



The Florida Federation of the Theosophical Society in America 2015 Convention

Dear Friends,

2014 Fall-Winter Newsletter



We are delighted to invite you to attend the 2015 Florida Federation Convention, on March 6th-8th, on the beautiful and peaceful grounds of Kashi Ashram Interfaith Spiritual Community, 11155 Roseland Road, Sebastian, Florida, 32958 www.kashi.org.

The theme of the Convention is *Theosophy, Quantum Physics & the Human Journey*, presented by Eneida Carbonell, a lifelong student of Theosophy, and an Adult Mathematics Instructor by profession.

The weekend will include several sessions with our Speaker, and much more, to be announced in our January Newsletter Program Schedule. Attendees will have many wonderful opportunities to network with one another, not only for exchanging Theosophical ideas and information, but in the chance of spending quality time with one another. You will also be able to enjoy the relaxing atmosphere of the Ashram's natural beauty throughout your stay. This will be another great opportunity to gather together and create a weekend of brotherly love and renewed inspiration for Theosophical work, as we interact with old friends and welcome new ones. Please fill out and return the attached registration form in this Newsletter if you are planning to attend; early registration is encouraged, deadline Feb 6th.

For further details visit our Web page at: www.theosophical.org/membership/federations/florida

We look forward to seeing you, your family and friends at Kashi!

Equally important, we keep encouraging you to attend the variety of programs and classes presented in the TS Lodges and Study Centers throughout our State of Florida.

In Love and Light,

Nori Rao,
President
Florida Federation TSA

**Theosophy,
Quantum Physics
&
the Human Journey
2015
Florida Federation Convention
March 6th-8th
Keynote Speaker: Eneida Carbonell
Performing Artists and Special Guests**





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Florida Federation 2015 Convention Theosophy, Quantum Physics and the Human Journey

Theosophy and Quantum Physics inform us about the nature of Mind and Matter in relation to a Space-Time Continuum. We will consider such concepts as Akasha (Space), Mahat (Universal Mind), and Fohat (Energy) in relation to the unfoldment of human consciousness, and its great possibilities for a better world order.

Presented by Eneida Elena Carbonell, Vice-President of the España Lodge of the T.S.A. in Los Angeles, CA, a lifelong student of Theosophy, and a Mathematics Adult Ed Instructor by profession. With special presentation by Performing Artists.

More detailed info in our next Newsletter, and on our Webpage at:

www.theosophical.org/membership/federations/florida

Message to All Members

As your nominating committee, elected at the Florida Federation Meeting during the Spring Convention, March 2012, we are placing in nomination for a second term the following persons for Federation offices for the years 2013-2015.

President: Nori Rao

1st Vice President: Ricardo Basurto

2nd Vice President: Judith Snow

Treasurer: Steve Schweizer



We are not electing a Director of Communications for the upcoming term, since Nori will continue taking care of the Newsletter's content and layout with her daughter, Marina. The printing of the Newsletter will be at CF Printing Shop & Postal Services.

According to our by-laws anyone may present an additional nomination for any of these offices with that person's consent to run. If you wish to present an additional nominee for an office please submit that person's name with his or her written consent by January 1, 2015 to:

Carol L. Hurd, 2261 Everglades Dr. Miramar, FL 33023. theosophy2011@gmail.com

If there are no additional nominees, those presented by the Nominating Committee will be declared elected. With warm good wishes, Your Nominating Committee, Carol Hurd, Judith Snow, Silvia Bryan





2015 Florida Federation
Convention
Theosophy
Quantum Physics
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the Human Journey
presented by
Eneida Carbonell
March 6th–8th, at
Kashi Ashram
11155 Roseland Road
Sebastian, Florida, 32958



Kashi Ashram is an interfaith spiritual community which stretches over 80 acres of woodlands with a number of shared residences. At the center of the Ashram there is a large pond surrounded by temples and shrines to many of the world's religions. This pond symbolically represents the Ganges, the sacred river of India.



If driving, Kashi Ashram is 10 minutes off Interstate 95 from Exit #156, Actual directions: Exit #156 from I95, go East 4 miles to traffic light at Roseland Road. Turn left. Go 1.3 miles to gated entrance to Kashi Ashram on Left. Follow signs to Office.



We look forward seeing you there!



The Florida Federation of the Theosophical Society in America

Florida Federation Lodges & Study Centers

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Florida Federation Board of Directors

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Theosophy, Quantum Physics & the Human Journey

Convention Program in
process /Tentative schedule:

Friday March 6th

3:00 pm:
Check-in at Main Office
5:00 pm: Dinner
7:30 pm: Orientation/ Social
Gathering

Saturday March 7th

7:15 am: Yoga & Meditation
w/Nori (optional)
8:00 am: Breakfast
9:30 am: Official Opening
10:00 am: Lecture Part I
12:00 pm: Lunch
2:00 pm: Lecture Part II
3:30 pm: Ashram Tour
4:00 pm: ES Meeting
(members only)
5:00 pm: Dinner
8:00 pm: Entertainment

Sunday March 8th

7:15 am: Yoga & Meditation
w/Nori
8:00 am: Breakfast
9:30 am: Lecture Part III
11:30 am: Convention Closing
12:00 pm: Lunch
1:30 pm: Business Meeting



Florida Federation Convention 2015 (March 6th–8th): Kashi Ashram

11155 Roseland Road, Sebastian, FL 32958. <http://www.kashi.org/>

This year's convention will be located at the beautiful Kashi Ashram in Sebastian Florida. Accommodations include private and semi-private rooms, as well as, dorm style accommodations for both men and women, all of which are located in 3 separate homes on the property. Bathrooms, therefore, are shared by the guests and residents. **Each rate option below is per person per night and includes all meals. Meals are ovo-lacto vegetarian. Vegan meals are available upon request.**

Accommodations are limited, so be sure to register early if you wish to stay at the Ashram. Of course, you are free to secure your own accommodations.

