

# Memorial Celebration in Honor of Ma Bhaskarananda

Sunday, February 28, 2016, 10:00 am

Blue Sky Center at Ananda Ashram, 13 Sapphire Road, Monroe, NY



**Ma Bhaskarananda** – our beloved Ma Bha – was a longtime devotee and student of Ashram Founder and Guru, Shri Brahmananda Sarasvati, and a prominent member of both Ananda Ashram and Brahmananda Ashram in San Francisco. Having received Sannyāsa initiation from Guruji in 1986, she lived a life of dedication and service, teaching Meditation, Yoga-Vedānta philosophy and the Sanskrit language at our Ashrams, at various centers in the U.S. and internationally for many years. She introduced countless people to the beauty of these timeless teachings, continuing to inspire all with her great wisdom, love and compassion. Ma Bha was also very active in the fields of promotion, publications and administration at our Ashrams.

The recent developments came as a shock for everyone. Ma Bha became quite unwell in December of 2015 and was admitted to the hospital on February 1st. She remained in meditation throughout her serious illness whenever possible. Ma Bhaskarananda left her body in the evening of February 12, 2016. Her physical presence is being missed very much, but all those that were privileged to know her feel that her spirit lives on – strong as ever!

The cremation and final ceremony took place on Tuesday, February 16, facilitated by Ananda Ashram and Pandit Ramlall from Queens, New York, a longtime friend of our Guru as well as of Ma Bha, who recited traditional Vedic mantras.

Ma Bhaskarananda Memorial Fund: Those wishing to make a donation in Ma Bha's honor may do so online using the *Donations* page on the Ashram website, or by check made out to Ananda Ashram with the memo "Ma Bha Memorial Fund." Contributions will be used to rebuild the bridge to the island in the lake, which traditionally served to host many special ceremonies and celebrations, including the original dedication fire ceremony for the Ashram in 1964. Additional funds may be designated toward a new teacher's apartment.

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Program in Blue Sky Center – Overview

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Welcome & Opening Remarks by

KiranaVali Carol Rollinger, President, Yoga Society of New York

~ *Program Facilitators: Kamala Kanta Scott Moss & Nomi Bachar*

~ *Ambient Flute Music: Andrea Brachfeld*

Chanting of Sanskrit verses led by Bharati Devi, with translation

Address by Mark Marshall

*The following program items are in no fixed order.*

Musical Contributions by Ashram members, including:

Alex Dupre, Laura Cohen, Jeremy Kaplan, Suratha John Sniado, Tejas Monteverdi

Spoken Tributes and Readings by various friends, including Purnima Dillsaver

Audio/Video Clips of Ma Bhaskarananda

Devotional Singing by Krishna Devi, Kamala Netram

Reading of Selected Messages and Tributes from friends and devotees

Sharing and Testimonials by those present

Concluding Remarks

12:30pm Special Lunch in Dining Hall