

Sacred Art Tour

June 5 - 10, 2018

Opening Ceremony: Experience a symbolic walk through our peace garden and into the Museum's main gallery led by the monks of the Drepung Gomang Monastery. The monks will perform a blessing of the space with chanting and traditional instruments. Once completed, they will begin marking and measuring the mandala.

Tuesday, June 5 at 1pm.

Mandala Construction: The monks will create a sand mandala for the Buddha of healing: *Bhaisajyaguru*. The purpose of the construction of this mandala and to recite the mantra of the Medicine Buddha is to overcome mental, physical and spiritual sickness and to encourage healing.

Daily, 10am - closing.

Meditation and Dharma Hour: Spend time alongside the monks and the mandala in silent meditation, then soak in the wisdom of a dharma talk where you will learn about the universal truth that all monks live by. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday at 12 noon.

Mani Stone Workshop: Under the guidance of the monks, you will paint your own prayer stone known as a *mani doh*, or mani stone. These prayer stones are a physical representation of positive conditions such as long life, health and success.

Tuesday, June 5 & Friday, June 8 at 4pm

Butter Sculpture: Traditionally, Tibetan monks created elaborate sculptures of plants and animals inspired by stories of Buddha using butter from yak milk. Under the instruction of the monks, you will learn how to create beautiful, colorful flowers using non-toxic Play-Doh ... much cleaner and easier to work with than yak butter.

Wednesday, June 6 & Saturday, June 9 at 3pm

Cultural Pageant Spectacular: Experience fascinating ancient Tibetan cultural traditions such as monastic debate, chants, Tibetan musical instruments and rituals of dance including the snow lion dance, yak dance and good luck dance.

Saturday, June 9 at 1pm.

Celebration of Community: Guests are invited to come together for a peace filled, uplifting evening of interfaith, spiritual dialogues that will explore various cultural beliefs for love and hope. Guests will hear from inspirational panelists who will bring about awareness, understanding and unity. Light refreshments and beverages.

Complimentary admission. Thursday, June 7 at 7pm.

Lunch and Dinner: Don't miss this once in a lifetime cultural culinary experience! Observe the preparation of an authentic, traditional Tibetan meal and share it with the monks of the Drepung Gomang Monastery. *Momos* (dumplings) are a treat you won't soon forget!

Farewell Dinner: We will bid our friends farewell and treat them with a delicious catered meal on Saturday evening. The mood will be light and friendly.

Lunch - Wednesday, June 6 at 12:30pm

Dinner - Friday, June 8 at 7:00pm

Farewell Dinner - Saturday, June 9 at 7:00pm

Dissolution Ceremony: An unforgettable experience! After spending countless hours laying millions of grains of sand into an intricate mandala, The monks will destroy it, sweeping the grains together in a sacred ceremony. After the dissolution, the blessed sand will be distributed among the attendees. The remaining sand will be poured into the water behind the Museum so the blessings will be carried with the flowing water.

Sunday, June 10 at 1pm.

The Drepung Gomang monks travel worldwide to share their art and culture through the Sacred Art Tour. This tour promotes Tibetan culture and supports their monastery in India. Funds raised through this tour supplement housing, meals, and educational materials for anyone wishing to study at this monastic center of higher learning including orphans and refugees fleeing occupied Tibet. Experience ancient Tibetan cultural rituals of dance, sacred chants and prayer as well as the renowned sand mandala construction and deconstruction ceremony.

Hours - Daily 10am- 6pm

General Admission

Adults 18+ \$ 10

Children 5-17 \$ 6

Children under 5 Free

Member Admission

Adults 18+ \$ 5

Children 5-17 \$ 1

Children under 5 Free

Workshops

General - \$ 15

Member - \$ 10

Children - \$ 5

includes admission
(limited to 20 guests
pre-registration required)

Culinary experiences

must be purchased

in advance.

Lunch \$ 25

Dinner \$ 50



2855A Coral Springs Drive
Coral Springs, Florida 33065
954-340-5000 coral Springsmuseum.org

Schedule at a Glance

Tuesday, June 5

- 10:00 a.m. Opening Ceremony
- 10:30 a.m. Mapping of Mandala
- 12:00 p.m. Meditation and Dharma Hour
- 4:00 p.m. Mani Stone Workshop
- 5:30 p.m. Evening Chanting

Wednesday, June 6

- 10:00 a.m. Morning Chanting & Mandala
- 12:00 p.m. Meditation and Dharma Hour
- 12:30 p.m. Tibetan Lunch prepared with the Monks
- 2:30 p.m. Tibetan Butter Sculpture Workshop
- 5:30 p.m. Evening Chanting

