



ESSEX NATIONAL  
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**ESSEX HERITAGE 2009 PHOTO SAFARI SEASON BEGINS MAY 16<sup>TH</sup>**

*Camera Enthusiasts Invited to Embark on Essex National Heritage Area Photo Adventure*

**April 9, 2009 (Salem, MA)** . . . Calling all photo enthusiasts for an expedition into the historic wharves of Salem on May 16<sup>th</sup>! You will be equipped with the latest and greatest camera gear from Olympus, provided by Hunt's Photo & Video, and personally coached by Lou Manna, an award winning Olympus Visionary Photographer. Start the Photo Safari season with this ramble around Salem's three original historic wharves- Derby, Hatch's and Central, and the Salem Maritime National Historic Site to see the *Friendship*, a replica of a 1797 three-masted, square rigged "East Indiaman" merchant ship used to open international trade.

Ready to embark? Photo Safari sessions are open to the public and pre-registration for each event is required. Participants will receive hands-on instruction from Hunt's knowledgeable technical experts during each session, and also go home with all their images on a free digital memory card and a gift certificate from Hunt's Photo & Video. The cost for each 2009 Photo Safari (5 hour session) is \$45 (\$30 for Essex Heritage members). Registration available online at:

[essexheritage.org/photocontest/index.shtml](http://essexheritage.org/photocontest/index.shtml) or call Essex Heritage at 978-740-0444.

**The 2009 Essex Heritage Photo Safaris are scheduled as follows:**

**Olympus Photo Safari**

Saturday, May 16      Ramble! Historic Salem Maritime      National Park Service Regional  
Visitor Center, Salem

**Canon Photo Safari**

Saturday, June 20      Explore! Ipswich's Crane Beach & Castle Hill      The Crane Estate,  
Barn Complex

**Tamron Photo Safari**

Saturday, July 25      Discover! Rockport's Halibut Point      Halibut Point State Park

**Nikon Photo Safari**

Saturday, August 15      Capture! Saugus Iron Works      Saugus Iron Works National Historic Site

For additional information, please visit: [EssexHeritage.org](http://EssexHeritage.org)

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***About Essex National Heritage Area and Essex Heritage Commission***

The Essex National Heritage Area is comprised of the 34 communities of Essex County and designated by US Congress in recognition of the important role that this region played in American history and the significant heritage sites still extant in the region. Essex Heritage is the non-profit management entity for the Area, working in collaboration with the National Park Service to promote public/private partnerships, and develop programs that enhance, preserve and encourage regional awareness of the Area's unique historic, cultural and natural resources. For more information, experience Essex Heritage at [essexheritage.org](http://essexheritage.org) or call (978) 740-0444.



**About Hunt's Photo and Video**

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