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Ashram News

APRIL CELEBRATIONS

Baisakhi Day is April 14th and we will be celebrating Sunday, April 12th. Breakfast will be served at the Ranch, 9:00 am. Then a grand procession will form to carry the Guru, the Siri Guru Granth Sahib Ji, across Yogi Bhajan Memorial Highway and up Shady Lane to the Gurdwara. This happy annual procession lifts our hearts and souls in song and devotion.

This year Jewish Passover begins April 8th, Christian Easter is April 12th, and Sikh Dharma Baisakhi is April 14th.

The following paragraph is from a lecture by Yogi Bhajan on April 13, 1974. “

...Is it a coincident that the Passover, Easter and Baisakhi all come at almost the same time? Moses led his people to freedom; the slaves became free; he exalted them to the normal consciousness and they remember the Passover, when the hard times, the dark times, passed them by.

Easter marks the resurrection of Jesus Christ, when he could come in the pure light and exchange the Word thereafter for 40 days with his disciples.

And Baisakhi day also comes at the same time, when Guru Gobind Singh called on the congregation saying, ‘You

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Mata Sahib Kaur - Mother of the Sikhs

Beads of Truth, Summer, 1975 edition, by Sat Kirin Kaur

The woman that all Khalsa Sikhs alike refer to as their mother is Mata Sahib Kaur. This graceful and humble woman was the wife of Guru Gobind Singh.



She lived at a time when India was plagued by foreign invaders, attempting to conquer her territories and force their faith on the Indian people. Mata Sahib Kaur’s husband, Guru Gobind Singh, had taken up the sword against the invaders and was determined to protect the religious freedom and sovereignty of his countrymen.

On March 30, 1699, Guru Gobind Rai called a gathering of his followers in Anandpur Sahib to establish the Sikh way of life as we understand and follow it today. He prepared to initiate the five beloved ones into the body of the Khalsa, the congregation of the pure ones. He recited from the words of the previous Gurus as he stirred with his sword a steel vessel filled with water which was to be the baptismal nectar of

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| April Ashram Events | |
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| April 4 | Ladies Clothes Swap—Langar Hall |
| April 12 | Baisakhi Day Celebration in Espanola |
| April 22-25 | Khalsa Council Meetings |
| Ongoing Events | |
| 6th of the month | Gurdwara commemorating the martyrdom of the Akal Takhat. This is traditionally a “Wish-and-a-Dish” langar. |
| Sundays 6:30 am | Ishnaan Seva, washing the marble floors in the Gurdwara. All are welcome to participate in this uplifting event. |
| Mondays and Tuesdays 4:30—5:30 pm | Experience the Shabd Guru through Santhya (correct pronunciation) with Ravinder Singh |
| Wednesdays, 6:15 pm | Sat Nam Rasayan classes are held from 6:15 to 7:45 pm at Terath Nivas, the home of Guru Terath Singh and Jivan Joti Kaur. |
| Thursdays, 12:30 pm | Langar served in the Langar Hall. All welcome! |
| Thursdays, 4:00 pm | Children’s Program is held in the Langar Hall at 4:00 pm. Dharmic stories, music, yoga, art & crafts, and good food facilitated by Guru Simran Kaur (Ranch). |
| Fridays 4:30—5:32 pm Gurdwara | Prosperity Meditation to “develop the intuitive business mind and bring prosperity home.” |
| Sunday’s after langar | Free healing sessions are held in the Gurdwara. Acupuncture treatments by Guru Mitar Kaur and Sat Nam Rasayan Free Clinic facilitated by Jivan Joti Kaur. |
| Every evening 5:30 pm | Rehira is recited in the Gurdwara followed by the Narayan Shabd and a light Langar. |
| Every full and new moon 6:30 pm | Healing Ring of the Tantra meditation in the Gurdwara for all in need of healing |

Community News

Welcome to all the members of the Khalsa Council!

We are happy to once again host the Khalsa Council here at the Mother Ashram. The Council will open with Gurdwara on the evening of April 22nd. Meetings will begin the morning of the 23rd in the Langar Hall and will extend through April 25th.

