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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** East Hampton, NY (June 26, 2019) – Nominations for the Village Preservation Society of East Hampton (VPS) Historic Preservation Award, an initiative designed to honor significant preservation, rehabilitation, restoration or reconstruction projects and activities that contribute to the historic character of East Hampton and surrounding communities, are being accepted until July 15, 2019. Winners will be honored at the VPS Annual Meeting on September 28, 2019. Pulitzer Prize winning architectural critic, noted author and educator, Paul Goldberger, will be the featured speaker at the event.

“All of us have watched sadly as we’ve seen charming old buildings razed to make way for much less architecturally appealing structures. Historic properties anchor the character of the Village and unfortunately, not all such buildings fall within the protections of designated historic districts,” said Historic Preservation Committee Chair, Georgia deHavenon. “The VPS see this award as an opportunity to help shape public awareness of how important historic character is to our sense of place.”

“As a way to honor and promote a sense of community, awards for historic preservation and restoration projects are a time honored tradition throughout the country,” remarked John McGuirk III, VPS Chair. “We see the VPS Historic Preservation award as an opportunity to help promote this community value on the local level.”

Judging standards include architectural integrity, accuracy, quality of construction, craftsmanship and/or technical excellence. Applications and related criteria can be found at: [www.villagepreservationsociety.org](http://www.villagepreservationsociety.org). A bronze plaque suitable for mounting will be presented at the award ceremony.

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