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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**SKIPPING STONES MULTICULTURAL LITERARY MAGAZINE  
FEATURES COVERAGE OF ARMENIANS  
IN SPRING 2014 EDITION**

Eugene, OR – SKIPPING STONES International Multicultural Magazine, an award-winning children’s periodical, is featuring Armenia and Armenians in its Spring 2014 edition. Distributed to schools, libraries and individual families, SKIPPING STONES magazine celebrates ecological and cultural diversity, facilitates a meaningful exchange of ideas and experiences, and is suited for readers aged 8 to 16 (grades 4-11). The non-profit, quarterly magazine is independently produced by a group of human rights, multicultural and diversity educators and is in its 26<sup>th</sup> year of publication.

Among the feature articles spotlighted in the April - June 2014 issue will be 7 pages of articles and photos about Armenia and the Armenians. Curated by Armenian-American children’s book author Lucine Kasbarian in time for April -- Genocide Memorial Month - - the feature includes a photo essay: “A Journey Through Armenia,” a profile of an Armenian artist and art teacher and historic preservationist, Ashot Avagyan, called “Teaching Hope in Sisian” and written by Ms. Kasbarian; an essay called “A Child of Immigrants Remembers His Childhood,” written by writer-editor C.K. Garabed; “Unknown”, a poem by Gayane Jamgotchian, a graduate of the Holy Martyrs Armenian Day School in Oakland Gardens, NY; reproductions of artworks created by students from the Sisian Art School, and an overview of Armenia. A photo, taken by Hovsep Dagdigian and depicting a shepherd and his flock with Mt. Ararat in the background, adorns the front cover of this issue.

SKIPPING STONES’ mission is to encourage cooperation, creativity and celebration of cultural and linguistic diversity. The magazine explores stewardship of the ecological and social webs that inform and nurture the world, and offers a unique forum for communication among children from different lands and backgrounds -- expanding horizons in a playful, imaginative way and without commercialization. Each issue of SKIPPING STONES contains essays, stories, poems, an advice column, letters to the editor, photos, recipes, and folktales written by both children and adults from around the world. Multicultural and nature books are also recommended in every issue of the magazine.

“We try our best to make reading an active experience, relevant to issues today’s young people confront on a local and global level,” says Arun Toké, executive editor of SKIPPING STONES. “Our readers hail from north, south, east, and west. From villages to inner cities, youth of diverse cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds have something to say -- about their culture, school, religion, environment, or neighborhoods. SKIPPING STONES provides a place for writers and artists of all ages and backgrounds to communicate openly and creatively.”

SKIPPING STONES has been honored with a number of recognitions, including three NAME Awards of the National Association for Multicultural Educators, two EdPress Awards, a Parents’ Choice Award, and a 2003 Writer Award. Over the years, SKIPPING STONES has been reviewed in publications such as *the Utne Reader*, *School Library Journal*, *Multicultural Education*, *Multicultural Review*, *Rethinking Schools*, *Creative Classroom*, *Earth Island Journal*, *Green Teacher*, *Learning*, and *East-West Journal*. Every year, SKIPPING STONES prepares an Honors List of exceptional multicultural and nature books for children and their educators. In keeping with its ecological concerns, the magazine is printed on recycled paper with soy ink.

Young readers from around the world are encouraged to submit stories, artwork and photographs to the magazine. For details, visit:

<http://www.skippingstones.org/submissions.htm>

School librarians or principals in low-income countries or regions of the world are encouraged to request a free, one-year subscription to SKIPPING STONES, a set of 100 back issues of the magazine, or a box of children's books (mostly in English). For details, visit: <http://www.skippingstones.org/donation.htm>

To order the SKIPPING STONES Spring 2014 issue about the Armenians, or an annual subscription (four issues), contact the SKIPPING STONES’ subscription department at: [subscriptions@skippingstones.org](mailto:subscriptions@skippingstones.org) or by mail at: Subscriptions, SKIPPING STONES magazine, P. O. Box 3939, Eugene, OR 97403 USA. Order forms and annual subscription rates are accessible at: <http://www.skippingstones.org/ordering-02.htm> . Individual copies are U.S. \$7, including postage.

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