Thursday, June 7

- 10:00 a.m. Morning Chanting & Mandala
- 12:00 p.m. Meditation and Dharma Hour
- 5:30 p.m. Evening Chanting
- 7:00 p.m. Celebration of Community

Friday, June 8

- 10:00 a.m. Morning Chanting & Mandala
- 12:00 p.m. Meditation and Dharma Hour
- 4:00 p.m. Mani Stone Workshop
- 5:30 p.m. Evening Chanting
- 7:00 p.m. Authentic Tibetan Cooking and Dinner

Saturday, June 9

- 10:00 a.m. Morning Chanting & Mandala
- 1:00 p.m. Tibetan Cultural Pageant Spectacular
- 3:00 p.m. Butter Sculpture Workshop
- 5:30 p.m. Evening Chanting
- 7:00 p.m. Catered Farewell Dinner for the Monks

Sunday, June 10

- 10:00 a.m. Morning Chanting & Mandala
- 11:00 a.m. Mani Stone Workshop
- 1:00 p.m. Dissolution Ceremony



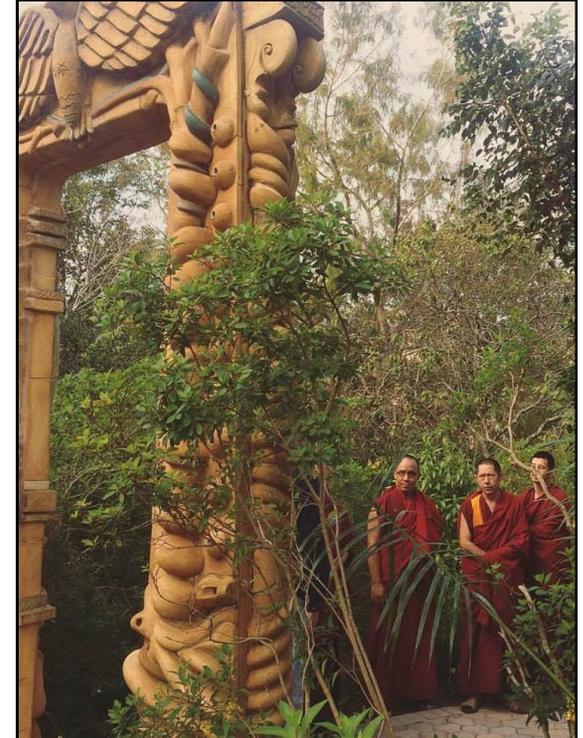
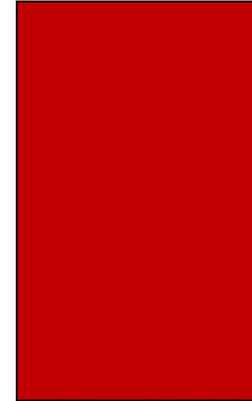
What is the Sacred Art Tour about? An important part of the mission for the Sacred Arts Tour is to bring awareness to the ongoing plight of Tibetans after 50 years of occupation. They are also here to raise donations to help support their way of life at the Monastery. They bring teachings of ancient ways and beliefs that do, even now, create the possibility of global peace, non-violent conflict resolution, compassion and wisdom.

What is a sand mandala? Creation of a sand mandala is an ancient ritual that predates even Buddha. The Tibetans in particular have developed this tradition into a beautiful spiritual experience. Not so long ago this type of ceremony was done in complete secrecy at the Monasteries by only the holiest of monks. Mandalas constructed from sand are unique to Tibetan Buddhism and are believed to effect purification and healing. Typically, a great teacher chooses the specific mandala to be created. Monks then begin construction of the sand mandala by consecrating the site with sacred chants and music. Next, they make a detailed drawing from memory. Over a number of days, they fill in the design with millions of grains of colored sand.

Why is the Mandala destroyed? Upon its completion the mandala is blessed in ceremony, and destroyed. The underlying message of the mandala ceremony is that nothing is permanent. All things are in flux, it says, beautiful but ephemeral, moving but temporary, a plateau but not a summit. All things are called to balance and enlightenment and the fulfillment of the Divine image in them, yes, but in flux. The monks then enact the impermanent nature of existence by sweeping up the colored grains and dispersing them in flowing water which will carry the healing energies throughout the world.



2855A Coral Springs Drive
Coral Springs, Florida 33065
954-340-5000 coralspringsmuseum.org



SACRED ART TOUR
2018

CORAL SPRINGS MUSEUM OF ART