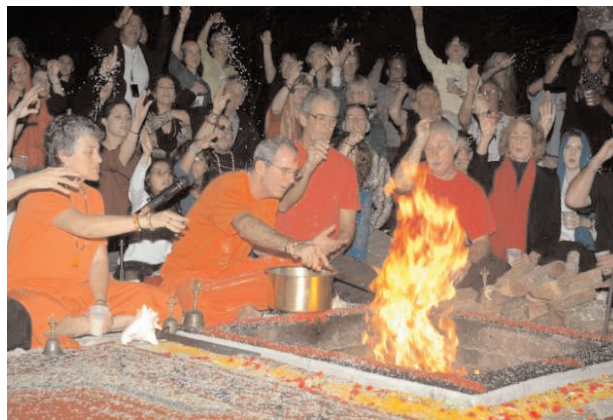


Kashi School of Yoga



FIRE PUJAS AT KASHI, 2009



Shiva Ratri
February 21, 6 pm

Hanuman Jayanti
April 11, 6 pm

Ma Jaya's Birthday
May 23, 6 pm

**Neem Karoli Baba's
Mahasamadhi**
September 12, 6 pm

KaliPuja
September 17 & 18,
6 pm

Laxmi Puja
September 19 & 24,
6 pm

Saraswati Puja
September 25, 6 pm

Durga Puja
September 26, 6 pm

**New Year's
Celebration**
December 31,
10.30 pm

Fire puja, or hawan, is an ancient Hindu ceremony used for purification and cleansing. At Kashi we have fire pujas for many occasions, often in celebration of a holy person's birthday or to honor a particular god or goddess. The ceremonies are full of rich symbology, color and sound.

The fire pit, or dhuni, is beautifully decorated with colored sand for each puja. A pujari performs the puja, along with 3 or 4 assistants. During the ritual, the pujari offers a ladle of ghee, or clarified butter, and pours it on the fire, reciting one of the 108 names of the Mother. Everyone then throws in a handful of seeds as an offering, chanting *Swaha*, meaning "may it be so". Thus we are able to throw away that which we no longer need.

Cost to attend a fire puja is \$25
Let us know if you would like to be a special sponsor
for one of the pujas for \$1008
Appropriate attire requested
(sleeved shirts and long pants or skirts/dress)