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“RHAPSODY IN BLOOM,” 2008 GIRL SCOUT GARDEN TOUR, TO FEATURE TEN GARDENS IN SCARSDALE

Pleasantville, NY — Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson, Inc. will sponsor a summer garden tour, *Rhapsody in Bloom*, on Saturday, **July 12**, 2008. Ten beautiful and diverse privately owned gardens, located in Scarsdale, will be open for public viewing from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Attendance will be limited and tickets sold on a first-come, first-served basis. The ticket price is \$40, which includes admittance to all ten gardens. Those paying \$60 can also enjoy a buffet luncheon served from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Betty Taubert Girl Scout House, 37 Wayside Lane, Scarsdale. Luncheon reservations are required. To purchase a ticket, or for more information, contact Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson, Inc. at 914.747.3080, ext. 219, or visit www.girlscoutshh.org.

The gardens are a potpourri of styles and sizes, reflecting the varied interests of their owners. Ranging from a backyard wildlife sanctuary featured in the Summer 2008 of *Nature's Garden* magazine (published by *Better Homes and Gardens*) to the historic trees (one of which dates back to the start of the 18th century) found on the grounds of the Scarsdale Woman's Club, there is something for everyone, novice and diehard gardener alike.

Plantings include perennials, annuals, grasses, roses, shade-loving plants, flowering vines, and specimen trees and shrubs. The gardens incorporate natural landscape features such as stone paths, rock outcroppings, and woodlands. Water features, container displays, urns, statuary, and many other interesting elements enhance the gardens.

Many of the homes' exteriors have architectural and historical interest. An added bonus is the opportunity to view selected rooms in the interiors of some of the homes. There will also be a raffle offering chances to win gift certificates and prizes donated by area garden centers, restaurants, and other merchants.

Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson serves 34,000 girls and 15,000 adult volunteers throughout seven counties in southeastern New York State: Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster, and Westchester. Its central administrative office, as well as a

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regional office, is in Pleasantville, with additional regional offices in Kingston, Middletown, New City, and Poughkeepsie.

Founded in Savannah, Georgia, on March 12, 1912, Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) strives to build girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place. Accordingly, GSUSA continues to be the world's pre-eminent organization for, and leading authority on, girls, with a membership of more than 3.7 million girls and adults.

For information about joining, volunteering, or making a donation to Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson, Inc., contact 914.747.3080 or visit www.girlscoutshh.org.