Whahe Guru Ji Ka Khalsa, Whahe Guru Ki Fateh

LETTER FROM SATSUNDRI KAUR

Sat Nam Mataji and dear Sadh Sangat,

Blessings to you from Anandpur Sahib - where just finished up Hola Mahalla week of 12th and many festivities and guests at Dashmesh Sadan, Siri Singh Sahib Ji's home here. We had a full house here over the week. That means about 65 people and more than 50 from MPA - 9th through 12th grades and staff, drivers, security, cooks, etc.! And we only officially sleep just over 50 so we were very packed in and cozy! It was very terrific and the kids had fun playing. The Nagar Kirtans - were great, plus holi 'colors', and getting to be with Baba Nihal Singh ji.

I then went to catch the MPA Parents/Spring Program in Amritsar on 14th. I just wanted to check in with you and let you know I saw so many of the kids when stopping at MPA for Parents Day/Spring Program. Overall they look great, happy, and engaged and we shared some good hugs, met some friends, and saw the art exhibit which was spectacular. The school program was terrific. And a wonderful buffet dinner following that and then a dance following that. I rode home with the staff to Amritsar on the evening staff bus and probably didn't get home until almost 10 pm.

After Amrit Vela at Harimandir Sahib and Akal Takht, next day it was on the train to Patiala, and to Hari Bhajan Kaur's yoga intensives at Punjabi University in Patiala. She did a fabulous teaching there over a visit of almost 2 weeks. Guru's gifts were great and Siri Singh Sahib Ji's work was honored through her. More beautiful snaps will come for that. Visited with Dr. Balkar Singh there and he looks forward to being with you all this summer, by Guru's Grace.

We were in Chandigarh yesterday to touch bases with Ruby and now we are home in Anandpur Sahib today. After sadhana this morning, I enjoyed the blissful kirtan at Keshgarh

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Computer Corner

With Our Head in the Clouds

By Guruka Singh

Sometime in the not-so-distant-future, we're heading for a time when we no longer have to worry about backing up our hard drive. We won't have to concern ourselves with defragmenting the hard drive either, or even replacing our hard drive when that "uh-oh!" moment occurs and our drive crashes.

All this will be possible, simply because we no longer will have a hard drive. Thanks to "cloud computing" (we've used that term before), everything that is now stored on our hard drive will instead be stored somewhere else. We already see possibilities in that remote storage in the many online services that allow us to back up our systems and, in the event of hard drive failure, to restore the data from the remote site. **Norton 360** (my currently recommended antivirus/anti-malware program) provides this capability, and both it and **Google Drive** (or **Gdrive** as it is better known) provide a desktop client that works in the background to keep your files and folders in sync with its cloud-based storage. This way you have reliable storage for all of your files, including all your photos, music and documents. **Gdrive** allows you to access your files from anywhere, anytime, and from any device - be it from your desktop, web browser or cellular phone. The beauty of this is that you can access your work and all your files from anywhere: at home, at the office, at the Internet cafe, or anywhere in the world that you have Internet access.

Don't rush out to get **Gdrive** just yet, but expect to hear a lot more about it later this year as Google fine tunes it. And I hope its development runs more smoothly than other recent ventures such as Apple's **MobileMe**. So far, in my testing, **Gdrive** is looking very good.

WATERMARK TOOL

Have you ever wanted to put an image online but have a way to protect it so people don't steal it? Watermark Tool at <http://www.watermarktool.com/> is free online watermarking software that allows you to quickly and easily protect your images with a visible watermark. With the many watermarking options available, you're able to personalize your images in a variety of ways - including text size, color, and position.

EMPATHY

Privacy can be important sometimes. Here's a cool program that allows you to password-protect any executable file. Only a person knowing the password will be allowed to run the protected program. Protected files stay protected if you copy them to another location or even to another computer, no matter which operating system they use. **Empathy** allows you to protect potentially dangerous programs against run-

ning by an unauthorized person. You can use it to protect executable files in public places like schools, internet coffee shops or even homes. Download free at <http://migeel.sk/projects/empathy/> but use with caution. As with any passwords, if you forget them, you are up the proverbial creek without a paddle.

Windows Vista (and XP) Techie Tips:



1. Change Your User Account Picture

When you create a user account in Vista, it is assigned a log in picture that is displayed on the login screen. If you do not want to be a flower (or whatever few choices Windows gives you,) you can easily change the picture to a photo or image of your own choice. I use the blue Adi Shakti above as my User Account Picture.

To change your user account picture:

1. Click the Start menu.
2. Click the picture icon currently assigned to your account. The User Accounts window will open.
3. Click the "Change your picture" option.
4. To use one of the Windows stock images, click the image you want to use and click "Change Picture."
5. To use one of your own pictures, click "Browse for more pictures."
6. Locate and select the picture you want to use and click "Open."

