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Region's Oldest Conservation Non-profit Organization Celebrates Earth Day and Kicks Off its 125th Anniversary Year

LAKE GEORGE, NY (April 19, 2010)— In honor of Earth Day, and to kick off its historic 125th Anniversary, the Lake George Association will host a “Celebrate Ice-Out” event at the Dale Miller Restaurant at 30 Pearl Street in Albany, on Thursday, April 22, 2010, from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Sponsors include John and Johanne Petersen & Merrill Lynch & Co Foundation, Boats by George, The Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region, The Dock Doctors, Lisa & Michael Hayes, Merrill Lynch Wealth Management, The Renters Guide, Warren Tire and an anonymous donor.

Guests will be bringing their favorite stories of summers spent on Lake George. A backdrop for the evening will include a spectacular view of Albany from the penthouse level along with a display of paintings of Lake George vistas through the eyes of artist Nadia Rymanowski. Guests will learn about the LGA's participation in the West Brook Conservation Initiative on Lake George, the most important and extensive lake saving project in the LGA's 125-year history.

Because West Brook is the single largest source of pollution to Lake George in the South Basin, the LGA and two other environmental groups, along with several local municipalities, formed an historic partnership to design and build an environmental park and restored wetlands on the site of the former Gaslight Village. The park will include boardwalks, bike paths, benches, educational kiosks, interpretative signage, natural plantings, and open space. State-of-the-art technologies and natural methods will collect and slow down storm water, filter sediment, and allow vegetation to reduce harmful nutrients entering the lake.

The Lake George Association is one of the nation's first conservation non-profit organizations. It is the oldest lake association in the United States. Dedicated to protecting the water quality of Lake George, the LGA was first established in 1885 by a group of fisherman who wanted to ensure a healthy future for the Lake's fishery. The group quickly grew to an organization that has worked on many levels to conserve and improve the quality and beauty of the entire Lake George Basin. In the early years, LGA members stocked fish, helped local mountainside farmers keep animal waste pollution from entering the lake, established

modern septic facilities, provided research and advocacy for lake level laws, and purchased and placed buoys. Today the organization oversees lake-saving engineering projects, such as stream and roadside remediation and delta removal, monitors lake quality, conducts studies, and provides education to property owners, boaters, wastewater professionals, school children, gardeners, tourists, land developers and the general public. The LGA's floating classroom, a 40-ft custom designed boat, teaches people of all ages how to become better stewards of the Lake and the environment.

For more information about the Lake George Association, or how to become a member, please contact the LGA at 518-668-3558 or visit www.lakegeorgeassociation.org.

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