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Following up from the last email on Aug 14, here is another update on whats going on in town. But before that a short story to read.

**"Life Is Baeutiful" -- by singlestep,**

Do you remember the name of your kindergarden teacher? I do, mine. Her name was Mrs White. And I remember thinking she must be some older relation of Walt Disney's Snow White, because she had the same bright blue eyes, short dark hair, red lips and fair skin.

I don't remember much about what we learned in her class, but my mother once told me that we used to write a lot. And I would bring back what I wrote and she would look at it and see there were so many mistakes. But no red corrections. And always a star. Sometimes even a Good! scrawled in that would make my heart soar with happiness. But it worried my mother, so one day when she went in to meet Mrs White for one of those Parent-Teacher meetings, she asked her why she never corrected my mistakes. Why she never red-pencilled in the right spellings of words or pointed out grammatical errors.

And my mother says Mrs White said-The children are just beginning to get excited about using words, about forming sentences. I don't want to dampen that enthusiasm with red ink. Spelling and grammar can wait. The wonder of words won't... And maybe she didn't say it Exactly like that. It was a long time ago. And what my mother gave me was the gist of what she could remember. The rest I added in. Because I grew up learning to use words with loving confidence like that.

And it occurs to me that if Mrs White had used her red pen more precisely I probably wouldn't be telling you about this now. Which is kind of obvious but also kind of not. I look back now and think she must have been a rather extraordinary teacher- to exercise such red-pen-restraint. To allow the joy, wonder and excitement of expression flower- however faultily- like that. Because to bloom is better than not to bloom. And a bud once nipped never opens. May we all be so kind...

I used to misspell beautiful a lot. Never could quite remember that the e went before the a. It exasperated my teacher in high school no end. If I was going to employ the word with such lavishness she figured the least I could do was spell it right. Eventually the e's and a's settled into their right places of their own accord. Am glad I didn't wait on them though. Pretty is easier to spell but it doesn't hold as much as you mean sometimes.

And thanks to Mrs White I had no qualms about writing what I meant even if couldn't quite spell it out. Because Life isn't Pretty. It's Baeutiful.

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With Eid, Durga Puja & Diwali just days and weeks away - **HAPPY SHOPPING.**

SILK ROOT is Launching the Avante-Garde of the Indian Fashion Movement

Tuesday September 1, 2015, 10:30am - 6:00pm.

Four Seasons Hotel, 190 Orchard Boulevard

<https://www.facebook.com/events/837157453072258/>

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VMall's Pre-Festive BAZAAR on Wednesday 2nd September 2015, from 10am-6pm

CRYSTAL BALLROOM, Holiday Inn Orchard

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/vmallbazaars/?fref=nf>

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Indulge yourself in a day or Royal Decadence

Jewels and Fabulous Ensembles

Wednesday 2nd Sept, 10.30 to 8.00pm

8 Dunbar Walk, Singapore 459281

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"The Boutique" at YANTRA, Tanglin Mall

Thursday 3rd Sept, 10.30am to 6.30pm

Entry fee \$20 including a delicious lunch buffet

<https://www.facebook.com/theboutiquesingapore?fref=ts>

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DIVAlicious brings over 60 fashion designers including MASABA  
Friday 4th Sept, 9am to 10pm  
Hotel Fairmont, Stamford Ballroom Level 4, 80 Bras Basah Road  
Saturday 9am to 2pm.  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/475027222660005/>

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Showcase of Chikanwork creations from ALANKRIT, Lucknow!  
Sept 4th Friday & 5th Sat.  
At The Colonial @ Scotts,  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/949070341820476/>

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KEEP WILDLIFE WILD Benefit Quiz  
Join us for a lively evening of quizzing in support of Wildlife SOS  
5th Sep, 5-7pm, BLUE BALI, 1D Cluny Road, SG 259600  
\$50 per head Includes High Tea & Wildlife Art Exhibition  
Alpana Ahuja [98137773](https://www.facebook.com/98137773) BRIDGEABLE ([bridgeable.com.sg](http://bridgeable.com.sg))

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PRE-PUJA SALE Durga Puja is just around the corner. The excitement is in the air, so are the spirits for the pre-festive build up. To provide the impetus to shopaholics and their fashionable choices for the ensuing Puja, BAS is delighted to organize a Pre-Durga Puja Mela, offering a myriad mix of saris with matching jewellery and accessories under the platform of "Bongo - Rongo By the Bay", a gateway to 'Anything & Everything to do with your Puja shopping wish list'. Of course there will be a counter for food also.  
Sunday 6th Sep, 12 noon to 7 pm  
Marina Room, Costa Rhu Condo, Tanjong Rhu Road

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Presenting a mix of Fun & Fabulous Designers from India & Pakistan by Maniza.  
Showcasing Nida Awzer, Sanya Maskatiya, Gulabo, Sadaf Malaterre, Shamaeel Ansari, Wardha Saleem & many many more. Come MEET some of the designers in person.  
Monday 7th Sep 2015, 10am to 6pm  
The Ballroom, Pan Pacific Orchard, Next to Jason's Supermarket  
10 Claymore Road, Singapore 229590

