

Maha Shivaratri

CELEBRATION

Dear Friends,

Shubh
Maha Shivaratri!

The festival of Maha Shivaratri ("the great night of Lord Shiva") is celebrated in honor of Lord Shiva, the God of gods and the Self of All. Come and join us in celebrating this significant festival at Shanti Mandir, Walden, as we study the eternal teachings revealed by Shiva, chant hymns to Shiva, listen to stories of Shiva from the Puranas, chant the conversation of Shiva and Parvati in the form of *Shree Guru Gita*, chant the names of Shiva, repeat the mantra of Shiva, and meditate on Shiva who dwells within all as Consciousness.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27 – MAHA SHIVARATRI

7:30-10:00pm

Shiva Mahimna Stotram, Shiva Manas Puja, Shiva Namavali, Rudrashtakam and Nirvanashatakam
Om Namah Shivaya

SATURDAY, MARCH 1 – MEDITATION RETREAT: THE PATH OF SELF-RECOGNITION

9:00am – 4:00pm

A day of immersion in contemplation and meditation. In this retreat, we will study the teachings of Kashmir Shaivism. Conducted by Dana and Vivek. Registration required. Suggested donation \$100.

SATURDAY, MARCH 1 – EVENING PROGRAM

7:30-9:00pm

Shiva Mahimna Stotram, Shiva Manas Puja, and Shiva Namavali
Storytelling by David Elyha: "What It Takes to Marry Shiva"
David, an actor, storyteller, and writer, will tell the story of Lord Shiva's marriage from the Puranas and folk tales.

SUNDAY, MARCH 2 – CELEBRATION SATSANG

9:00am

Shree Guru Gita

10:00am – 12:00 noon Satsang

Talk by Vivek on the significance of Maha Shivaratri, *kirtan* (chants to Lord Shiva), Om Namah Shivaya, and Meditation.



Shiva Lingam at
Shanti Mandir,
Walden

Remembering the all-pervasive Consciousness seated in the heart, we bow to Shiva – Om Namah Shivaya.

– Baba Muktananda, *Nothing Exists That Is Not Shiva*

