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## The Sikh Foundation Publishes 2012 Calendar Honoring Sikh Women

*Within woman, man is conceived; and from a woman he is born;  
To woman he is betrothed and married.  
Woman becomes his friend; through woman, the future generations come.  
When ones wife dies, he seeks another woman;  
It is through a woman that man restrains his passion.  
So why call her bad? From her, kings are born.  
From woman, woman is born; without woman, there would be no one at all.  
Guru Nanak- SGGS p. 473*

Sikh Foundation proudly announces the launch of the upcoming 2012 Sikh Art Calendar. This year's unique theme is the first of its kind honoring the Great Sikh Women in Sikh history. The 2012 calendar beautifully depicts paintings of 12 remarkable Sikh women and their importance to our history, from fighting alongside the Gurus in the battlefields to instituting langar for the sangat, they were the support system to our Gurus and the legacy of the Sikh faith.

Sikh women are the true unsung heroes in Sikh history. Beginning with Bebe Nanaki to Maharani Jind Kaur, the paintings illustrate the importance of Sikh women. The remarkable Sikh women featured in the upcoming calendar include Bebe Nanaki, Mata Khivi, Bibi Amro, Bibi Bhani, Mata Ganga, Mata Kaulan, Bibi Sulakhni, Mata Sahib Kaur, Mata Gujri, Mata Bhag Kaur, Sardarni Sada Kaur, and Maharani Jind Kaur. We salute these Great Sikh Women on their strength and courage that enabled the Sikhs to fight injustice and oppression.



*Bibi Amro (d. A.D 1532) was the talented daughter of Guru Angad Dev, who taught her to read and write in the Gurmukhi script. She learnt by heart the sacred hymns and sang them while doing her household chores, inspiring Baba Amar Das to embrace Sikhism who later became the third Sikh Guru.*

All calendars produced are high quality, rich texture paintings that make a great source of pride to our community. The aim of the Sikh Women Art calendars is to educate and enlighten broader audiences about our rich Sikh heritage. We encourage you to share these as gifts with friends and community partners. The calendar price remains the same as previous years at a low price of \$10 per copy (plus shipping) to cover basic costs. For orders of 100 or more calendars, we offer FREE customized printing of your name or business. The calendars would be shipped to you well in advance from October - November 2011. As in years past, the calendar is a unique offering of outstanding quality images, at a size of 15.5" (wide) x 23.5" (high), printed on glossy paper and individually wrapped, make a lasting impression of beautiful artwork.



*Bebe Nanaki (A.D 1464-1518) was Guru Nanak's elder sister and the first to recognize his spiritual eminence. Mardana who was Guru Nanak's companion on their first great travel (Udasi) to east- west Punjab in 1499.*

To avail of this elegant gift, please reserve your desired quantities and the customized name desired if ordering over 100. Contributions made are tax deductible. We look forward to having your support for the Sikh Foundation and its efforts towards the preservations and promotion of Sikh Arts & Heritage.



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The Sikh Foundation founded in 1967 is a non-profit and non-political charitable organization. We strive to pass on the Sikh heritage to the growing Sikh Diaspora in the West and to introduce the world to the ethics, mysticism, arts, literature and heroism of the Sikhs. We work towards advancing Sikh culture by producing and providing the highest quality resources for the study of Sikhism.



Mata Kaulan (d.1638 A.D) was adopted as a child by a Muslim Qazi who sent her to Mian Mir, a Sufi saint, for higher education. The saint was a friend of Guru Arjan Dev and frequently quoted verses from *Gurbani*. Bibi Kaulan learnt the verses and recited them often, enraging her father who declared her an apostate and ordered her execution. Saint Mian Mir intervened and sent her to the care of Guru Hargobind in Amritsar, where she became a disciple and was free to meditate and sing *Gurbani*.

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