

VENICE GARDEN & HOME TOUR 2009

FACT SHEET

WHAT: The **Venice Garden & Home Tour 2009, Saturday, May 2** showcases unusual and delightful gardens and homes that reflect the creative and original tastes of their owners as well as the talents of local landscape designers and architects. The **Venice Garden Tour** started 15 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.

The **Venice Garden & Home Tour** is an exceptional fundraising event:

- For only \$60. (tax-deductible) tour-goers have access to 25-30 homes/gardens; tour-goers get "more bang for their buck" on this tour than any other in L.A. Many homes as well as the gardens will be open to tour-goers.
- The Garden Tour will feature homes by major Los Angeles architects including Glen Irani's personal home and office, Frank Gehry's "Lifeguard House" on the ocean front walk, homes designed by Stephen Erlich, Steven Shortridge, and Antoine Predock
- Landscape designers include Jay Griffith, Bent Grass, and Zack Freedman.
- Following the Garden Tour, there will be a reception for tour-goers at G2 Art Gallery on Main Street. G2 Gallery will exhibit Galen Rowland's photography.

WHERE: The **Venice Garden & Home Tour** self-guided walking tour will take participants to the historic Venice Canals, the nearby Venice "beach walk streets" and the Windward Circle neighborhood west of Lincoln Boulevard.

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 suggested.

WHEN: The **Venice Garden & Home Tour** will be held on **Saturday, May 2, 2009 from 10:00am to 5:00pm, rain or shine.**

WHO: The **Venice Garden & Home Tour** was conceived by Venice landscape designer Jay Griffith and Venice community leaders Linda Lucks and Jan Brilliot.

HOW: 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 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.

WEBSITE: www.venicegardentour.org

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