2. Quick Close

To close any active program, simply press and hold the <Alt> key and tap the F4 key. Repeat for each open program until none are left. If you're working on an application, it will prompt you to save your work first before it closes. When the last active program is closed in this manner, another ALT+F4 key press will execute the Windows Shutdown option as well.

3. Stop Bugging Me!

Windows Vista uses a "feature" called User Account Control (or UAC) to limit the privileges of regular user accounts. UAC ensures that all user accounts that are not part of the local administrators group run with no administrative privileges. This feature is enabled by default. The problem, of course, is that Vista is constantly asking you for permission to do a lot of simple things. Everybody I know always says "yes" to those annoying prompts and so I choose to disable this particularly annoying behavior. There are multiple ways that you can accomplish this.

To disable UAC through the Control Panel:

1. Click the Windows Start button and click "Control Panel"
2. Click on "User Accounts and Family Safety" then on User Accounts"
3. Click on "Turn User Account Control on or off"
4. Now just un-check the box that says to use UAC. You will have to restart your computer for this change to take effect.

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believe in me, you love me, you are with me. The darkness of the time is taking the toll. No man is free to practice righteousness. You want to be the pure ones and I call on thee who seek. One who believes most, come out and give me your head.”

From “Baisakhi-the Day of Rebirth”, *Beads of Truth*, Summer Solstice Edition, June 1974

Baisakhi Poem

The Panth is gathering.
God's heart quivers with joy.

The prayers of his lovers resound
In the heavens of Guru Ram Das.

The pride of Sikhs is the Guru's majesty.
Even the fool awakens
As this light bathes the soul.
He sings the glory of the Shabad Guru
And is honored by the world.

The Yogi speaks with love:
“The future of the world
Is the Shabad Guru.”

April 13, 1996
Siri Singh Sahib Yogiji

| April Missal Duties | | | | |
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| Date | Set-up | Langar | Clean-up | Akhand Path |
| 3/30-4/5 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 |
| 4/6-4/12 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| 4/13-4/19 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4/20-4/26 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 4/27-5/3 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 |

Ads & Tidbits

Ancient Healing Ways—To order Siri Singh Sahib lectures, call us at (800) 359-2940 or (505) 747-2860 For other products go to: <http://www.a-healing.com/index.html>

Ladies Clothes Swap
Saturday, April 4th, 8:00 am until 4:00 pm in the Langar Hall. This is a fun occasion when we “recycle” bana and other items. All ladies welcome to come and find just the right treasure to complete your spring wardrobe!

Langar Take Out
Last week I heard complaints voiced about the lack of paper plates for taking food home from the Langar Hall. It occurred to me if we truly want to go green we need to start bringing our own recyclable containers to langar. Not only will this help us cut down on the number of paper products the langar budget will have to purchase but we will be doing our part toward producing less landfill. Bring your containers and go green! - *The Editor*

Sat Mohine Khalsa Delivers Monologue in Espanola Production of "Minds Interrupted"
"Minds Interrupted: Stories of Lives Affected by Mental Illness"—On Saturday, April 25th, seven neighbors from our northern New Mexico communities will gather at Northern New Mexico College in Espanola to share their heartfelt accounts of living with chronic mental illness. This performance will give voice to individuals diagnosed with mental illness and family members, as they tell their personal stories and break the code of silence surround schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, depression and anxiety disorder.

When: April 25, 7:00 pm
Where: Nick L. Salazar Performing Arts Center Northern New Mexico College campus in Espanola
Tickets: \$8 and \$25 (for reserved seating)
Call 692-9627 (Espanola) or 982-0904 (Santa Fe) for tickets

Khalsa Greenhouses - Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) offers the consumer the opportunity to buy and support locally grown produce. Greenhouse production will allow you to have fresh produce Fall, Winter and early Spring which include heirloom tomatoes, salad greens, large leaf basil, rainbow chard, mustard greens, spinach, kale and butterhead lettuce. Only Organic seeds and growing methods are used.

Offering CSA membership is one of several direct marketing methods for **Khalsa Greenhouses**. Your support will give **Khalsa Greenhouses** the opportunity of teach-

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Going Green

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR: *This email was sent to us by Jiwan Joti Kaur and should be of great interest to those concerned with the current economic crisis.*

Hi friends, This may seem like a funny email but I was so surprised by what I discovered I had to share it with you. When I think of the job situation in this country, I can't help but think this helps in some small way. I don't know how many households there are in the U.S. but if these were the only things we bought think of the impact.

