

Jangale Master Joins Baba

by Heather Nadel

The last of the Meherabad men mandali, Laxman Gangaram Jangale, fondly known to the Baba world as “Jangale Master,” went to his beloved Master, Avatar Meher Baba, on December 26th 2006 at 9 PM, surrounded by his family in his home in Meherabad. He was 92 years old, and had completed 68 years of whole-hearted service to the Avatar. Jangale Master was cremated this morning, December 27th, at Meherabad, and his ashes will be interred in the men mandali’s cemetery at lower Meherabad as ordered by Baba.

In 1938, Jangale answered an ad put into the local paper by Vishnu that called for a helper for Meherabad. He was immediately “hooked” by Beloved Baba, and never left. He served Baba in many capacities, doing marketing, odd jobs, and often holding down the fort at Meherabad when Pendu or Padri were called away by Baba for work elsewhere.

Like his Beloved Master, Jangale was also a great sport, as this following brief conversation demonstrates. Eruch reports that on the eve of the New Life, Baba told Jangale, “I am going away and cannot keep you. Shall I find employment for you? Where would you like to go?”

Jangale replied, “After serving You, Baba, how can I go anywhere else? We will stay here at Meherabad.”

Baba said, “But you may starve here!”

Jangale answered, “Then that will be our good fortune, to die and be born again, and serve You.”



Jangale Master at the Samadhi, 1987.

Baba was highly pleased by this exchange.

Jangale and his family (who were all devoted to Baba) continued to live at the Meherabad Family Quarters through the New Life and afterwards, always under Baba’s direct orders. In 1959, Baba named Jangale one of the beneficiaries of the Avatar Meher Baba Trust (“Firstly”).

After Baba dropped His body, Jangale went on helping Padri take care of the Meherabad estate and its old-time residents like Mansari, Goolu, Jalu, and Sushila. He also took a daily shift as attendant at Beloved Baba’s Samadhi in turn with Nana Kher. Blessed with wonderful vitality and robust health, Jangale went on doing his duties well into his eighties, when various ailments finally slowed him down a little.

Jangale’s cheerfulness, integrity, forthrightness, and simple, unwavering focus on Baba, were a standard and an inspiration to Baba-lovers as well as the Arangaon community. Till the end, he carried within him the clarity and fragrance of Baba’s old-time

Meherabad ashram. He will be greatly missed.

As Eruch would say, “He has won the race!”

AVATAR MEHER BABA ki JAI!!!

Heather Nadel for TavernTalk, 27 December 2006



Farewell to Jangale Master

by Cindy Lowe

Jangale Master's cremation at Lower Meherabad was a beautiful event. He had died peacefully in the night and in the morning his body had been brought to the Samadhi, but by the time I got there, he had been laid out before Baba's chair in old Mandali Hall. The residents, pilgrims, and many, many villagers were there because in addition to having been one of Baba's Meherabad mandali, Jangale Master was a very highly respected man in Arangaon.

In Mandali Hall, while both Indian and Western musicians played and sang, we all had a chance to bow down to Jangale's love for Baba and to place a flower or two on his body. Then we bowed down to Baba's chair and greeted Ramesh, Jangale Master's son, and other family members. Since the queue was extraordinarily long due to the presence of so many villagers, it was a wonderful opportunity to just sit in the hall and soak up the atmosphere.

Eventually Ramesh and other pallbearers carried the body from the Hall and it was taken to the cremation ground. Logs and sticks and many flowers were placed under and around the body and the pyre was lit with shouts of Avatar Meher Baba Ki Jai! We said the prayers and sang again, both before and after the fire was lit. Bhauji was there in spite of just having gotten out of the hospital.

A while later we gathered at the men's burial ground in Lower Meherabad, where Jangale Master's ashes were lovingly placed in the ground. We again recited the prayers and, of course, there was more singing. After the ceremony, most of us went to a splendid luncheon given by Ramesh at his house close to Meherabad, where Jangale Master had lived with his family. Throughout the day, I could feel Baba's presence and I felt very fortunate to have been able to say a last goodbye to one of Baba's very dear ones.

