

Which City/Country did you come from?

Vancouver, BC

Student, Gr. 9 at King George's school,

Please let us know if there is any voluntary service you can provide to your fellow Zarathushtis or others:

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What are your expectations from ZSBC?

Jamshed

Other comments/suggestions/plans of action, etc (attach a separate sheet, if needed):

Son

Important Notes:

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- 1) Please fill up this form to the best of your ability with information you are comfortable passing on to ZSBC. The Society needs this not only to prepare a new Directory, but to understand the needs of our own community by having an idea of the various age groups, etc.
- 2) Please complete this form as soon as possible, and send it back to ZSBC at the above address, or through a Director/Committee Member
- * We recognize that many married women retain their maiden last name and, therefore, we are asking that their preference be indicated only if their legal last name is not the same as that of their spouse.

Date:



UPCOMING EVENTS

All events are at the Arbab Rostam Guiv Dare Mehr, 6900 Halifax Street, Burnaby, BC unless mentioned otherwise.

DATE		EVENT
Dec. 5, 2013	Thursday	Vrahraum Eezad (Verahram Rooz) / NEW HORIZONS for Seniors Program from 6:30 to 9 pm @ Dare Mehr
Dec. 8, 2013	Sunday	Farsi classes at 10:30 followed by Z-study classes at 11 am
Dec. 21, 2013	Saturday	Yalda Celebration (Winter Solstice) from 7 pm @ Dare Mehr - Potluck
Dec. 22, 2013	Sunday	Farsi classes at 10:30 followed by Z-study classes at 11 am
Dec. 26, 2013	Thursday	Asho-Zarathushtra's celebration of life – from 6 pm to 9 pm @ Dare Mehr
Dec. 31, 2013	Tuesday	2014 New Year Celebration from 7 pm @ Dare Mehr Members: \$15; Non-Members: \$25 Tickets are on sale from Dec 5 th to Dec 20 th . For more information and buying tickets, please call Mitra Sorooshi @ 604-924-9947
Jan. 4, 2014	Saturday	Vrahraum Eezad (Verahram Rooz) / NEW HORIZONS for Seniors Program from 6:30 to 9 pm @ Dare Mehr
Jan. 5, 2014	Sunday	Farsi classes at 10:30 followed by Z-study classes at 11 am
Jan. 12, 2014	Sunday	Morvarid Guiv's celebration of life from 11 am to 1 pm organized by Arbab Rostam Guiv Trust
Jan. 19, 2014	Sunday	Farsi classes at 10:30 followed by Z-study classes at 11 am
Feb. 1, 2014	Saturday	Sadeh celebration (TBA)
Feb. 3, 2014	Monday	Vrahraum Eezad (Verahram Rooz) / NEW HORIZONS for Seniors Program from 6:30 to 9 pm @ Dare Mehr
Feb. 9, 2014	Sunday	Farsi classes at 10:30 followed by Z-study classes at 11 am
Feb. 15, 2014	Saturday	Public Porseh for all departed souls from 2 to 4 pm
Feb. 23, 2014	Sunday	Farsi classes at 10:30 followed by Z-study classes at 11 am
March 5, 2014	Wednesday	Vrahraum Eezad (Verahram Rooz) / NEW HORIZONS for Seniors Program from 6:30 to 9 pm @ Dare Mehr
March 15, 2014	Saturday	Now Rooz Baazar from 11 am to 4 pm @ Dare Mehr
March 22, 2014	Saturday	3752 New Year gathering @ Dare Mehr from 11 am to 2 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS IN PERSIAN



تمام برنامه ها در محل در مهر ارباب رستم گیو واقع در 6900 خیابان هلیفکس شهر برنابی برگزار میشود و در صورت تغییر مکان به اطلاع همگان خواهد رسید.

