



Auroville :the city the earth needs

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Residents of Experimental Township Will Give Talk in Lodi

Lodi, California – At 3:30 on Saturday, September 18 in the Auromere Book showroom at 25 South Stockton Street, Guy Ryckaert and Ruth Elisabeth Hauser will give an informal talk on the growth and development of Auroville.

Guy and Ruth are residents of Auroville, an international township based on the spiritual philosophy of Sri Aurobindo, dedicated to international understanding, and human unity, a cornerstone of the charter of Auroville. Auroville was founded in 1968 near the city of Pondicherry, India. The project has been endorsed by several unanimous resolutions of UNESCO as well as the government of India.

Today, Auroville is an expanding community of about 1,500 people from some 30 countries around the world. It has become a veritable "laboratory for a sustainable planet," with residents doing pioneering work in wasteland reclamation, soil and water conservation, reforestation work, organic farming. Their work has been instrumental in reintroducing sustainable agriculture throughout the bioregion and has established Auroville as a major testing ground for renewable energy sources.

Auroville also runs nurseries, kindergartens, and schools for the children of the nearby villages. The talk will include ways that we can participate in this historical project which is presently endangered by uncontrolled land speculation and development.

The talk in Lodi is part of a USA tour, culminating on September 22, when Guy and Ruth will speak at the 11th Annual International Conference of the Society for Ecological Restoration, at the Presidio in San Francisco, a global conference hosted by SER and Earth Island Institute which runs from September 23 through 25.

There are several other engagements in the Bay area this month, including a benefit concert of Indian classical music on Sunday evening, September 19 in Fremont. Everyone is welcome.

For more information on these and the other events, please call Vishnu Eschner at 209-339-3710 Ext. 3, or the Auroville International office at 831-425-5620.

Images of Auroville in publishable format are available.

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Calendar of Local Events and Talks on Auroville

Saturday, September 11th: Talk and presentation by Guy and Ruth. Indo-American Community Service Center, 3065 Democracy Way, Santa Clara, CA 95054 408-748-1771 **11:15am to 1:00pm**, Lunch provided by Friends of Auroville. **Contact:** Bhavi Saklecha <bhavis@ix.netcom.com> 510-770-1111.

Sunday, September 12th: Talk and presentation by Guy and Ruth. Youth Center Vedic Dharma Samaj 3676 Delaware Dr., Fremont, CA; 510-659-0655 **1:00pm to 2:00pm**. **Contact:** Chandresh <cpatel@caesium.com> 408 998 3249; Mohanti Babu <dmohanty@dot.ca.gov>

Saturday, September 18th: Talk and presentation by Guy and Ruth at 25 South Stockton St., Lodi, CA. **3:30pm**. **Contact:** Vishubhai <vishnu@lodinet.net> 209-339-3710 ext 3.

Sunday, September 19th: Fundraising concert of Indian music by musicians Praveen Chaddha and Dharitri Patel along with Auroville Presentation. Weibel Elementary School Auditorium, 45135 S. Grimmer Blvd., Fremont, CA 94539. **5:00pm. Concert**
Coordinators: Vishnubhai <vishnu@lodinet.net> 209-339-3710 ext 3, Dharitri Patel <lucyptl@aol.com> 510-661-0669.

Wednesday, September 22: Auroville and Ecology Talk by Guy and Ruth, Palace Of Fine Arts, San Francisco **4:15pm to 5:00pm**. **Contact:** Aurotaranti <info@aviusa.org> 831-425-5620 June Maher 831-688-4173