Venue:
New Plot of Land at the Vedanta Retreat, Scappoose, 23000 N.W. Gilkison Road, Scappoose, OR 97056

Directions to the Venue:
Please take Highway 30 W (NW St. Helens Road); turn on to Watson Rd towards the Joy Creek Nursery. Where the road splits turn left onto NW Gilkison Road. At the end of the road there will be a sign indicating the Retreat; enter through the orange gate on the left. Stay to the right as you continue up the road to the Main Temple.

Please note:
1. Please park your vehicle properly with the help of volunteers.
2. Devotees are requested to bring a vegetarian dish to share. Any leftovers are to be taken away by the devotee who brought that particular dish.
3. Those who intend to visit the various shrines should wear hiking clothes, outdoor shoes and walk in groups.
4. Please RSVP to vedantapdx@gmail.com
5. Please send an email to us for car pooling.

Dedication of the Newly Acquired Adjacent Land
INVITATION

Dear Devotees and Friends,

The Vedanta Society of Portland cordially invites you, your family and friends to participate in the dedication ceremony of the newly acquired parcel of 169 acres of land adjacent to the Vedanta Retreat in Scappoose on Sunday, April 5, 2020.

By the Divine Will, the adjacent Weyerhaeuser property was leased to the Vedanta Society of Portland for more than three years and after the clear-cut last year, the owner intended to sell the land to the Society. The Board of Trustees considered pros and cons of the offer in its meetings and found it worth it to buy the property. Later the terms and conditions were negotiated with due diligence. With the help of many devotees the Society closed the sale of the property on March 17, 2020, the St Patrick's Day. So it is befitting to dedicate the property to the Divine for the services of the society on April 5, 2020 the auspicious occasion of the worship of Divine Mother in spring (Vasanti Durga Puja fortnight).

You are also invited to share a potluck lunch (prasada) after the program, given in the following page. We look forward to seeing you.

Yours in the services of the Divine,
Swami Chandrashekharananda

On behalf of the devotees and the Board of Trustees,
Vedanta Society of Portland.

Note: Please see overleaf for other details. Please keep your mobile in silent mode and maintain silence during the program.

“In a conflict between the heart and the brain, follow your heart.”
— Swami Vivekananda

PROGRAM

11:00 A.M. Flower offerings to the deities and shanti mantras
11:05 A.M. Puja starts
11:05 A.M. Chanting of Om and Vedic Prayers
   by Vancouver Vedanta Vrunda
11:25 A.M. Welcome and Background
   by Dr. Terrance Hohner
11:35 A.M. Reading from ‘The Complete Works of Swami Vivekananda’ by Tom Sherrett
11:40 A.M. Songs
11:50 A.M. Reading from ‘The Gospel of Sri Sarada Devi’
   by Ms. Kathe Fradkin
11:55 A.M. Songs
12:10 P.M. Reading from ‘The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna’
   by Mr. Uwe Klabunde
12:15 P.M. A Vote of Thanks and information
   by Swami Chandrashekharananda
12:20 P.M. Closing Song
12:25 P.M. Group Photo
12:35 P.M. Potluck Lunch
1:10 P.M. Tour of the Shrines