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MEDIA ALERT –

GreyStone Executive Featured for March AFTERNOON WITH AUTHORS Event

Douglasville, Georgia – The Cultural Arts Council of Douglasville/Douglas County is pleased to announce the second book signing and reading of its new 2009 “Afternoon with Authors” series featuring Marcita Scharnhorst, Douglas County-based writer and Vice-President of Human Resources with GreyStone Power Company, at the Cultural Arts Center on Sunday, March 29th, from 3 until 5 p.m. Ms. Scharnhorst will read from her chapter included in *The Power of Ten*, published by the American Business Women’s Association; and autographed copies of this collection of fascinating essays by the top ten business women in the U.S., will be available for sale during the event. A reception, hosted by the Douglas County chapter of ABWA, will follow the reading. This event is free and open to the general public.

The first woman ever to serve on GreyStone Power’s Executive Staff, Marcita Scharnhorst has worked for the Douglas County-based electric membership corporation for the past 35 years, more than 25 years in Human Resources where she is currently the Vice President. She began as an Accountant and also served in previous positions in Benefits Administration and as Supervisor of Payroll and Benefits. A 1992 graduate of the State University of Kennesaw with a Bachelor’s degree in Business with emphasis in Human Resources, she is designated as a Certified Human Resources Professional and Certified Payroll Professional. Active in the American Business Women’s Association for the past fifteen years, Ms. Scharnhorst served as the President of the Douglas County Chapter of ABWA from 1997-1999 and 2001-2003. She has served on its Executive Board every year for the past 13 years. She was named one of the ABWA’s Top Ten Women of the Year in 2008. Published last year and released during the national conference of ABWA in Louisville, Kentucky, last fall, *The Power of Ten* includes essays by each of those powerful American women who explain how they became successful in their careers. A member and past President of the Cultural Arts Council’s Board of Directors, Ms. Scharnhorst also serves on the Executive Board for the state-wide Georgia Electrical Cooperative Human Resource and Administrative Association, the Douglas County Chamber of Commerce Board, Chamber Work Force Board, CORE Board, and the Atlanta Regional Work Force Board. A member of Society of Human Resources Management and the American Payroll Association, she graduated from Leadership Douglas in 2003 and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Management Internship Program in 2005.

“We are delighted to recognize Marcita’s many accomplishments as a business woman and to create an opportunity to read from her chapter in *The Power of Ten* during our new series, ‘Afternoons with Authors,’ at the Cultural Arts Center this year,” commented CAC director Laura Lieberman. “The series was inspired by the popularity of The DC Connection’s annual literary event and their February event kicked off the new series – Marcita’s reading and book signing will be followed by Forrest Smith who has written a historical novel on Douglas County during the Reconstruction Era on Sunday, April 26th; and poet Alice Shapiro who recently moved to Douglas County, along with David Axelrod, author of *The Impossibility of Dreams* and the poet laureate of Suffolk County, Long Island, on Sunday, June 21st.”

The mission of the Cultural Arts Council of Douglasville/Douglas County is to nurture, guide and stimulate the enjoyment of and participation in the arts among Douglas County residents by providing an atmosphere conducive to the arts, broadening the spectrum of quality exhibits and performances available to the community, and fostering individual interactions with the arts through a wide range of satellite organizations. The Cultural Arts Council and its programs are supported by its members, sponsors, the City of Douglasville, the Douglas County Board of Commissioners, and Georgia Council for the Arts through appropriations from the State General Assembly. The GCA is supported in part by the National Endowment for the Arts, which believes a great nation deserves great art.

The Cultural Arts Center is located at 8652 Campbellton Street in historic downtown Douglasville, Georgia, located about 20 miles from Atlanta and just off I-20 (exit 36). Hours of operation are Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, please call 770/949-2787 or visit our web site --- www.artsdouglas.org.