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SCENIC VIRGINIA SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR ANNUAL SCENIC AWARDS

Organization Looking for Successful Projects that Others Can Replicate

Richmond, Va. Scenic Virginia is soliciting nominations for its 2008 Scenic Awards program. And, as in years past, they are looking to fellow Virginians to help them identify worthy projects.

“We are so lucky to live in one of the most beautiful places on earth,” says Scenic Virginia president Eugenia Anderson-Ellis of Richmond. “As Scenic Virginia celebrates its Tenth Anniversary in 2008, our role is to remind citizens that we must all take steps to preserve this beauty for future generations – and to give them the tools to make it work.”

“Our Scenic Awards are a great way to recognize good programs and projects around the Commonwealth,” notes executive director Leighton Powell. “Scenic Virginia wants to share these successes with others, so we need Virginia’s citizens to alert us to particularly noteworthy projects in their localities.”

The organization is seeking nominations in the following six categories:

- Scenic Viewshed Preservation Award
- Scenic Water Corridor Viewshed Preservation Award
- Creative Scenic Enhancement Award
- Scenic Tourism Award
- Local Anti-Litter Practices Award - Organization and Individual
- VDOT Tree-Trimming Award (given to a VDOT district).

Last year’s honored projects and organizations included the *Route 50 Coalition and Scenic 340* for their insistence on Context-Sensitive Solutions in local road design, the *Goose Creek State Scenic River Advisory Committee*, *The Journey Through Hallowed Ground*, the *Virginia Indian Heritage Trail*, *Keep Leesburg Beautiful*, the *Staunton VDOT District*, and *Lady Bird Johnson* (awarded posthumously).

The Nomination Form for the 2008 Awards is available at Scenic Virginia’s website at www.scenicvirginia.org/Awards or by calling the Scenic Virginia office at (804) 643-VIEW (8439). Nominations must be received by the close of business on Tuesday, October 1, 2008, after which a statewide committee will review the entries and select a winner in each of the six categories. The 2008 Scenic Awards will be presented at a luncheon on Thursday, November 13 at noon at the Kent-Valentine House in Richmond.

Scenic Virginia is a statewide nonprofit whose mission is to preserve, protect and enhance the scenic beauty and community character of the Commonwealth, with a particular emphasis on the preservation of significant viewsheds and vistas. Membership is open to all. Persons interested in joining or those wanting additional information about the nominating process should contact Scenic Virginia Executive Director Leighton Powell at (804) 643-VIEW or at email@scenicvirginia.org.

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