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VENICE GARDEN TOUR OFFERS FUN, FANTASY and FUNDRAISING

(Venice, CA) – Saturday, May 2, 2009, the Venice Garden & Home Tour will offer a glimpse into Venice’s colorful, historical past and a view of the future with a tour of 25-30 gardens and homes during its annual fundraising event for the Neighborhood Youth Association’s Las Doradas Children’s Center. Visitors will be treated to an insider’s look at the charming homes that line the glittering Venice canals, the secluded “beach walk streets” within sight of the ocean, and the Windward Circle neighborhood west of Lincoln Boulevard, all part of Venice’s legendary past and pace-setting present.

The self-guided walking **Venice Garden & Home Tour** from 10:00am to 5:00pm, starts at the Las Doradas Children’s Center, 804 Broadway, at the corner of Broadway and Pleasant View, in Venice. Neighborhood parking is available as are shuttle buses, and biking is suggested. Tax-deductible tickets, rain-or-shine, are \$60 advance purchase, \$70 purchased day-of-the-event. Children under 12 years of age are admitted free. For tickets and information, please call 310-821-1857, email venicegardentour@ca.rr.com, or visit our website www.venicegardentour.org.

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Digital photos are available for the press upon request.