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HVA's Annual Auction for the Environment, Sunday, November 20th

Cornwall Bridge, CT – The Housatonic Valley Association's (HVA) Auction for the Environment will take place on Sunday, November 20th at South Farms in Morris. All are invited for a festive afternoon, with proceeds benefitting HVA's education, land conservation, and clean water projects to protect the natural character and environmental health of the Housatonic Valley.

HVA Board member Christine Baranski, critically acclaimed Emmy and Tony Award winning actress and star in CBS's *The Good Fight* and HBO's *The Gilded Age*, is chairing the Benefit Auction Committee along with Rebecca Neary, Pat Kennedy Lahoud, Thomas Potter, Pam and Jack Baker, Philippa Durant, Margo Martindale, Diane Meier, Seth and Alexi Meyers, and Anne Swift and Lee Lord.

"With climate change a clear and present reality, it's so important that we act now to protect this place we love for our children and grandchildren," says Christine. "The auction is such a fun and fabulous way to help." This year's gala promises something for everyone including vacation getaways, experiences with local luminaries, art, wine and culinary offerings, home good selections, outdoor adventures, and more.

Auctioneer extraordinaire Sherry Truhlar takes center stage at 3 p.m. where she'll keep auction bidders on their toes with high energy, humor, and warmth. The picturesque White Barn at South Farms, and the artful hand of Bantam Blooms, creates just the right ambience for music (Powerstation Events), delectable edibles (Executive Cuisine), cocktails (Litchfield Distillery), and exuberant bidding.

"We thrilled to be back in person and at South Farms, and grateful to so many local establishments and auction donors," says Lynn Werner, executive director of HVA. "The auction supports our work with dozens of partners to protect the woodlands and streams that help make our region climate-ready, and gives us a great opportunity to celebrate together, too."

Seating is limited, and tickets can be purchased by visiting hvatoday.org or by calling 860-672-6678.

About HVA

As the conservation organization dedicated to the entire 2,000 square-mile tristate Housatonic Watershed, HVA acts to protect the natural character and environmental health of the valley from the Berkshires to Long Island Sound for this and future generations. HVA works in three ways to establish climate-ready conditions across the region by 2040: **Follow the Forest** to conserve a 50,000-acre woodland and wildlife climate corridor for wildlife

habitat, clean water, and carbon and temperature moderation; **Clean, Cold and Connected** to restore and protect 500 miles of rivers and streams and drinking water sources; and **Education and Equitable Representation** to engage the watershed's diverse people and communities in equitable participation in and access to a clean, healthy, and climate-ready Housatonic Watershed. Learn more at www.hvatoday.org.

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