روید داد	تاريخ
ور هرام ایزد همراه با برنامه سالمندان از 6:30 تا 9 شب در مهر	پنج شنبه 5 دسامبر
كلاسهاى أموزش فارسى ساعت 30:30 بامداد و ديني ساعت 11 بامداد	یک شنبه 8 دسامبر
جشن یلدا طولانی ترین شب سال از ساعت 7 پسین بصورت پات لاک در محل در مهر	شنبه 21 دسامبر
كلاسهاى آموزش فارسى ساعت 30:30 بامداد و ديني ساعت 11 بامداد	یک شنبه 22 دسامبر
سالگرد درگذشت اشوزرتشت اسپنتمان از 6 تا 9 پسین در محل در مهر	پنج شنبه 26 دسامبر
جشن سال نو میلادی 2014 از ساعت 7 پسین در محل در مهر – بهای ورودیه برای اعضا 15 دلار – غیر اعضا 25 دلار. فروش بلیط از پنجم دسامبر تا 20 دسامبر میباشد. برای تهیه بلیط با خانم میترا سروشی شماره 9947-924-604 تماس بگیرید.	سه شنبه 31 دسامبر
ور هرام ایزد همراه با برنامه سالمندان از 6:30 تا 9 شب در مهر	شنبه 4 ژانویه
كلاسهاي آموزش فارسى ساعت 10:30 بامداد و ديني ساعت 11 بامداد	یک شنبه 5 ژانویه
سالروز درگذشت مروارید خانم گیو از 11 بامداد تا 1 پسین. این مراسم توسط تراست ارباب رستم گیو برگزار میشود.	شنبه 11 ژانویه
كلاسهاي أموزش فارسى ساعت 10:30 بامداد و ديني ساعت 11 بامداد	یک شنبه 19 ژانویه
جشن سده (محل و ساعت برگزاری این جشن به اطلاع همگان خواهد رسید)	شنبه 1 فوریه
ور هرام ایزد همراه با برنامه سالمندان از 6:30 تا 9 شب در مهر	دوشنبه 3 فوریه
كلاسهاى أموزش فارسى ساعت 10:30 بامداد و ديني ساعت 11 بامداد	یک شنبه 9 فوریه
پرسه همگانی برای درگذشتگان سال پیش – از 2 تا 4 پسین	شنبه 15 فوریه
كلاسهاى أموزش فارسى ساعت 10:30 بامداد و ديني ساعت 11 بامداد	یک شنبه 23 فوریه
ور هرام ایزد همراه با برنامه سالمندان از 6:30 تا 9 شب در مهر	چهارشنبه 5 مارس
نوروز بازار – 11 بامداد تا 4 پسین در محل در مهر	شنبه 15 مارس
دید و بازدید همگانی به مناسبت سال نو 3752 در محل در مهر از 11 بامداد تا 2 پسین	شنبه 22 مارس

بازارچه نوروزی

انجمن زرتشتیان ونکوور با همکاری اتاق بازرگانی زرتشتیان ونکوور اقدام به برگزاری بازارچه نوروزی مینماید.

زمان: شنبه 15 مارس 2014 از ساعت 11 بامداد تا 4 پسین مکان: در مهر ارباب رستم گیو واقع در 6900 Halifax Street, Burnaby, BC

از کلیه افرادی که تمایل به فروش محصولات خود شامل شیرینی جات خانگی-سمنو- سبزه- کارهای دستی و غیره میباشند و همچنین صاحبان مشاغلی که تمایل به تبلیغ دارند مانند سوپر مارکتها- صنعت چاپ – نمایندگان بیمه و وام – مشاورین مسکن و غیره میتوانند حضور بهم رسانند.

برای این منظور میز هایی مهیاست که قیمت اجاره آنها به شرح زیر میباشد: افراد شخصی: عضو 80\$ - غیر عضو 80\$

صاحبان مشاغل و مغازه داران: عضو 70\$ - غير عضو 120\$

با توجه به محدود بودن میزها خواهشمندیم حداکثر تا 15 فوریه 2014 با ما تماس گرفته و میز خود را رزرو نمایید. ارسال فرم ثبت نام که بپیوست میباشد الزامی است.

آگهی بازارچه نوروزی در روزنامه های محلی نیز بچاپ خواهد رسید. تماس: Zsbc.news@gmail.com



Now Rooz Bazaar

ZSBC in collaboration with WZCC-BC (World Zoroastrians Chamber of Commerce) would like to invite you to participate in the Now Rooz Bazaar.

Date and time: Saturday, March 15th 2014 from 11 AM to 4 PM

Location: Arbab Rostam Guiv Dare Mehr,

6900 Halifax Street, Burnaby, BC

Participant: Whoever want to sell their product especially

Now Rooz related products and also those that

want to advertise their services

The Bazaar is the best place to advertise your business. Realtors, Mortgage and Insurance Brokers and other business owners are all welcome. You can participate by renting a table. Rates are:

Individuals: Members \$30; Non-Members: \$80

Businesses: Members \$70; Non-Members: \$120

For booking and other information please contact us before Feb. 15th, 2014. Sending the attached registration form is mandatory. We will advertise in local Persian newspapers as well. Non-members are also welcome. Contact: Zsbc.news@gmail.com





COMPANY NAME:

CONTACT PERSON:

Address:

