

Yamuna

Interviewed in Vrindavan 22-25 March 2006

Background

Mom went into labor on Yellowstone Lake; but I was born in Butte, Montana, grew up in Oregon. Upper middle class. Tried a semester at the University of Oregon, but hated the social scent, so dropped out. I got my first job at age 18. After two days I met my old friend Sam Speerstra, who I knew since 7th grade in Salem, Oregon.

Sam and I ran with the same crowd for the next five years. In 1962, I moved to San Francisco and became co-owner of a gallery called The Pot Shop—both of us were potters and calligraphers. In 1964 I moved back to Portland; I lived in a house next door to Sam and his girl friend Melanie.