

THE NEK CHAND FOUNDATION

A NON-PROFIT ORGANISATION FOR THE COMPLETION, PRESERVATION & AWARENESS
OF THE ROCK GARDEN, CHANDIGARH

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Dear Seymour,

First of all, I would like to say how pleased the other Trustees and myself are that you have accepted our invitation to be an advisor to the Foundation. We look forward to a long and productive working relationship.

We have spent the last few months getting set-up. I am pleased to announce that in December, the Charity Commission gave us verbal approval for Charitable Status and we can now operate with the confidence that all is in order. We should receive our registration number later this month.

Other things that are underway -

Just before Christmas, we received our brochure from the printers. Copies of the brochure have just gone out with the Winter issue of Raw Vision. I enclose a few copies for you, please let me know if you require more.

Sanford L. Smith and Associates, the organisers of The Eighth Annual Outsider Art Fair, which will be held in New York January 22-25th, have allocated the Foundation a free desk at the fair. Phyllis Kind of Phyllis Kind Gallery, who is one of our Advisors, will bring a couple of Nek Chand's sculptures to adorn our space. John Maizels will be presenting a talk on the Rock Garden and the work of Nek Chand as part of the Museum of American Folk Art Symposium, Uncommon Artists VI at New York University on Saturday, the 24th. I will get up and discuss the Foundation at the end of John's talk.

Raw Vision magazine has regularly placed articles and news items in their issues. They also inserted our fundraising brochure in their latest issue. I am very grateful that we have been given this coverage.

APNA Arts has printed a 1998 calendar featuring Nek Chand's work as well as the work created by British Asian artists who took part in their workshop with Nek Chand. APNA are the Asian Arts Organisation, based in Nottingham which organised the traveling exhibition in Britain of Nek Chand's work this last summer. Proceeds from the sale of the calendar will go to The Nek Chand Foundation.

We will begin our series of fundraising evenings at my home in London in the Spring. Cobra Lager have offered to supply free lager. The original plan to hold our first one in December was a bit over-optimistic as to how long it would take to have everything ready.

I made a fact-finding trip to Delhi and Chandigarh in August. I held meetings in Chandigarh with the Union Territories Government under whose jurisdiction the Rock Garden lies. They were very positive about our formation.. They also made many wonderful promises, one being to start a sister Society / Trust in Chandigarh with Nek Chand becoming life-long head. Other promises were far more radical, and I am sure long negotiations will be necessary before they will actually be realised. At present, things seem to be moving very slowly. The Indian Government has dissolved and until the elections in a couple of months, it is unlikely that we will see much action.

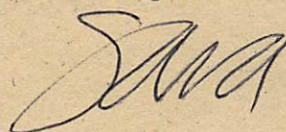
However just before Christmas, John, Maggie and I held a strategy meeting with Bikram Grewal who was over from Delhi. We decided to apply for Charitable Status in India to set up our own Indian branch of The Nek Chand Foundation in Delhi this month. Bikram very kindly has offered to organise this for as well as the use of his staff and office space in Delhi.

We plan to set up artists and students spending time living simply within the grounds of the Rock Garden while working to help with restoration. We also want to organise occasional trips to the Rock Garden for fans of Outsider and Folk Art. All going well, we hope the first to take place in the Spring of 1999.

I would appreciate your sending me a list of names, addresses and telephone numbers of anyone whom you think might be a potential donor or just willing to help with anything from administration to serving drinks.

Please keep in touch and again, many thanks.

Kind regards,



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I may be in LA from 6-8th Feb. (or around those dates). I would love to meet up then. Are you around then? I will post more brochures from NY. How many do you want?