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SCENIC VIRGINIA SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR ANNUAL SCENIC AWARDS
Organization Looks for Beauty in Projects Across the Commonwealth

Richmond, Va. Scenic Virginia is soliciting nominations for its 2010 Scenic Awards program, and the conservation organization is asking fellow Virginians to help identify noteworthy projects.

“Virginia is recognized all over the world for its history and its beauty,” notes Scenic Virginia president Jane Sale Henley of Weems. “Scenic Virginia works every day to ensure that this historic beauty is preserved for our children and grandchildren.”

“Our annual Scenic Awards are a wonderful way to showcase terrific beautification programs and projects around the Commonwealth,” adds executive director Leighton Powell. “To recognize the best of the best, though, we need Virginia’s citizens to let us know about projects in their localities.”

The organization is seeking nominations in the following categories:

- Scenic Viewshed Preservation Award
- Scenic Water Corridor Viewshed Preservation Award
- Creative Scenic Enhancement Award
- Scenic Tourism Award
- Anti-Litter Award - Organization and Individual
- Scenic Hero (given to a citizen, elected official or organization for a special project or lifetime achievement).

In addition, there is a new category this year for Scenic Tree Programs.

The 2010 Scenic Awards Nomination Form, along with information about past winners in each category, is available online at Scenic Virginia’s website at www.scenicvirginia.org/Awards or by calling the Scenic Virginia office at (804) 643-VIEW (804-643-8439). Nominations must be received by **Saturday, July 31, 2010**, after which a statewide committee will review the entries and select a winner in each of the categories.

The 2010 Scenic Awards will be presented at a ceremony and reception on **Friday, October 29 at 6:00 pm**. This year’s festivities will take place at the Virginia State Capitol in Richmond.

Scenic Virginia is the only statewide conservation organization dedicated solely to preserving, protecting and enhancing the beauty of the Commonwealth, with a particular focus on the preservation of significant viewsheds and vistas. Membership is open to all.

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