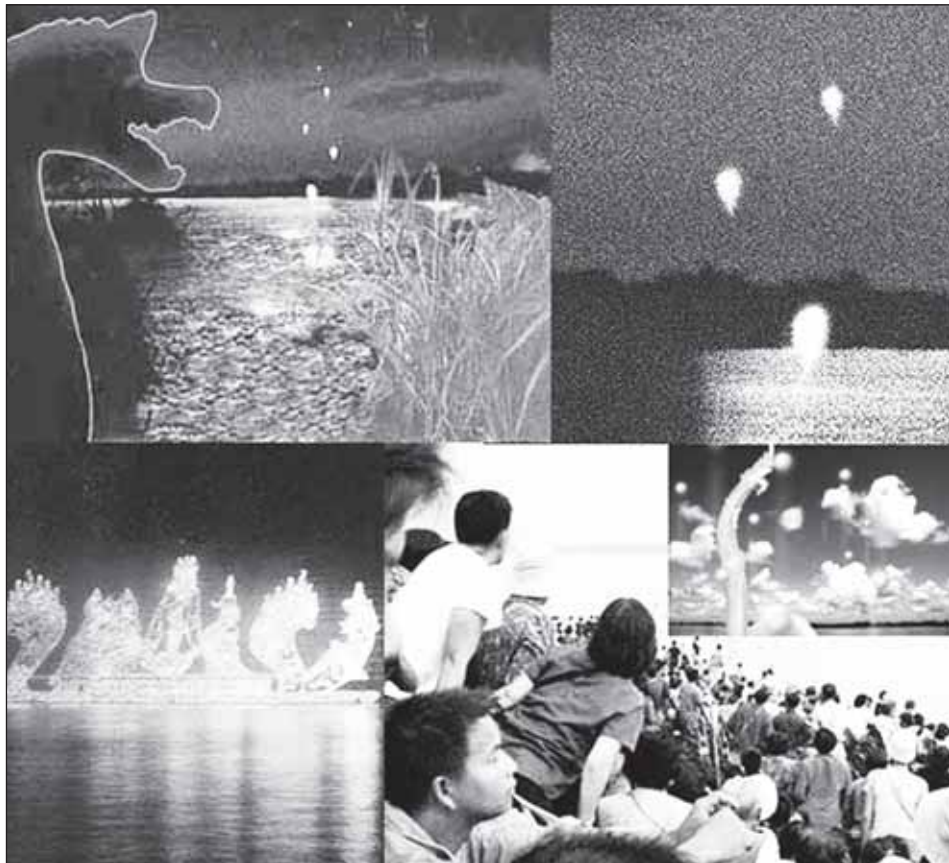




BANG FAI PHAYA NAK



Last week at the end of the Buddhist Lent period, one of the mysteries of Esarn takes place. Every year in October, around the time of the full moon, ruby orbs of light rise out of the mighty Mekong River near to the town of Nong Khai. Mesmerizing people as they watch in amazement as the magical lights float silently up into the air and then evaporate into the night sky.

This phenomenon is called the Bang Fai Phaya Nak or Night of the Naga Fireballs which has been going on for centuries and has thrilled locals and now become a national event with visitors flocking from all over Thailand and nearby countries to witness this mystery. Many people have debated the origin of this spectacle

with a fight between faith and tradition and science and a rational explanation. Some believing it is man-made and a scam to bring in much needed tourism to the area. But for many people who have witnessed the event with up to 20 ruby coloured globes ascending to heights of 300 metres, it leaves them in silent awe.

The origins are believed to be emissions of fire breathing from a cherished mythical serpent called a Naga,

which still exists today and lives in the murky depths of the legendary river Mekong. Prior to the event, at a nearby village called Phon Phisai, villagers in traditional dress and bands parade through the streets with floats adorned with images of the Naga. Later, long boats are seen lit up parading along the Mekong as crowds gather to watch this beautiful ritual and magical event in the hope of catching a glimpse of the mysterious Naga.

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