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**SAVING MONEY, SAVING ENERGY, AND SAVING WATER ARE MAIN THEMES
AT THIS YEAR'S VISALIA HOME & PATIO SPRINGFEST**

January 25, 2010 (VISALIA, CA) – Over 200 merchants will provide answers at this year's 17th annual Visalia Home & Patio Springfest to help homeowners find ways to save energy, save precious water, and save money in these times of tight credit.

The South Valley's largest home show returns on February 12, 13 and 14 to the Visalia Convention Center with over 350 exhibits stretching from courtyard to courtyard and everything in between. In the large tent, some of the Valley's most reputable masters in gardening, landscaping, water conservation and yard maintenance will be on hand to answer questions, review plans and provide inspiration for outdoor spring projects.

This year, **SolarCity** is the featured solar company at SpringFest. They have pioneered a solar lease option that can allow customers to pay less each month for solar than they previously paid for electricity. SolarCity's lease option requires no upfront cost and can allow customers to start saving money from day one.

And since this year's show coincides with Valentine's Day, unique jewelry, chocolate and travel ideas will also be featured. The culinary experts at Fresno's **Institute of Technology** will be demonstrating how to make that perfect "romantic dinner," and the local retailers at the **Visalia Mall** have donated lots of prizes and gift baskets.

For younger members of the family, **Build-A-Bear Workshop** will give away a bear each day, and Beareamy will be making weekend appearances. The Home Depot will host daily flower-planting clinics, and **Habitat for Humanity of Tulare County** will raffle a special custom-made dollhouse.

This year, SpringFest also invites members of the public to help make a difference by bringing canned goods or non-perishable food items to the show to support the **Visalia Emergency Aid Council** in replenishing their (almost) empty food pantry.

HOURS: Friday, 12 noon–7 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.–7 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

VENUE: Visalia Convention Center

EVENT WEB SITE: www.VisaliaHomeShows.com (information and \$2 off discount tickets)