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‘A Taste of Spring’ Offers Preview Of GardenScape 2009 at Dome

Rochester, NY (February 2009) – Again this year, the annual GardenScape landscape and flower show at the Dome Arena in Henrietta will begin with a gala preview party on Wednesday evening, March 11.

This special event, known as *A Taste of Spring*, is a fund-raiser for the Epilepsy Foundation of Rochester-Syracuse-Binghamton., a non-profit human services agency serving the needs of area residents affected by epilepsy and related disabilities.

Guests of *A Taste of Spring* will stroll through dozens of tranquil gardens and enjoy a reception complete with hors d’oeuvre, desserts, and live music a day in advance of the show’s public run from March 12-15. The Epilepsy Foundation will hold a silent auction of garden and home-related items, a raffle for a beautiful handmade quilt from the Quilt Room in Penn Yan, and will sell fresh flowers at the preview event and at the show itself.

The theme for GardenScape 2009, *Gardens of Eden – an Oasis for the Soul*, evokes the image of tranquil gardens where a weary soul may seek rejuvenation. This exclusive preview event is an excellent way to enjoy the beauty and tranquility of this year’s gardens at a leisurely pace.

This marks the ninth year the Epilepsy Foundation has been named charity of choice for GardenScape, the annual showcase event produced by the GardenScape Professionals Association, comprising of the area’s landscape and garden architects and designers.

“We are honored, once again, to be charity of choice for GardenScape,” says Debbie Baker, community relations associate for the Epilepsy Foundation and organizer for the fund-raiser. “*A Taste of Spring* is a great way to view the gardens in an exclusive and intimate setting.”

The Epilepsy Foundation’s mission is to ensure that people with seizures are able to participate in all life experiences; and will prevent, control, and cure epilepsy through services, education, advocacy and research. Programs and services include epilepsy information and education, case management and service coordination, counseling, support groups for individuals and families, residential services, employment services and a summer camp for children and teenagers with epilepsy (Camp EAGR).

For more information on epilepsy or to purchase tickets for *A Taste of Spring*, call (585) 442-4430, go online to www.epilepsy-uny.org or visit any Wegmans’ *That’s the Ticket* locations. Tickets are \$50 per person. Complete show information for GardenScape 2009 can be found at www.rochesterflowershow.com.