This past weekend I was at Kroger. I needed 60 watt light bulbs and Bounce dryer sheets. I was in the light bulb aisle and right next to the GE brand I normally buy was an off brand labeled "Everyday Value." I picked up both types of bulbs and compared the stats - they were the same except for the price. The GE bulbs were more money than the Everyday Value brand but the thing that surprised me the most was the fact that GE was made in MEXICO and the Everyday Value brand was made in - get ready for this - the USA. So throw out the myth that you cannot find products you use every day that are made from a company in Cleveland, Ohio!

So on to another aisle - Bounce Dryer Sheets....yep you guessed it Bounce was more money and made in Canada, the Everyday Value brand was less money and MADE IN THE USA! I did laundry yesterday and the dryer sheets performed just like the Bounce Free I have been using for years and at almost half the price! So my challenge to you is to start reading the labels when you shop for everyday things and see what you can find that is made in the USA - the job you save may be your own or your neighbors! If you accept the challenge, pass this on to others in your address book so we can all start buying American, one light bulb at a time! Besides, you might save a little green in the process.

Start being aware to buying USA made materials, they aren't necessarily more expensive. Lets get with the program...help our fellow Americans keep their jobs and create more jobs here in the U.S.A.

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Sahib and saw Dashmesh Pita Ji's shastra display (every Sunday morning they bring out). The Nishan Sahib is VERY tall and is was being fabulously re-covered when we came out of the Takhat. You can see photos on Guru Dharam Kaur's facebook.



Siri Singh Sahib Ji's home here - Dashmesh Sadan Guest House and Training Center is an amazing place to serve a convergence of the global sangat who are a steady stream of visitors here. The gardens are beautiful - flowers and veggies - and the whole land is in bloom with the Baisakhi harvest coming up. Please put it in your calendar and budgets



to travel and visit By Guru's Grace, we will soon have a website up...so you can know and see a little more.

I am trying to log a little bit at a time on my blog <http://satsundri.blogspot.com>. Doesn't show the pretty non-stop schedule....yet all okay (ti-kay) and proceeding great! Learning a lot. Grateful to be here with Guru Dharm Kaur who

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will soon be home with you. I do like the quiet here of being in the country/village life...even amongst the busy-ness - I feel like I can be in a momentary "pause." Such a gift. Wahe Guru.



I am attaching some pics from Hola Mahalla week and here is a link with the MPA parents program pics. (I will at some point figure out Picasa's movie tool so the videos can be higher quality.) Enjoy! http://picasaweb.google.com/lh/photo/Xk5L369J5luXdVbPD4thSQ?authkey=Gv1sRgCNfH_Jysv-jWeg&feat=directlink

Hope all is well with each of you. May the blessings of God and Guru be ever with you. My prayers are with you. All love in Divine.

Blessings, in gratitude,
Humbly yours,

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April Birthdays

- 1st Harimander Kaur (daughter of Fateh Kaur)
- 2nd Sat Kaur
- 3rd Pavitar Kaur, Mexico
- 6th Hari Kaur (Santokh S.)
Guru Ganesha Kaur
- 7th Nirinjan Kaur (COS)
Marc aka Siri Mukta Singh
- 8th Hari Bhajan Kaur
Ravijit Singh (Guruprakash K. & Guru Darbar S)
- 9th Sarb Sarang Kaur
Sat Darshan Singh
- 11th Sat Nam Kaur (Didar S.)
Krishan Kaur
- 12th Siri Karm Kaur
Atma Singh
- 13th Birthday of the Khalsa!
- 14th Hari Kaur (Satsangat S.)
- 15th Daya Kaur (Ravi S.)
- 18th Bir Singh
- 19th Siri Trang Kaur
- 20th Mukhia Jethadar Amrit Singh
- 21st Siri Ved Singh
- 24th Harimandir Singh (son of Siri Deva S. & Ranjit K.)
Gurufateh Kaur (Gurudatta S.)
- 25th Dharmatma Kaur
Ardas Kaur
Wahe Guru Kaur
- 26th Dr. Sadhana Kaur
Sat Guru Singh
- 29th Dharm Singh (Guru Kirin K.)
Livtar Kaur (Germany)



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Amrit. The Guru then spoke to the multitudinous gathering, "All that drink from this water shall become brave and powerful. But before we proceed, let me show you what wonderful power this Amrit possesses." All watched as two of the Guru's sparrows filled their beaks with some Amrit that was placed in their drinking bowls. These two little benign creatures were transformed into two bold hawks, and spreading their wings with fearless dignity, they flew above the crowd. Guru Gobind Singh rose and spoke, "Just as these two little sparrows were transformed so shall those who partake of this Amrit become fearless, powerful and brave."

