

SLCAO UPCOMING EVENTS

- Leather ball Cricket Match - June 13, Stonebridge Cricket grounds
- Annual Sports Meet - July 11, Vincent Massey Park
- Tri-City Tournament - August 08, McCarthy grounds

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Vesak celebration in Sri Lanka 2015

Sri Lanka usually celebrates Vesak in style. In addition to the spiritual offerings such as meditation, observance of eight precepts and arms giving, the people in Sri Lanka celebrates the Birth, attainment and passing away of lord Buddha using artis-

tic demonstrations of various designs. While Vesak pandols, and lanterns are very common during this period, some innovative designs do immerse. Here are few images from the 2015 Vesak celebrations in Sri Lanka:



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“Satahan” steps in to the third year!

SLCAO monthly newsletter started in May 2013 and steps in to its third year without missing a single issue since inception. SLCAO and the editor would like to pay their gratitude to all who made various contributions over the last two years and would like continued support.

SLCAO would also like to urge younger members of the association to use the newsletter as a tool to improve their presentation and communication skills.

“Make Satahan your own magazine”

Looking for a new editor. Is that you?



SLCAO and the current editor are looking for a new editor for “Satahan”. An ideal candidate may possess the following attributes:

- skills in desk-top publishing;
- Good command in English and Sinhala. Knowledge of Tamil would be a bonus;
- Own or have access to a desktop publishing software such as MS Publisher, Adobe products;
- Be able to dedicate 6-8 hours each month for setting up the newsletter

Please contact SLCAO EC (ec@slcao.com), if you are interested.

The Bermuda Triangle

The Bermuda Triangle (also known as the Devil's Triangle) is an area bounded



by points in Bermuda, Florida and Puerto Rico, Where ships and planes are said to mysteriously vanish into thin air or deep water. Research has suggested that many original reports of strange incidents in the Bermuda Triangle were exaggerated and that the actual number of incidents in the area is similar to that of other parts of the ocean. Stories of unexplained disappearances in the Bermuda Triangle started to reach public awareness around 1950 and have been consistently reported since then.

The Bermuda Triangle covers about 500 000 square miles of the Atlantic Ocean it is also known as the *Devil's Triangle* because Bermuda was once called *Islands of the Devils*. The coasts around the island are surrounded by dangerous reefs that ships ran into throughout the centuries. Unusual events around the Bermuda Triangle go back to the voyages of Christopher Columbus. He sometimes reported that compass readings were wrong.

Many journalists have tried to prove that

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Sinhala Language

Teaching is now offered by the
Ottawa Carlton District School Board.

Classes run from **September to June** on
Saturday mornings from 9.30am to 12 noon at the
Farley Mowat Public School
75 Waterbridge Dr, Nepean, ON

Language classes are available, free-of-charge to Ontario resident children of elementary school age (Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8), regardless of their heritage. Only a non-refundable materials and consumables fee of \$10.00 will accompany each registration.

For more information, please call:
613-239-2703, Upeksha at 613-424-5417
OR visit:
www.InternationalLanguagesinOttawa.com

Please spread the word
to your friends and family in the community and
encourage them to register their children
in the language class!!

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number accidents and unusual things have happened in the region. Some cases show that there are no explanations for them. There are many theories about why so many airplanes and ships have disappeared in the Bermuda Triangle. Some suggests that there are special magnetic fields that cause unknown physical forces. Others say that the lost continent of Atlantis sank in the region causing

mysterious events. There is even a theory about unknown chemicals in the waters of the Atlantic.

Some experts, however, point out that the region north of the Caribbean is not as safe as it may seem.

It is one of two places on Earth where the compass points to the geographic North Pole.

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