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SAVE THE DATE WITH MELANGE by Samia ON SEPTEMBER 8TH  
Featuring the Latest Luxury Pret collection by some of the leading Indian and Pakistani designers, personal and lifestyle accessories...  
Indian Designer Showcase: Manish Arora, Studio Petticoat, Arpan Vohra, Aneekha, Pratima Gaurav  
Pakistan Designer Showcase: Honey Waqar, Sania Maskatiya, Nida Shay, Mina Hasan  
[https://www.facebook.com/events/853093448107238/?ref=98&action\\_history=null](https://www.facebook.com/events/853093448107238/?ref=98&action_history=null)

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Diwali Dazzle - All the items you need for your Diwali Celebrations  
9th September, 10am to 7pm by Fairs & Bazaars, Chumkie  
Pan Pacific Orchard Hotel, Level 3 Ballroom

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ARPITA MEHTA, & 40 other Designers  
NUMAISH Festive Fair on 10th & 11th September 2015, (11th is a holiday)  
at Holiday Inn Singapore Orchard City Centre.  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/370766086450079/>

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Resham Melwani presents  
KAJ Fine Jewellery & Cherie D Ready to Wear Collections  
Friday Sep 11, 10am to 8pm  
Four Seasons Hotel Singapore, Grange Room, 6th Floor,  
190 Orchard Boulevard

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ARTIZEN's Mura exhibition showcasing the Shibori ( Japanese tie and dye) on Indian weaves) exhibition on Sept 15th at the Colonial@scotts ( 10am- 8pm).

Kusum Tiwari will be giving a talk on the Shibori technique from 10-11am ( register for the talk by emailing:- artizenintl@ [gmail.com](mailto:artizenintl@gmail.com) to secure a place - \$20/ registration) Followed by special preview for talk attendees from 11.30-12.30am.

Exhibition is open to public FROM 12.30pm onwards till 8pm.

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Style is the way to say "Who you are ! " without having to speak.

Stylish, modish and fashionably elegant collection - Nachiket Barve, Devnaagri, Nayyab, Gracia, Only @ Fashion Extravaganza - Festive Soiree!

@ Fullerton Hotel Singapore on 16th September 2015!

All Divas are invited !!!!!

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Colors of Indus .. The only Pakistani Fair in Singapore  
The Winning combination of Best Products & Best Prices.  
17th September 10am to 6pm, Level 5 Phoenix Ballroom  
Novotel Hotel, River Valley Road.

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Neety Singh's Classic & Vintage fine Jewellery  
9 Tanjong Rhu, Waterside #16-03, Singapore 436894  
17 Sep 10am to 6pm, 18 Sep 11am - 2pm.

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IWA bazaar @The Grand Ballroom, Orchard Hotel  
21st Sep

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Singapore International Indian Shopping Festival 2015  
@ Suntec Singapore Convention & Exhibition Centre Hall 403 & 404  
24-27 Sep. 10am to 10pm  
[www.siisfest.com](http://www.siisfest.com)

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24 Sep - An Affordable Festive Sale - @JINDERS

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Roopa Vohra Fine Jewelry on 24th & 25th Sep  
Bencoolen Hall, Tanglin Hotel, Singapore

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Singapore Gujarati Ladies Wing presents the Annual Bazaar  
@ Singapore Swimming club, on 27th Sep, 11am to 6pm  
Promoting Entrepreneurship among women within our community

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Jaipore Jewels By Ritu Aurora presents festive collection of traditional and High fashion jewellery 6-7 Oct from 12-8pm  
@99 Meyer Road, The Sovereign, 07-01

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The Singapore NRI BUZZ will host its DIWALI BUZZAR  
Holiday Inn, Orchard Road, 14th October

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When we have a choice, let's choose the best.  
But when we have no choice, let's do our best.

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JANMASHTAMI -

Singapore Gujarati Society has JAAGRAN - 5th Sep Saturday 8.30pm onwards at the Sengapa Vinayagar Temple, 19 Ceylon Road.

Singers/Performances/Radha-Krishna Competition.

Please register online [www.sgs.org.sg](http://www.sgs.org.sg)  
AND earnestly requested to make your contributions too.

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"KRISHNA KRISHNA" A cultural Dance Drama  
Saturday 5th Sep. 6 - 10pm  
@Kallang Theatre Auditorium  
Tickets \$10 each inclusive of dinner from Sindhu House, Lucky Store, Ramesh Travels

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GITA GYAN - 9 to 11 September  
Dinner 6-7pm, Discourse 7 to 9.30pm  
Sri Senpaga Vinayagar Temple, 19 Ceylon Road, Singapore  
Shree Dwarkeshlalji MaharajShree  
Info & Contributions, Naresh [90882061](tel:90882061).

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SG50 by Siglap South NC2 presents movie screening - 7 LETTERS  
An anthology of 7 short films by 7 Singapore Filmmakers.  
Sunda 6 Sept, 4 - 6PM @ GV Suntec City  
Find out more at [7letters.sg](http://7letters.sg)  
Subsidised Tickets @\$10 including popcorn & coke from Siglap CC 6 Palm Road  
or call Ms Zalikha [62411925](tel:62411925)

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If you want to be sad - live in the past;  
If you want to be anxious - live in the future;  
If you want to be peaceful - live in the now.