



# Sharana Suddhi - ಶರಣ ಸುದ್ಧಿ

Veerashaiva Samaja of North America

36<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention: **July 5 – 6, 2013**

India Cultural Center, 5511 Lynn Road, Tampa, FL 33624

Hosted by: VSNA Florida Chapter



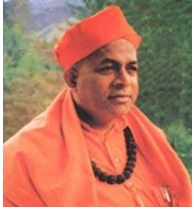
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We would like to extend a warm welcome to fellow Veerashaivas for our 2013 VSNA convention. In this newsletter, we provide a brief update on all the activities going on, and a list of upcoming activities. We look forward to hear from you and also seeing you all in Tampa this July.

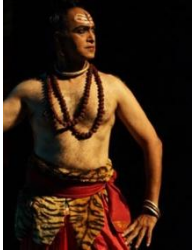
VSNA 2013 Convention Committee

## Invitees:

His Holiness, **Dr. Sri Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanru** of Chitradurga Murugharajendra Math has accepted our invitation to attend the convention. **Swamiji performs Ishta Linga Puja using vachanas. Do not miss out on this unique spiritual experience of Ishta Ling Puja. Swamiji will also teach Shiva Dyana (meditation). (Please bring your Ishta Linga).** Swamiji will be addressing the convention and leading the discussion group.

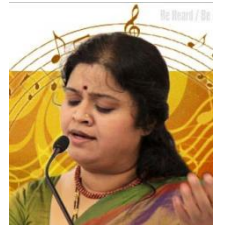


We also have acceptance from Holiness **Dr. Shivamurthy Shivacharya Mahaswamiji**, of Sri Taralabalu Jagadguru Brihanmath, Sirigere. Swamiji is an eminent Sanskrit scholar with Ph.D from Banaras Hindu University. His Holiness is also the President of the Education Society. Treading the path of his predecessor, Swamiji has been relentlessly striving for the upliftment of the rural poor & the downtrodden. Swamiji will also be addressing the convention and leading the discussion group.



Vidwan **Mysore B. Nagaraj** is a highly accomplished artist and scholar, internationally renowned for his dance and choreography. In addition, his rendition of Veerashaiva themes/ vachanas are passionate, inspiring, educational and memorable. We are honored and excited that he will be choreographing an exclusive production for our VSNA convention. It will be a one man theater production, based on the anecdotes from the life and literary works of some of the sharanas. This will also be interspersed with dance based on Hindustani Music. The enactment will be in English while the vachanas will in Kannada. [Website.](#)

**Sangeetha Katti** is one of the leading Hindustani Classical Vocalists amongst the young brigade of artists of India. She was awarded the prestigious Suvarna Karnataka Rajyotsava award, 2006-07 by the Karnataka State Government. Sangeetha will be rendering vachanas and other devotional songs in Hindustani style. Sangeetha has a rich performance experience in Hindustani Vocal as well as Bhajans, Vachanas, Dasavani , Abhangs, Bhavageet, Folk Music and Playback singing... [More...](#)



## Registration & Website:

Please visit our web site, [www.vsnaconvention.com](http://www.vsnaconvention.com) for either manual or online registrations. We request all families to avail the \$750 special package. Package includes registration for a family of 4, and hotel room for 2 nights stay. For any questions on registration, please send an email to [vsna2013.convention@gmail.com](mailto:vsna2013.convention@gmail.com)

### Singles Meet:

*SINGLES MEET* is going to be a fun filled event!! We are planning outings and games. Don't miss this opportunity to have fun and make friends. Register early. More the merrier! For more info and suggestions contact :

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### Attention Golf Enthusiasts!

- Welcome to the VSNA convention in the Sunshine State
- Take advantage of the finest and most affordable golf courses in the country!
- We are planning the very first VSNA Convention Golf Tournament, **Thursday July 4th** afternoon, **or Friday July 5th** early morning, depending on the preference of registrants
- There will be **exciting prizes** for the best golfer, longest drive off tee, closest to the pin and longest putt to name a few
- Let us know your interest and preference ASAP so we may plan accordingly



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### Accommodation:

**Limited number of rooms at incredible prices – Please book early!!**

Attendees for the event have to call the following hotels for booking by phone and mention booking code shown below to get the discounted hotel rates as mentioned below. Please book the hotel at your earliest convenience.