Annual Spring and Now Rooz Bazaar

Request for stall rental Saturday, March 15th 2014

Arbab Rostam Guiv Dare Mehr 6900 Halifax Avenue Burnaby, BC V5B 2R5



Due date to send applications is Feb. 15TH 2014

MOBILE: FAX: MAIL: EB ADDRESS: Nature of your business: (You will have the following products/services on display) 1) 2) 3) 4) 5) 6) Participation fee: (Non-refundable) > Individuals: Members \$30; Non-Members: \$80 > Businesses: Members \$70; Non-Members: \$120 The above payment is based upon acceptance of ZSBC and WZCC. This application becomes a contract and is not subject to cancellation except by the consent of both parties. On behalf the above company, I agree to abide by the rules and regulations set out in this contract and conduct all business at the show in accordance to the Occupational Health and Safety Act as outlined by the Ministry of Labour. Please email the completed application to Azita2000ca@gmail.com	Nature of your bu		following product	
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Rules and regulations

- 1) **ZSBC**: The words "ZSBC" as used herein refers to The Zoroastrian Society of British Columbia and its agents.
- 2) Space Rental: The application for exhibit space, when duly signed by the exhibiting firm and ZSBC, shall constitute a valid contract between the parties. If payment is not received within the prescribed time limit, the contract is considered null and void and the space will be reassigned to another applicant. Should any rented space remain unoccupied on the exhibition day, ZSBC reserves the right to rent such space to any other applicant or use it for any other purpose without refund to the original applicant.
- 3) Cancellation of Display Space: Due to the nature of event, there would not be any refund for cancellation.
- 4) Use of Space and Restrictions: The space contracted for is to be used solely by the exhibitor whose name appears on the application, as agreed to by both parties, and only products and/or services of the exhibitor may be exhibited. Any promotion of other products or services is strictly prohibited and will result in ejection from the exhibition without refund or other appeal. Exhibits must be confined to the exact space allocated. ZSBC reserves the right to correct such violations by having the exhibitor alter, remove or rearrange any or all of the display so that it will comply with the regulations or, if the exhibitor is not available, to make such corrections at the exhibitor's expense. ZSBC reserves the right to restrict exhibits which, because of noise, operation of equipment, creation of safety hazards or any other reason, become objectionable or otherwise distract from neighboring exhibits.
- Installation, exhibit hours, and dismantling: Date and hours exhibiting and dismantling will be as specified by ZSBC.
- 6) Materials handling: Exhibitors should have their representatives on hand to supervise unloading and placing of exhibit material. Only ITEMS LISTEN IN THIS CONTRACT MAY BE DISPLAYED OR SOLD AT THE FESTIVAL. EXHIBITORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR REMOVING THEIR GARBAGE AFTER THE EVENT AND COMPLETELY CLEAN THE AREA THEY USED. ZSBC IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOST ITEMS.

- 7) **Fire regulations**: All exhibitors must comply with local fire regulations. The exhibitor assumes full responsibility for ensuring that exhibits meet these standards.
- 8) Damage to Property: Exhibitors are liable for all damage caused by them to the exhibit facility or to other exhibitors' property and shall indemnify the ZSBC. ZSBC, and/or the Official Services Contractor against, and hold them harmless from, any complaints, suits or liabilities resulting from negligence of the exhibitor in connection with the exhibitors use of exhibit space.
- 9) **Care of exhibit area**: Painting, nailing or drilling of floor, walls, or any other part of the building is not permitted.
- 10) Liability and Insurance: Neither ZSBC, nor any of its directors, nor the representatives of the exhibit facility will be responsible for any injury, loss or damage that may occur to the exhibitor, or the exhibitor's employees or property from any cause whatsoever prior, during, or subsequent to the period covered by the exhibit contract. The exhibitor, on signing this contract, expressly releases the foregoing Association, individuals, and firms from, and agrees to indemnify same against, any or all claims for such loss, damage, or injury. Exhibitors desiring to carry insurance on their exhibits will place it at their own expense.
- 11) **Entry to Show**: ZSBC reserves the rights to refuse admission to any visitor, exhibitor, or exhibitor's employee who, in the opinion of ZSBC, is unfit, intoxicated, or in any way creating a disruption of the Show.
- 12) **Entry to Show**: ZSBC reserves the right to assign any and all tables as it best determines
- 13) Sales: Sales of goods would be allowed. (For the RESTAURANTS AND THE BUSINESSES DEALING WITH CONSUMABLE PRODUCTS A TEMPORARY FOOD BOOTH PERMIT IS REQUIRED FROM THE VCH 15 DAYS PRIOR TO THE EVENT). ZSBC WILL TAKE NO RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY IN THE EVENT OF A CITY INSPECTOR PREVENTING A FOOD PROVIDER FROM OPERATION FOR THE REASON OF THESE BUSINESSES FAIL TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE PERMITS OR IMPROPER FOOD HANDLING PRACTICES.

Please take a copy of this contract for your records.

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