Mata Sahib Kaur had witnessed this demonstration. In her radiance and piety she thought of the words of Guru Nanak, "Sweetness and humility are the essence of all good qualities." With this inspiration flowing through her, she took some Indian sweets and brought them before the Guru. As she stood before him he recognized the power of her womanly grace and sweetness radiating with a great brilliance. This sweetness filled Guru Gobind Singh and he requested that Mata Sahib Kaur pour the sweets into the Amrit. The sugary sweets dissolved into the water and the Guru stirred them with his double-edged sword. The Amrit became sweet as ambrosial water. Guru Gobind Singh then turned and said, "Just as we need the qualities of fearless courage and strength to carry us through these times, and hard times to come, so do we need to temper it with justice, compassion, sweetness of mind and a peace-loving nature so that we may someday live in peace. Just as all life comes through the sacrifice of the woman so shall all those that drink of this Amrit possess the grace of her compassion and sacrifice, as well as the strength of the lion."

By this gesture Mata Sahib Kaur symbolized to all the humility, justice and sweetness which were to be the essential traits of the brotherhood of the Khalsa. And so it was that Mata Sahib Kaur was designated as the Mother of the Khalsa by Guru Gobind Singh. She continued to guide the Guru's affairs after he passed away on October 7, 1708, and shone as an example to all people of the grace and nobility of woman.

Meditation is the science of the process whereby we rewrite our pre-written destiny.

~Siri Singh Sahib

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Another method is by using Registry.

To disable UAC through the Registry:

1. Click the Windows Start button and click "Run"
2. Type "regedit" and click OK.
3. In the left pane, navigate to the following registry key: HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software \ Microsoft\Windows\ CurrentVersion\Policies\System
4. In the right side details pane, locate and double click "EnableLUA"
5. Set the value to 0.
6. Click OK.
7. Close the Registry Editor.
8. Restart the computer.

You can enable UAC again by simply completing the steps listed above and changing the value for "EnableLUA" back to 1. Hmm...why would you want to do that?

4. Internet Connection Problems

Programs such as firewalls, antivirus applications, VPN clients, and various malware can cause Internet connection problems. If you're experiencing Internet connection problems while running Windows XP or Windows Vista, first make sure there are no firewalls installed other than the Windows Firewall. If other firewalls are in use, test to see if that's the problem by turning them off temporarily. For example, if I right-click on my Notron 360 icon in the system tray (you know...lower right, where the clock is...) I can choose "Disable SmartFirewall" and if I do that, I can tell it to turn off for 15 minutes or a hour. If Internet Connection problems persist, try this:

Open a command prompt (in XP, click on Start -> Programs -> Accessories -> Command Prompt; in Vista click on Start -> All Programs -> Accessories -> right-click on Command Prompt -> choose "Run as administrator"). Now (regardless whether you are in XP or Vista), type the following commands at the command prompt one at a time (disregarding the quotation marks) and press <Enter> after each command:

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"- netsh int ip reset reset.txt"
"- netsh winsock reset"
"- netsh firewall reset"
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All of these commands will work in Vista, but only the first of those three commands will work in XP unless you have **Service Pack 2 (SP2)** installed.

Now, restart your computer. If errors still occur, then Windows networking may be heavily damaged and you may have to "Repair" Windows from the original installation CD or DVD. In addition, if these commands do not return errors, yet still do not fix the Internet connection after the computer has been restarted, consider fur-

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ther troubleshooting by power-cycling any external networking devices, e.g., routers, cable modems, DSL modems, etc. and also check the **Device Manager** for any problems with Network adapters, i.e. if they are disabled or if the drivers are not properly installed.

Please do keep letting me know if this column is useful to you, and also keep sending me your suggestions for column topics, along with your own tips or cool downloads, so I can share them with the Sangat here. Just email them to me at guruka@sikhnet.com

Thanks!

