

Editor's Column

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 2014 issue of Agamani Magazine, brought to you by the Bengali Association of Greater Nashville, on the occasion of the celebration of the 2014 Durga Puja at Sri Ganesha Temple. Production of this magazine began several months before Puja and is the result of contributions from many people. Within the magazine, you will find literary and artistic works by talented people of various ages. It's good to see that senior members of BAGN continue to contribute and that parents encourage their children to participate and share their works with us. As well, I'm glad to hear that the BAGN Youth Forum is becoming more involved with community activities and with this publication. They have sent me many puzzles and games that have been included in the magazine so that kids can learn about our culture and traditions while also having fun. Without their additions the magazine would be incomplete.

I would like to give special thanks to Prodipto Mitra for providing this year's Agamani cover page Ma Durga photo, Rekha Pattanayek for providing scenic backdrops of Alaska for the front and back covers, and to Debajyoti Biswas for his Ma Durga photo for this year's Durga Puja invitation, and finally to Sabuj Pattanayek for creating the cover page and invitation collages.

I would also like to thank the publication sub-committee for proof-reading, checking, and giving me suggestions for the magazine. Last but not least, Manik Paul for his fund-raising efforts through advertisements, greetings, and other sponsors in Agamani.

I hope you enjoy reading the magazine and will consider contributing something of your own for next year's publication. I wish you all a Happy Durga Puja 2014!

Sincerely,
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2014 BAGN Publication Coordinator