A Request from Bhau

Beloved Avatar Meher Baba Ki Jai!

20th January 2007

My dearest respected ones,

I am appealing to you to help in purchasing the land where Beloved Avatar Meher Baba met with an accident on 2nd December 1956. This appeal is most urgent, and you all are the Beloved's dear ones. Therefore I have full confidence that you will contribute to this sacred cause without any hesitation.

The first accident took place on 24th May 1952 in Oklahoma, U.S.A. The second took place at Udtara, Satara, when Beloved Baba was in strict seclusion during His Universal Work.

In 1937, Beloved Baba had said, "America needs My blood, and I have to shed My blood there." He did so in the car accident that took place in America in 1952.

Before the second accident, Beloved Baba remained in seclusion, very much absorbed in His Universal work. After His visit to the West, He was also observing fasts continuously. He stopped communication with any of His lovers. Nor would anyone be allowed to see Him in Satara. His work there was more intense than the work He did in the 1952 accident.

His work was such that the whole world was affected by the second accident at Satara in 1956, and people will have awakening through His work. Gradually, the whole world will come to pay respects to this place where Beloved Baba shed His blood for it.

Hence it is very, very important to buy this piece of land touching the accident site, and which is available now. Therefore I am sending this appeal to you, all dear ones of the Beloved.

I requested Dr. Vasudev to give the history of the place and the spot where the accident took place. Because of his love, how meticulously he prepared the details of his report.

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Jangale Master and his family - photos courtesy of Ramesh Jangale

C A L E N D A R

PLEASE NOTE: For this quarter, most meetings will be held on Sunday afternoons from 3-5 PM. Directions to our center: From Hwy 80 in El Cerrito, take the Central exit east, toward the hills, cross San Pablo, go under the BART tracks to Richmond Ave. turn left, go a few blocks to Stockton (the first stop light), turn right at Stockton, go a couple of blocks, park on the street. The center is on the left side of the street, 6923 Stockton Ave. El Cerrito, CA. Phone: (510) 525-4779

Sunday, March 4, 2-4 PM - Mary Lloyd Dugan

Mary Lloyd Dugan, an inspiring, fun-loving, lively storyteller, singer and multi-talented lover of Meher Baba, passed away in February after a brief struggle with cancer. Let's gather in her memory, have tea, listen to her stories and tell our own. At the home of Alexandra Cons, (510) 841-1777. Bring tea treats to share.

Sunday, March 11, 3-5 PM - A Dip in the Ocean

Come to have tea and choose fabric from the abundance of donated pieces on hand. Then let your creative imagination inspire your own unique design for our Ocean Quilt, which will be auctioned off to benefit the break room fund. Hosted by Janet White.

Saturday, March 17, 7:30-9:30 PM - Cindy Lowe

Cindy Lowe has written some of the all-time great songs honoring Meher Baba and His mandali. Come to hear Cindy and friends perform some old favorites, as well as newer compositions to the Beloved.

Sunday, March 25, 3-5 PM - Practical Spirituality: God's Will, Efforts and Results

Brian Drygas will host the first in this season's series on practical spirituality. Tonight, readings and discussions will focus on the topic of God's will.

Sunday, April 1, 3-5 PM - Fools for Baba

Join us in our discussion and planning for making available the kinds of meetings, gatherings, and projects in Baba's remembrance that will serve the individual enthusiasm of each member of our Baba community. Search your hearts, bring your ideas as we begin this networking process. Hosted by Ron Greenstein.

Saturday, April 7, 7:00-9:30 PM - The True Meaning of Greek Orthodox Christianity

The Athonite Greek Orthodox monks' mystical practice dates back to the early Christians and has close parallels to Baba's teaching. Tonight Philip Karantzalis will share his experiences and understanding of this ancient teaching. Greek food will be served at 7:00.

