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Trend-setting Architectural Tours of Venice and Pacific Palisades

Venice, CA -- The annual Venice Architectural Tours will be Saturday, April 28, 2007 from 9am to approximately 4pm. These exclusive tours are a companion to the ever-popular Venice Garden & Home Tour (held the following Saturday, May 5), and offered to major sponsors of the event. Tickets for the public will be available for purchase Monday, April 16 at \$300 each.

A tour of unique contemporary and vintage homes of Venice offers a rare glimpse into environments that reflect the colorful history and future of this oceanside mecca of creativity. Homes on this tour will include architectural designs by Stephen Shortridge and Charles Ward, to name a few. Tour leaders are community leader Sheila Goldberg and real estate experts Betsy Goldman and Ramey Ward. The tour is by guided coach and lunch in a Venice restaurant included.

Jay Griffith, Venice-based landscape designer and Venice Garden Tour founder, will lead a tour of an eclectic mix of architecturally significant homes and gardens in Santa Monica Canyon, Rustic Canyon and Pacific Palisades Riviera. Homes on the tour are designed by architects such as John Byers, Steven Ehrlich, Ray Kappe and Michael Sant. A guided coach is provided and lunch will be served at Jay Griffith's home.

Proceeds from the Venice Architectural Tours and the Venice Garden & Home Tour benefit the non-profit Neighborhood Youth Association's Las Doradas Children's Center that has served at-risk children and their families in Venice for over 100 years. For information, please contact barbarab/events at 310-821-1857 or venicegardentour@ca.rr.com. Visit our website www.venicegardentour.org.

**Individual tickets will be available for sale at \$300 each if Architectural Tours are not pre-sold out to sponsors.*

**Individual tickets to the Venice Garden & Home Tour, May 5, are available at \$60 each, in advance.*