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VANCOUVER USA TOURISM OFFICE LAUNCHES NEW ONLINE WEDDING PLANNING FEATURE Brides- and grooms-to-be now have centralized source for weddings in Southwest Washington

VANCOUVER, Wash. — A new resource is now available to help happy couples plan their nuptials in one of the most beautiful and centrally located regions in the Pacific Northwest. Vancouver USA Regional Tourism Office recently launched a special section on its website that provides information on Southwest Washington's one-of-a-kind special event venues, hotel facilities and other sought-after services such as catering.

"The combination of the area's natural beauty combined with our wide array of unique wedding venues makes Southwest Washington the perfect place for any couple to share their special day together," said Kim Bennett, president and CEO of the Vancouver USA Regional Tourism Office. "Being centrally located also makes Vancouver an ideal spot to bring friends and family together from all parts of the Pacific Northwest."

Whether planning a large or small wedding, Vancouver has venues to suit just about any size and any theme from casual to formal. Couples can choose from a variety of wedding sites ranging from stately historic houses, to golf courses, museums, community centers and hotels. And, with more than 2,600 guestrooms throughout the region, out-of-town guests will find it easy to make overnight accommodations.

The wedding section of the tourism office website can be found at www.VisitVancouverUSA.com/weddings.asp.

About Vancouver USA Regional Tourism Office

Vancouver USA Regional Tourism Office (formerly Southwest Washington Convention & Visitors Bureau) is an economic development organization responsible for competitively marketing Vancouver and the surrounding area as a destination for meetings, conventions, and group and leisure travelers. The organization's mission is to promote Vancouver and Clark County by increasing convention and visitor business. For more information call 360-750-1553, or log on to <u>www.VisitVancouverUSA.com</u>.