**Siri Deva Singh and Kirpal Kaur's
Birthday Langar
March 28, 2009**



Raswant Singh, Siri Deva Singh and Gurudarshan Singh



Siri Deva Singh with good friends and family at his birthday dinner.

Community Garden



Community Garden News

By Ravi Har Kaur

Greetings Everyone!

Hopefully by now you have all taken a stroll down to our Community Garden - the field of winter rye just past the bridge at the end of the langar hall. If you need help finding it, there is now a beautiful sign indicating its location - the garden is just below the sign. While all those hardy little rye plants (that look like grass) have been braving the cold weather, the sustainability group has been braving the new and exciting territory of organizing and bringing to life the dream of having a garden that will serve us all in more ways than we can imagine. We are currently in the process of deciding exactly what to grow, and how much of each vegetable/herb/flower. We are also creating a list of tasks to be done in each of several major areas. Once we complete this (very soon) we will have a better idea how others of you who are interested in getting your hands "dirty" can help - whether it's with planting, watering, researching, harvesting or whatever. There will be many ways you'll be able to dig in - so to speak!

We are also very excited and grateful that the Ashram Management Team has been supportive of our endeavors to create this community garden in a number of ways:

1. They approved our request to operate under the umbrella of Sikh Dharma of New Mexico, which is a non-profit. This was great news, because it simplifies things for us greatly, while still offering us the benefits of **non-profit status**.

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2. They approved our proposal for a **composting program** so that our langars will not only nourish us, but the scraps and leftovers will help to nourish our soil. Some details of this are still being worked out. When we're ready to begin, we'll be showing all of you how to support the composting process when you've finished eating your langar.

3. Most exciting of all, they approved our request for a **donation of \$500** from the **Community Growth Fund** to help fund some of the expenses we will soon have. At their request, *we are now seeking to match or exceed this amount from the sangat at large* (our group members give monthly donations already.)

4. **Some of the things we will be needing funds for are:**

- seeds - vegetables, flowers, cover crops
- compost to improve the soil - ours won't be ready for some time
- tractor rental
- mulch for the garden
- pest control - various forms of natural pest management
- post-harvest facility that will allow us to wash, cool and store the vegetables - do you have a root cellar or an empty trailer or an extra working refrigerator that could be used?
- irrigation piping - this is a special kind of gated piping that we need to order for next year

So if you are inspired by the vision of seeing beets and carrots, onions and garlic, and "oats, peas, beans and barley" grow on Guru Ram Das' land, please consider a



Hardy rye growing in the Community Garden

tax-deductible donation to "**Sikh Dharma New Mexico**," with a notation that it is for the *Community Garden*.

Your donations can be given to: **Ravi Har Kaur, Livtar Kaur or Kulwant Kaur**, or mailed to: **Sikh Dharma New Mexico, 1A Ram Das Guru Place, Espanola, NM 87532.**

Please understand, dear sangat, that at this point, your donation will be just that. This year, we cannot offer a certain amount of produce in return for this donation. Since our land has been fallow for so long, the productivity of the soil at this point is unknown. We are doing our best to help revitalize the soil, but until we go through the planting and harvesting cycle of at least this first year, we do not feel comfortable committing to the kind of program where you buy a "share" in the garden, and in return you get a certain amount of produce - we might not be able to fulfill that. However, we **HAVE** committed to donating at least 10% of the produce to langar, and we will be selling the rest to the sangat and possibly at the Farmers' Market - with all proceeds being used to fund the garden.

We are very excited that we will soon be able to invite all of you to participate in helping to grow Guru's milagro (miracle) garden. We'll keep you posted with more frequent updates.

Blessings from the Sustainability Group

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ing interns and volunteers how to produce and harvest a wide variety of vegetables and greens. Your support will benefit the Sikh Community free kitchen and other local area food programs. Your membership fees are due by September 1st, 2009 and qualify you for fresh produce weekly from October 2009 through April, 2010. Your six (6) month fee of \$500 will purchase approximately 3.5 pounds of fresh produce a week. This first year offering will be limited to twenty (20) members. Payment plans available.

Produce will be available for pick up on Thursday evenings at the greenhouse, 6 Shady Lane, Espanola, or at the Saturday Farmers Market in Santa Fe. Thursday Hours - 5:00 to 7:00pm at the greenhouse, 7:00 to 7:30 pm in the Langar Hall. Need more information? (505)927-2023 khalsaenterprises@hotmail.com