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GIVE FUNDRAISER

What an excellent opportunity this was for Deepti Designs - a fundraiser and an Art presentation at the Microsoft Redmond Campus as part of their Give program! The informational presentation by Ms. Deepti Agrawal about Madhubani art caught the attendees' attention. The techies at Microsoft were able to apply their learning by working on exquisite wooden bookmarks and coasters. In fact, some of them were drawing and painting for the first time since childhood. Through this event, we were able to generate awareness for Madhubani Art and share the stories of traditional Madhubani artists, their struggles to make ends meet, and how we support them through events and fundraisers like this one. Here is a [link](#) to the reel highlighting this event.



KINDNESS CREW

As part of this year's Microsoft Give Campaign (in which employees offer their time and money towards charitable causes), Ms. Tushar Gupta posted about the Kindness Crew program and encouraged her colleagues to join her in making cards for seniors at the Northshore Senior Center.

Over 20 people signed up and were able to make 130 handmade cards! Deepti Designs is very grateful to Ms. Gupta for stepping up and running the event.



NEW OPPORTUNITY

Bothell Rocks will be hosting a free rock painting event on **Saturday, December 3rd on Main St. in Bothell Downtown**. This will be part of the Bothell Christmas Tree Lighting Event. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity as it will always be busy and a lot of fun. We are looking for **5-6 volunteers** between two slots: **3:00-5:00 PM and 5:00-7:30 PM**. Please reach out to **Ms. Agrawal** if interested.



REDMOND LIGHTS ART INSTALLATION - VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY

The Redmond Lights is a free, fun, month-long celebration of light and art at Downtown Park in Redmond. Deepti Designs has been given the fantastic opportunity to do an art installation at this year's event. Student volunteers will paint a 6-foot-tall structure shaped like a house in traditional Madhubani style. The house shape represents the aboriginal practice of the intricate art form, and how it is still practiced in the villages of Bihar, India.

We need **a few volunteers** - both students and parents are welcome - to paint the project. Please let us know if you are interested. The display will be from **December 1, 2022, through January 4, 2023.**



SHRI WORKSHOP

The Shri Workshop was a two-day workshop on October 29th and 30th featuring renowned artist **Mr. Drdha Vrata Gorrick**. He walked the participants through how to draw Goddess Lakshmi in a seated position using grids and proportions from the Shilpa Shastras, ancient manuals for art and sculpture based on precise proportion. The event was originally in person, but due to high demand and requests from attendees, Ms. Supraja Ganesh from Virginia held and co-hosted an online version.

Around 75 people joined from around the world including Canada, the US, India, Malaysia, Dubai, Germany, Amsterdam, the UK, Australia, Singapore, Egypt, and more!



GOVERNOR'S ARTS AND HERITAGE AWARD

It was an immensely proud moment for our school when our Founder and teacher **Ms. Deepti Agrawal** was presented with the **2022 'Governor's Arts & Heritage Award'**. ArtsWA recognizes inspiring artists all over Washington, highlighting their work. ArtsWA has recognized Ms. Agrawal's work toward promoting awareness and spreading culture through Madhubani Art.

She is the first Indian to receive this award since 1966, when the award was established. We give our congratulations to Ms. Agrawal.



SEATTLE CENTER DIWALI EVENT

Every year, Deepti Designs holds a show at the Seattle Center as part of the "Diwali - Lights of India" program. The turnout this time around was huge, with over **100 art pieces** by **40 students** who each gave presentations on their work. As quoted by Mrs. Nikita Thakalath, "It was a wonderful chance to have the kids experience professional level of group art show along with public speaking. The exhibition was aesthetically done and refreshing visual delight for the eyes and mind."



QUIZ

1. In what shape will our display in the Redmond Lights be in?

- a. A house b. A boat c. A Christmas tree

2. In what year was the Governor's Art and Heritage Award founded?

- a. 1924 b. 1966 c. 1984

3. What are the Shilpa Shastras?

- a. Ancient manuals for art and sculpture b. Ancient instructions for drawing Lakshmi
c. Ancient manuals for drawing specific postures

4. People from how many continents joined the Shri Workshop?

- a. 1 b. 3 c. 5