

Ask Akhi

Akhi, beggar-sage of Damascus, sits at the city gates, calling for coins instructing all in the dance of life.



Dear Akhi,

What is a painting party? How does one throw a painting party? Does one throw the paint or the party? Does one throw him/herself into the party? How does one throw oneself? How does one paint while throwing? Please help!

Brush in Hand in Cleveland

Dear Brush in Hand,

Instead of answering your many questions, Akhi would love to sit back and just watch what you do with a wall, a gallon of paint, and three friends. Perhaps after a few moments, you would indeed act out the answers to your own questions! That would be Akhi's first wish.

From where I sit, I have seen many walls painted. People have painted around me for years. Akhi notices that, at first, the painters' faces are hard. There is no "party" in those faces. But as things progress and the color is spread, Akhi notices that the painters' faces are lighter; there is joy in those faces. The beauty of the painted surface brings increasing satisfaction to the painters.

So it is the same for painters as it is for all who are pleased with what is before them; they throw a party with their faces. Akhi's second wish is that others will always be able to see a party in your face.

Be well.

If you have any questions for Akhi, write to him at: Ask Akhi c/o Beacon Street 3570 Rocky River Drive Cleveland OH 44111

BS Spotlight on



...a valued member of our Personnel and Programming Committee...

Karen Peterson

Occupation: special events and volunteer management

Relationship to BS: board member since March of 1994.

Birthday: Sept. 28, 1966.

Family: husband, Terry.

Favorite movies: "Brian's Song," "Airplane," and "Holiday."

Favorite books: Jamie Sams' Thirteen Original Clan Mothers and Louisa May Alcott's Little Women.

Hobbies: interior decorating, yard work.

Best thing about working with BS:

Being with those wacky, creative people.

Mottos: "Always broaden your horizons" (courtesy of my dad); "Atmosphere means everything" (courtesy of my mom).

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