



Celebrate the culture of India, past and present



EEI Celebrate India program

Cultural learning workshops for youth and adults

EEI *Creative Fall* workshops

*Create beautiful decorations to
fill your home with cheer,
Enjoy the Indian mythological stories
that you will hear.
Mouthwatering festival foods you will learn,
Reveling in traditions and celebrations,
at every turn.
Learn folk dances and songs
you can sing from your heart,
With friends and family,
in festivities you can take part.
As autumn's warm reds and sunny golds
spread out before you,
You'll follow the path of cultural exploration
EEI-style, it is true!*



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DIWALI FESTIVAL:



Diwali, also known as “Festival of Lights” is going to be celebrated by over 900 million people worldwide and by about 3 million in the USA on October 26, 2011. Diwali is an important festival celebrated by people who follow the Hindu, Sikh, Jain and Buddhists religions. The month long festival culminating in Diwali is celebrated in many different ways and revolves around many religious and social activities.

EEI workshops will focus on introducing the rich culture of India seen during this special festival season and how the traditions observed are connected with many such festivals celebrated around the world.

Each EEI festival workshop will include the following:

- Exhibition on Diwali and an inter-active informational session
- One hands-on activity that can be chosen from the list given below

EEI will set up an exhibit for participants with an inter-active story session to understand the legends, historical events, customs and traditions connected with the festival. The hands-on activities will involve creating festival decorations, cooking special foods or learning traditional dances associated with the celebration.

Diwali Workshop Activity Description

Beautiful Toran! – an arts and crafts workshop

Use beautiful decorations from India, special fabrics, jewels, laces and more, Learn to draw traditional motifs, special symbols, and enjoy listening to folk lore. Create an inviting welcome banner; decorate your entrance door this holiday, Surprise your friends and family; make them feel special by your amazing display!

Diya dance – a dance and music workshop

Light removes darkness, light leads our way, light brings sunshine after a rainy day, Revered by man in many a way; without light there would be no world as they say! Lamps in hand dancers move gracefully; their rhythm gently making the lights sway, Learn this special dance from India; bright lights shimmering create a dazzling display!

Pineapple Chenna – a cooking workshop

Indian deserts are no doubt a treat - they're easy to make and delicious to eat, Learn to fix this special dish with pineapples a tropical fruit so tangy and sweet, Filled with fresh cottage cheese flavored with saffron; a truly unique festival treat, Now you can serve a healthy desert and impress your friends with your culinary feat!



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OTHER EXCITING WORKSHOPS TO CELEBRATE DIWALI FESTIVAL:

- **Festival Decorations** – A preschool workshop in which children can enjoy making hand-made decorations like posters, greeting cards, lamps, streamers and more to make this holiday extra special for their families.
- **Raas Garba** – Enjoy the folk traditions from the state of Gujarat in this fun and festive workshop. Wear beautiful Indian costumes, twirl the dandiya, and enjoy the rhythmic clapping as you learn the raas-garba dance!
- **Rich Tapestries of India** - Learn about the breathtaking tapestries that have made India famous all over the world; design and make a rich and colorful wall hanging using Indian fabrics and decorations to brighten your home this holiday season.
- **Festival Rangoli** - Make special rangoli designs to decorate your floors; the holiday music we assure will set a festive tone. The beautiful lamp, lotus and traditional designs you create will make the festival momentous and magical for all who visit.
- **Mehndi** - No festival is complete without mehndi that reminds you of faraway lands. So join us in this workshop and get some traditional henna designs applied on your hands – a beautiful reminder of a country so grand!



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CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAY SEASON WITH EEI

Delicious Corn Masala! – cooking workshop

Use delicious-tasting corn and other fresh fall vegetables to make this special treat, Then surprise your guests with this colorful and festive dish; indeed, a culinary feat! A sweet and spicy tasting corn cup that young and old will enjoy with equal zest, Make this flavorful fusion dish; an exceptional blend of America and India at its best!

Our Beautiful World! – an arts and crafts workshop

Trees and flowers, birds and animals, the magnificent nature; a world full of wonder Men fascinated by the glory and force of nature; sunshine, rain, lightning and thunder! Capture life; learn to draw like the imaginative artists from Worli's tribal community, Wall murals reminding us that we have much to be thankful for and to hope for unity.

Glittering Ornaments! – an arts and crafts workshop

Beautiful candles, the fragrance of pine; holiday spirit that greets all with delight, Capture the magic of faraway lands; create this winter a truly splendid sight. Make this beautiful ornament inspired by India's art to hang in your home tonight, Cherish your heritage; see how ideas travel connecting us all with their might!

Call EEI to find out more about cultural learning workshops offered on holidays celebrated around the world!



Worli Art from India

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