Thursday, April 12, 5:30 PM - Charles Haynes

An evening with Charles Haynes is a rare treat. Charles met Baba as a young boy, and has lived a life in His service. He will be at the Talbots' home tonight. Come greet him at 5:30 PM, then pot-luck dinner starts at 6:00. He will talk at 7:00. 721 Crossbrook Drive, Moraga. Call (925) 376-4325 for information.

April 14 and 15 - Urban Sahavas with Bill and Diana Le Page and Musical Guest Jane Brown

Bill LePage spent time with Meher Baba on several occasions and was instrumental in starting Meher Baba's work in Australia. Diana LePage is an artist whose latest works adorn the dining hall in the new Meherabad Pilgrim Retreat. Both of them are lively and entertaining speakers.

The voice of our guest musician, Jane Brown, has been a treat for visitors to at Meher Center in Myrtle Beach for over 30 years and is known to many more through numerous recordings. Details will be sent out via e-mail and posted on our website: www.MeherBabaMeherBaba.org/calendar.

Friday, April 20, 7-9 PM - Mitchell Rose's Bay Area Film Premiere

As you may know, Mitchell recently relocated to Berkeley and would like to take the opportunity to introduce himself to our community by sharing his films, which have won many prestigious awards.

Sunday, April 22, 3-5 PM - Sing-along With Ron

Ron Greenstein will lead an old fashioned sing-along, complete with roaring fire and snacks, at Nancy Friedberg's home. Bring readings/poems/snacks to share. 336 Alcatraz Ave. Oakland, near Rockridge BART. Call (510) 547-7826 for information.

Sunday, April 29, 3-5 PM - Practical Spirituality

Another in the series on practical spirituality hosted by Brian Drygas, tonight's meeting will explore the topics of God's circles, the mandali, being veiled and love through readings and discussion.

Sunday, May 6, 3-5 PM - Healing and Baba: Working in the Healing Professions as a Baba-Lover

Tonight, a panel of health professionals will discuss whether knowing Baba helps a practitioner understand the whole scheme of things and how a Baba-lover remains detached from the advice that he or she gives. Audience participation is encouraged.

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Sunday, May 13, 3-5 PM - Practical Spirituality

Today, through reading and discussion, we will explore the topics of spiritual evolution, involution, consciousness, and awareness Hosted by Brian Drygas.

Friday, May 18, 7:30 PM - Baba and the Good Life

One of the greatest mysteries of our relationship to Baba is how He works with us in daily life. But one can also ask how we work towards Him. How do we become cut off from the Divine and what can we do to reconnect? In this meeting we will share the highs and lows, living a "good life" with Baba in the midst of the real world. This meeting will highlight personal insights and open discussion rather than text.

Facilitator, Jeff Auen, first encountered Baba at Myrtle Beach in 1968. He attended the 1969 Darshan and has been involved in business startups and holistic education since 1978.

Sunday, May 20, 2-4 PM - Mehera's Tea at Talbots'

We will have tea this afternoon in honor of the one who loved Meher Baba best. Please bring your favorite Mehera stories and tea treats to share. 721 Crossbrook Drive, Moraga. Call (925) 376-4325 for info.

Sunday, May 28 - No Meeting

Bhau's Request: Please Contribute to Purchase Land at Satara

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We all feel touched by it. Today, because of my phone call, he came running from Panchgani to Ahmednagar, leaving his medical work. This shows how much love he has for the Beloved and how concerned he is with trying to help the Trust purchase the land at the accident site.

This is his third visit to Ahmednagar regarding this project. In his first visit, he brought some residents from Udtara so that they could take Beloved Baba's Darshan. They found people from all over the world following Beloved Baba. Because they came here, they agreed to sell a piece of land for this sacred cause.

There is, however, a deadline to purchase these 28.5 gunthas (1 guntha 1,080 sq. ft.) of land by 15th April, 2007.