**Country Inn and Suites Tampa Airport** : 813-881-1800

**Hampton Inn Veteran Expressway/Airport North** : 813-901-5900

1. Both hotel rooms with king size bed or double beds should be at the same price \$59.00 per night + tax
2. Includes Airport pick and drop off and free Shuttle service to ICC
3. Use **Booking code** - "**VSNA2013**" for **Country Inn** & "**ICC**" for **Hampton Inn**

### Anubhava Ghosthi:

We are planning Anubhava Ghosthi with 3 experienced panel members to initiate discussion, and our emphasis will be on audience discussion and participation. There will be parallel sessions for Adults and Youths. We have put together a great panel to lead these discussions.

### Food:

We are offering a wide variety of Karnataka cuisine to appeal to all palates.

### Youth Activities:

In addition to a separate Anubhava Ghosthi, other youth specific programs are being planned. Youth activities includes Q&A session with swamiji's, outings and competitions.

### Suggested Excursions/ Day Trips:

Take advantage of the proximity of nearby attractions. Many of these attractions are approximately 30 minutes to 90 minutes away. We suggest, Busch Gardens at Tampa Bay, Aquarium (home of 'Flipper'), Salvador Dali Museum at St. Petersburg, Islands of Adventure and Universal Studios (home of **Wizards World of Harry Potter**), Sea World, Disney World consisting of Epcot, Magic Kingdom, Hollywood Studios and Animal Kingdom. You can also visit **Legoland** near Winter Haven, and Kennedy Space Center Visitor's complex near Titusville.

## Picture Gallery:



## Souvenir:

We are requesting articles and advertisements for the Souvenir. Last date for submission of articles is July 30, 2013. We request patrons and attendees to advertise in our souvenir.

### Tentative Program List

Date	Time	Event	Venue
<b>Friday, July 5, 2013</b>			
	01:00 PM - 05:00 PM	Sight Seeing Tour	ICC Lobby
	01:00 PM - 03:00 PM	BOD/BOR Meeting	TBD
	03:00 PM - 05:00 PM	Discussion Groups	TBD
	02:00 PM - 09:00 PM	On-site Registration	ICC Lobby
	04:30 PM - 05:30 PM	Snacks and Coffee/ Tea	TBD
	05:00 PM - 06:00PM	Singles Meet Registration	ICC Lobby
	06:00 PM - 08:00 PM	Entertainment - Sangeetha Katti's concert	Magnolia Hall
	08:30 PM - 09:30 PM	Dinner	TBD
<b>Saturday, July 6, 2013</b>			
	07:00 AM - 07:30 AM	Yoga	TBD
	07:30 AM - 09:00 AM	Breakfast	TBD
	07:30 AM - 09:00 AM	Health Screening (TBD)	TBD
	08:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Registration	ICC Lobby
	09:15 AM - 10:00 AM	Inaguration & Welcome	Magnolia Hall
	10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Key Note Speech	Magnolia Hall
	10:30 AM - 10:40 AM	Break	
	10:45 AM - 11:15 AM	Speeches	Magnolia Hall
	11:20 AM - 12:00 PM	Group Linga Puje	Lotus Hall
	12:00 PM - 01:00 PM	Lunch	TBD
	01:30 PM - 03:00 PM	Childrens Competition Program	Magnolia Hall
	01:30 PM - 03:00 PM	Business Forum	Lotus Hall
	01:30 PM - 03:00 PM	Singles Meet	TBD
	03:00 PM - 04:00 PM	General Body Meeting	Magnolia Hall
	04:00 PM - 05:00 PM	Anubhava Ghosthi (A)	Magnolia Hall
	04:00 PM - 05:00 PM	Anubhava Ghosthi (Y)	Temple Auditorium
	05:00 PM - 05:30 PM	Snacks with Coffee/ Tea	Tent/ Lobby
	05:30 PM - 07:30 PM	Cultural Programs & Awards	Temple Auditorium
	08:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Banquet Dinner, Donor/ Guest Recognition	Magnolia Hall
	09:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Theater Production - Mysore Nagaraj	Magnolia Hall

### Convention website:

<http://www.vснаconvention.com>

### For general convention related queries:

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