

# Sambodh Society, Kalamazoo

Newsletter and Update ~ July 14, 2007

*Namaste, Friends of Sambodh, Devotees of Swami Bodhananda*

## Annual Mahayajna at Sambodh Saturday and Sunday, August 18-19, 2007

This year we will be celebrating the **5th Annual Shri Rudra Mahayajna** Homa and Abhishekam and Chandi Homa. This is a special landmark as we have completed the construction of the Sambodh Society, Inc. headquarters in Kalamazoo, MI. The inauguration of the spiritual center took place on June 9-10, and many of you were able to join the festivities. It is due to many individuals' efforts and donations that we have come



this far in establishing a center for Vedanta and Meditation here in SW Michigan. We are grateful for everyone's support and well wishes. And we will strive to serve humanity as best we can by spreading the message of the India's wisdom tradition found in the *Upanishads, Bhagavad Gita* and *Brahma Sutras*. Please see <http://www.sambodh.com/rudra07.pdf> for more information about our annual yajna. If you would like to volunteer your help for the occasion, please be in touch with Ruth Harring (email: [india-](mailto:india-ink@charter.net)

[ink@charter.net](mailto:ink@charter.net) or (269) 327-3774. or After August 1 (269) 492-0544.

## Guru Purnima and Ganesh Kalasha

**Swami Bodhananda Saraswati** is on his annual tour of America. Having spent one month in Kalamazoo, he is now touring NY, GA and CA, returning to **take residence at the Sambodh center on July 31, 2007**. Traditionally, Guru Purnima takes place on the full moon in July, in honor of Veda Vyasa, compiler of the Vedas. This day is auspicious for all Hindus, and especially for students of Vedanta.

Please join us on **Tuesday, July 31** at the Sambodh Center to **welcome Swamiji and to celebrate Guru Purnima**. Bring flower petals for Archana/flower offerings. If you have a small Ganesh, please bring that as well for the worship.



For those who have participated in the past, and for those who are interested in joining, Swamiji will be collecting and distributing Ganesh Kalash on the occasion of Guru Purnima. **More information** about this event, its meaning and importance, is found on the **attached invitation and description**.

*NOTE: Lord Ganesha, son of Lord Shiva, is the Remover of Obstacles. Kalasha refers to the clay pot in which the offerings, spiritualized with mantra, are given.*



*The photo (top) is of the Maha Rudra, 2006. Photo (above, right) is of Swamiji blessing the Ganesh Kalash as it is received by Alka and Naveen Buddhraja (New Delhi, 2002)*

## **Sambodh Sunday Programs: Click on Titles**

July 15: <http://www.sambodh.com/Emerson07.pdf>

July 22: <http://www.sambodh.com/Cinema7-07.pdf>

July 29: <http://www.sambodh.com/Gita07.pdf>

August 4: <http://www.sambodh.com/Ramayana07.pdf>

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