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# Press Release

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## **THE JOHN PAUL HANBURY HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARD**

MONTROSS, VA, JANUARY 20, 2012: For immediate release:

The Northern Neck of Virginia Historical Society (NNVHS), founded in 1951, is accepting nominations for the newly-created John Paul Hanbury Award to recognize outstanding restoration, rehabilitation or renovation of a property of architectural and/or historical interest in the six counties of Virginia's historic Northern Neck that was completed within the last five years. The Society's nomination process closes March 31. A committee including a restoration architect and restoration contractor as well as members of the Society will select the recipient. The winner of the John Paul Hanbury Award will be announced at the Society's membership luncheon on May 9 at Stratford Hall. A bronze plaque will be presented to the recipient at a public ceremony.

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Nomination forms can be obtained either by contacting the Society at [nnvhs@live.com](mailto:nnvhs@live.com), downloading the form at [www.nnvhs.org](http://www.nnvhs.org) or calling 804.493.1862. With this periodic award, the Society hopes to stimulate and encourage further restoration and rehabilitation of other properties to preserve the heritage of the Northern Neck.

This award is named after the late John Paul Hanbury, a resident of Irvington and a native of Portsmouth, Virginia, and founding principal of the internationally-recognized firm Hanbury, Evans, Wright, Vlattas, and Co. in Norfolk, Virginia. Hanbury was named a Fellow in the American Institute of Architects in 1992. He received William Noland Medal from the Virginia AIA in 1997. His portfolio included eight National Historic Landmarks and dozens of structures on the National Register of Historic Places. His most celebrated work was the award-winning restoration of the 1813 Virginia Executive Mansion, which is the oldest continuously-used Governor's Mansion in the United States.

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