Commuters not residing overnight at the Ashram may attend the **2-day event** for a fee of \$45 per day, which includes all meals. There is a Best Western only 5 minutes away from the Ashram. Hotel reservations are your responsibility, but special pricing at the nearby Best Western is available for the budget minded. The phone number for the Sebastian Best Western is 772-388-9300. Mention that you are attending an event at the *Kashi Interfaith Spiritual Community* and that you are eligible for a Locally Negotiated Rate (LNR), i.e. a double-occupancy room at the Best Western is specially priced at only \$103/night. The hotel address is 1655 US Highway 1, Sebastian FL 32958. Please remember, however, that all commuters, including those staying at nearby hotels, are responsible for the \$45/day registration fee. Prices listed below to stay at the Ashram, however, **include** event registration.

Kashi is 30 minutes south of Melbourne Airport and 90 minutes from both the Orlando and West Palm Beach Airports. While Melbourne Airport is closest to the Ashram, it is small. Therefore, flights into Orlando Airport should be cheaper and easier to book. Shuttle service is available from the Melbourne & Orlando airports. Call for pricing. Melbourne Airport Shuttle: 800-826-4544. Smart Shuttle: 772-343-0217. Action Shuttle: 772-569-6398.

If you are driving, the Kashi Ashram is 10 minutes off of I-95 at Exit 156. After taking the exit, go East 4 miles on Sebastian Blvd to the traffic light at Roseland Road. Turn left on Roseland. Go 1.3 miles to the gated entrance of Kashi Ashram. The gate will be on your left. Follow the signs to the main office.

Check-in starts at 3:00 p.m. Friday, March 6th. The Ashram is providing 6 buffet-style meals for all registrants, including commuters: Friday dinner, all 3 meals on Saturday, and 2 meals (breakfast and lunch) on Sunday. There are no exceptions and no refunds for missed meals. Registrants, therefore, especially those commuting for both the Saturday and Sunday sessions, should take special care to not miss Friday evening's opening dinner. **Saturday only** registrants will receive the 3 Saturday meals as part of their 1-day registration. Parking at the Ashram is free.

***Theosophy, Quantum Physics and the Human Journey*, with Eneida Carbonell (Registration Form)**

To register, please complete and mail this form with your payment to secure your room and meals below. We must receive your **full payment** no later than **February 6, 2015**. Remember, however, there are a limited number of rooms at the Ashram and we cannot guarantee your room reservation if you wait until the last minute to register. **All reservations are non-refundable upon receipt of your payment.** Those securing their own accommodations should still send in their registration with payment by February 6th. **You must pre-register for this event. Pre-registration is required for access to Ashram events.**

Kashi Ashram is a spiritual center offering a smoke-free, alcohol-free and drug-free environment for its guests. Please do not bring alcohol, illegal drugs, tobacco, firearms or weapons to the ashram. Please do not bring pets to the ashram if you are staying at the ashram.

Your check or money order should be made out to the:

Florida Federation of the Theosophical Society in America, Inc.

Please mail to: **Steve Schweizer, Registrar**

Florida Federation of the Theosophical Society

P. O. Box 07095

Fort Myers, FL 33919-5835

(OVER)

Attendee(s): How many in your family or group, including you? _____

Name (payee or responsible party): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Names of those staying with you: _____

Please check **only one** of the registration options below. All meals are included.

___ **Dorm Style*** (\$90/person) ___ **Double/Triple Occupancy** (\$100/person) ___ **Single Occupancy** (\$110/person)

Ashram Arrival Date: _____ Ashram Departure Date: _____

Room-rate chosen above \$ _____ x Total number of people _____ x Total nights _____ = \$ _____

OR

___ **Commuter Rate** (\$45 per person per day): Includes Saturday and/or Sunday programs and meals.

\$45/person x Total number of people _____ x Total days in attendance (put 1 if Sat. only) _____ = \$ _____

I am including a **tax deductible donation** for the Florida Federation: (**\$25.00** per person suggested): \$ _____

Total enclosed: (Check or Money Order) \$ _____. Check here _____ if you and your party require Vegan meals. **Full payment due no later than February 6, 2015. We cannot guarantee your reservation if the deadline is missed.**

The Federation will also continue with its annual booksale during the conference. All proceeds from the sale help to offset the Federation's operating costs. If you are driving to the conference, please consider bringing with you any books you would like to donate to the sale table. We appreciate your kind support of the work of Florida Federation and, therefore, The Theosophical Society.

Check here: _____, yes I will be bringing books that I would like to donate to the sale table! Approx. how many? _____

We will contact you by phone or e-mail if there is a problem with any portion of your registration. **Pre-paid reservations are non-refundable.** If you have any further questions, please contact **Steve Schweizer** at sschweizer@theosophical.org; or call **239-603-6058**. Further details are available online at: www.theosophical.org/membership/federations/florida.

***Note:** There are 5 beds per dorm room.