

VENICE GARDEN & HOME TOUR 2008

FACT SHEET

WHAT: The **Venice Garden & Home Tour 2008** is an annual fundraising event that showcases more than 25 unusual and delightful gardens that reflect the creative and original tastes of their owners as well as the talents of local landscape designers. **The Venice Garden Tour** started fourteen years ago as an event to benefit the Neighborhood Youth Association's Las Doradas Children's Center in Venice. Neighborhood Youth Association (NYA) was founded in 1906 and has enhanced the lives of thousands of "at-risk" children.

WHERE: **Saturday, May 3, 2008** the **Venice Garden & Home Tour** self guided walking tour will take participants to the east side of Lincoln Boulevard where they will meander down quiet, spacious streets visiting traditional Craftsman, modest stucco homes and the latest in contemporary architectural designs. Visitors will view drought-tolerant gardens, California native plants, a vast variety of succulents, pocket vegetable gardens, and gardens designed for secluded relaxation. Venice landscape designers include Jay Griffith, Russ Cletta, Barry Campion and Stefan Hammerschmidt. Many of the homes as well as the gardens will be open to tour-goers.

The **Venice Garden & Home Tour** begins at NYA's Las Doradas Children's Center at 804 Broadway, at the corner of Broadway Avenue and Pleasant View, in Venice. Neighborhood parking is available as are shuttle buses and biking is recommended.

WHEN: The **Venice Garden & Home Tour** will be held on **Saturday, May 3, 2008 from 10:00am to 5:00pm, rain or shine**. Tour-goers should check-in before 2:00pm in order to see all of the gardens.

WHO: The **Venice Garden & Home Tour** was conceived by Venice landscape designer Jay Griffith, Venice community leaders Linda Lucks and Jan Brilliot in response to the Las Doradas Children's Center need for funding.

HOW: The tax-deductible tickets are \$60 if purchased in advance, \$70 if purchased the day of the Tour. Children under 12 years of age are admitted free. For further information, to purchase tickets, to become a sponsor, or to place an ad in the *Gardens of Venice Source Book*, please call Barbara Baumann, barbarab/events & pr...at 310-821-1857 or email at venicegardentour@ca.rr.com.

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PHOTOS: Digital photographs are available for the press upon request.