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**GDC ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF**  
**7<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL “FLOWER VILLAGE” AWARDS**

*Hastings-on-Hudson and Peekskill tie for top honors*

**VALHALLA, N.Y.** (Dec. 20) – The Village of Hastings-on-Hudson and the City of Peekskill were named joint winners of the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Historic River Towns of Westchester Flower Village competition, Ginsburg Development Companies (GDC) announced today.

Historic river towns from Yonkers to Peekskill participated in the GDC-sponsored contest. The downtown areas of the communities were judged during the months of July and August by David Ferris Miller, a landscape architect who has worked with GDC for more than 35 years.

GDC provides “seed money” each spring to the communities for the beautification project. Miller visits the major public areas of each of the participating communities and assigns a score to each city, town or village. Miller has individually designed many GDC communities, selecting all of the landscaping materials and supervising installation.

Hastings-on-Hudson and Peekskill were named dual winners for their original and well-kept displays. Cortlandt placed second while Dobbs Ferry took third. The winning communities were each awarded \$1,000. The announcement marked the second consecutive year that Peekskill has been named co-winner of the competition.

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“This is a fun and friendly neighborhood competition that has the power to bring a community together for a great cause,” said Miller. “The participating communities all did a fine job and the flower designs greatly improved the feel of these areas.”

Martin Ginsburg, president and CEO of Ginsburg Development Companies, began the competition in 1999 after witnessing a similar competition while on vacation in Europe.

“The reason that this competition has become so popular is that people take pride in the appearance of their communities,” said Ginsburg. “Our company feels the same way and we understand the importance of giving back to the communities where we build homes. We congratulate all of the towns, cities and villages that took part in this special event.”

Active GDC communities include Ichabod’s Landing in Sleepy Hollow, N.Y.; Harbors at Haverstraw (N.Y.); Marbury Corners in Pelham, N.Y.; Liberty at Newtown (Conn.); Riverbend in Peekskill, N.Y. and The Greens at Gillette Ridge in Bloomfield, Conn. To place your name on GDC’s priority list, go to [www.gdc-homes.com](http://www.gdc-homes.com), click on “Coming Soon” and then “name of development” or call 1-866-GDC-4-HOMES.

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