Therefore, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of Avatar Meher Baba Perpetual Public Charitable Trust, this appeal is sent to all you dear ones so that it will be possible for the Trust to secure a piece of land where Beloved Baba's second accident took place, and the site will be available for His lovers to see.

Please take care of this wholehearted appeal. Your donations should be sent to the Trust as a specific donation for: "UDTARA (SATARA) PROJECT."

As soon as sufficient funds are received, the land will be purchased in the name of the Avatar Meher Baba Perpetual Public Charitable Trust.

Ongoing Meetings at the Center

1st and 3rd Mondays, 7:15 PM - God Speaks

Reading and Discussion

Reading *God Speaks* aloud in a group is very helpful as one tries to understand and internalize Meher Baba's words. Join us as we read together the story of creation. Please bring your copy of *God Speaks*.

Dates: 3/5, 3/19, 4/2, 4/16, 5/7, 5/21

2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 7:30 PM - Golden Oldies

Keith Gunn will show videos of Baba's close ones made in 1971 by Irwin and Eddie Luck. Old-timers may see themselves or their friends with fewer pounds and more hair! Entertainment with a backbeat (hint: two and four)! Doors open at 7 PM.

Dates: 3/14, 3/28, 4/11, 4/25, 5/9, 5/23

Every other Friday, 7:30 PM - Just Conversation

An evening of talking with one another, shooting the breeze. If the conversation turns to God all the better if the subject is mundane that's OK too. No experts, no preconditions on subjects, just conversation. If you would like to bring food or something to munch on that is good but not necessary. First meeting is March 2.

Dates: 3/2, 3/16, 3/30, 4/13, 4/27, 5/11

With all love and Jai Baba to you all dear ones!

In His Love and Service,

V.S. Kalchuri (Bhau), Chairman

Avatar Meher Baba Perpetual Public Charitable Trust

P.S. In Oklahoma, U.S.A., people have already honored the site where Meher Baba's first car accident took place. Baba lovers have functions there, and people are coming to know about the Avatar because of that site. All over the world, people know that the second car accident at Udtara was more severe than the one that took place in Oklahoma. They feel sad that we here are not doing anything about the site at Udtara, a historical place for this age, a place where the Avatar suffered His second and more severe car accident.

His two car accidents, one in India and one in America, show that His work was for the whole world. Beloved Baba Himself had announced that this time the whole world would recognize Him. Therefore my dear brothers and sisters, my fathers, mothers and aunties, please wake up and contribute for this significant event, so that posterity will see the site and remember what happened.

To make a donation for the purchase of land at Satara, send your check BEFORE April 1 to Jack Mormon, P.O. Box 70383, Richmond, CA 94807-0383. Indicate that it is a special donation for the Udtara (Satara) Project. Checks should be made out to Avatar Meher Baba Trust.



A Happy Time: Mary Lloyd (center) with her Stone Ridge high school chums in July, 2005. (photo by Rebecca Crumlish)

Mary Lloyd Dugan “Wished Away”

Mary Lloyd Dugan, a dear friend and inspiration to many in the Meher Baba community, died February 13th at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. She was 55. Three months ago, she was diagnosed with uterine sarcoma, a rare cancer which progressed rapidly. “She was known for her quick wit, humor and the serenity which accompanied her throughout her illness,” her sister said.

Mary Lloyd was a multi-talented artist and raconteur. She wrote and collected the tales that she used as a professional storyteller. Her cassette tape *Wish Away* won two distinguished awards for childrens’ media. She also did watercolors, played the piano, sang and traveled often to Meher Baba’s homes in the East and West, where many of us had a chance to get to know her.

The following are excerpts from the eulogy written by her high school friends Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, Anne Coffey Proctor, Mary Connole and others from the Stone Ridge Convent School in Bethesda, MD. (Mary Lloyd’s closest friends, within and without the Baba community, called her “Lloyd.”)

“What do I cherish among my memories of Lloyd? That she was a magnificent storyteller. In the early 90s she spent a month at Somerset Elementary School where my four children went to school.

