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## **Essex Heritage Announces Winners of 2009 Photo Contest**

*Area Photographers Focus in on Essex National Heritage Area as Theme*

**November 18, 2009 (Salem, MA) ...** Salem Maritime, The Crane Estate, Glen Magna, Halibut Point State Park . . . Essex County photographers searched out the best and most beautiful locations for their award-winning submissions to this year's Essex National Heritage Area Photo Contest. Sponsored by Essex Heritage and Hunt's Photo and Video, the contest winners were announced this week and will be presented with their awards on December 10 at 5:30pm at the National Park Service Regional Visitor Center in Salem.

Held in conjunction with Essex Heritage's Photo Safari program, qualifying photographs were required to be taken in the Essex National Heritage Area and represent one of four categories: "On a Photo Safari," "National Historic Landmarks," "My Space," or "General Images of Essex National Heritage Area".

The Grand Prize Winner was:

Edmund Prescottano of Medfield, *Salem Maritime National Historic Site*

Winners in the "On a Photo Safari" category were:

1st Prize: Dana Dinatale of Saugus, *Three Wishes: Strength, Courage, and Perseverance*, Halibut Point State Park

2nd Prize: Nadine Mitchell of Lynn, *Water Wheels*, Saugus Iron Works National Historic Site

3rd Prize: Sandy Peacock of Boxford, *Star & Friends*, Halibut Point State Park

Winners in the "National Historic Landmarks" category were:

1st Prize: June Rhodes of Marblehead, *Windows*, Saugus Iron Works National Historic Site

2nd Prize: Amanda Levy of Boxford, *Derby Summer House*, Glen Magna Farms, Danvers

3rd Prize: Tammy Tolosko of Newburyport, *17th Century Jewel: Spencer-Peirce-Little Farm*,  
Newbury

Winners in the "My Space" category were:

1st Prize: Gregg Mazzotta of Stoneham, *Crane Estate*, Ipswich

2nd Prize: Jesse Redlener of Andover, *Weir Hill*, North Andover

3rd Prize: Susan Plutsky of Beverly, *Hospital Point Lighthouse*, Beverly

Winners in the "General Images of the Essex National Heritage Area" category were:

1st Prize: Trish McGregor of Rowley, *New England Farming: Herrick's Dairy Farm*, Rowley

2nd Prize: Joseph Carlin of Ipswich, *Sunrise: Eagle Hill River & Clam Flats*, Ipswich

3rd Prize: Elinor Teele of Gloucester, *Yellow Boat*, Essex

Prizes for the Essex Heritage Photo Contest are generously contributed by Hunt's Photo & Video and the National Park Service. The public is welcome to attend the award presentations on December 10th, at 5:30pm, at the National Park Service Regional Visitor Center in Salem (2 New Liberty Street, Salem, MA). The thirteen award winning photographs will be exhibited for one year at the National Park Service Regional Visitor Center in Salem.

Many of the images were taken during Essex Heritage Photo Safaris, one-day photo seminars designed to give participants the opportunity to test drive the latest digital photography gear from major camera equipment companies using one of the Essex National Heritage Area's many spectacular sites as both backdrop and inspiration. For more information about the Essex Heritage Photo Safari Program, and the Essex Heritage Area Photo Contest visit [EssexHeritage.org](http://EssexHeritage.org)

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**About the Essex National Heritage Area and Essex Heritage**

Designated by the US Congress in recognition of the important role that this region played in American history and its significant heritage sites still remaining, the Essex National Heritage Area is comprised of the 34 communities of Essex County, MA. Essex Heritage is a non profit agency that manages the Heritage Area, and works 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, visit Essex Heritage at [www.essexheritage.org](http://www.essexheritage.org) or call (978) 740-0444.



**About Salem Maritime National Historic Site**

Salem Maritime National Historic Site was designated in 1937, the first National Historic Site in the National Park Service system. The nine acre site includes the homes of merchants and mariners, the Salem Custom House in which the famous author Nathaniel Hawthorne worked, and a replica of the three-masted cargo vessel Friendship. Today, the rangers and volunteers of Salem Maritime NHS continue to inform and inspire visitors with the maritime history of New England and the United States. For more information, visit us on the web at [www.nps.gov/sama](http://www.nps.gov/sama) or call 978-740-1650.



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