She cast a spell on the students and teachers and parents — all of whom were lucky enough to hear her perform. She transported her audience to another place and time,



with her songs, her poetry, the way she used her body, her deep voice, the knowing light in her eyes. As she lit her candle, she *became* her stories, and we became her captives. Inevitably, regrettably, the stories would end and Lloyd would invite a child on stage to blow out the flame. And there was a hush as we the listeners realized that her stories had left an even brighter light shining in each of us.

A few weeks before Lloyd died, Mary and I visited her. Mary had just been hired as a teacher in the Washington D.C. public schools, following three teachers who had quit in despair and frustration. I had promised Lloyd that we would only stay an hour for I did not want to tire her. Four hours later we managed to leave. I saw the energy permeate Lloyd as she channeled the essence of her life’s work to her friend. Lloyd’s magic, right before my eyes, poured into Mary. As Mary describes it:

‘That day I felt as if she had placed diamonds in my hands, one sparkling gem at a time. I went home long past my scheduled visiting hours clutching a gleaming box full of Mary Lloyd’s gems and jewels and flush with a fresh sense of purpose and confidence.’

There was little doubt that Mary’s new charges would be benefitted by Lloyd’s magic, and I knew that I was blessed to witness this special gift.

I was about to use the word ‘lucky’ rather than blessed. But Lloyd told me that lucky was not in her vocabulary. ‘Lucky is the devil’s vocabulary,’ she’d said. ‘You know it

comes from Lucifer, don't you? We're blessed - God is watching over us and holding us in his hand.'

Kathleen reflects on today's overuse of the word 'spiritual' — it covers a variety of states. But it is correctly used to describe Lloyd. So many of Lloyd's Stone Ridge pals have talked about how blessed they felt in her company. She was able to open up something in each of us — a kindness, a self-reflection, an aspiration that we can be better.

Kathleen told me that when she took Lloyd to Johns Hopkins, Lloyd walked over to the piano in the entrance hall. She played the piece used in Henry V when Henry walks through the field of dead and bloodied bodies. As she played, people slowly gathered round, drawn by the drama of her playing. The security guard whispered, 'God has given you a gift.' Kathleen said, 'In all the concerts I have been to — Pavarotti, Isaac Stern, Leonard Bernstein — nothing compares to the chill that went through my body as I listened. That moment will never be recreated, nor forgotten.'

In the last few months, Lloyd talked a lot about her life. She told me that all through her life she had yearned to be loved but feared that she was never worthy. She thought that she must 'earn' that love — by being the good older sister, the fine friend, the excellent performer. She must 'merit' praise. She said that now she had been overwhelmed by love — from her family, from her friends, who trooped up from South Carolina, by those who wrote and e-mailed from India. She *knew* she was loved...and she said that if she had to leave this world at this time she could go, knowing how much she was cared for.

It's so true that we get what we give. Lloyd opened her heart to us, and through her stories and so many other ways, poured her love into each of us. We listened, we keep listening, and we hold her in our own light. We are so sad that she is not here. We feel her loss greatly.

Her story will always touch us — and help us to love."



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Lafayette - Sunday Afternoons

Monthly meeting at the home of Kirk and Marlene Allen. Please call to confirm. (925)-284-4066.

Los Gatos - Sunday Evenings - 8:00 PM

Arti, singing and readings at the home of Clint and Sharon Snyder. Call them at (408) 395-6865, or Betty Lowman at (650) 323-1900.

Petaluma - Sunday Mornings - 11:00 AM

Arti, readings and fellowship. Contact Hermann Loew at (707) 778-1195. Please call ahead.

Sacramento - Several Gatherings Each Month

Times and locations vary. Contact Mike and Jean Ross, (916) 359-2954 or Cheryl Johnson (559) 312-3751 for details. See more info. on the web: www.garlic.com/~cdjohnso/SacMeherBaba

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May 5-6 Wildflower walk and home tour

May 26-28 Spring Sahavas with special guests

June 23 Gala fundraiser and silent auction

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