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ESSEX HERITAGE & HUNT'S PHOTO LAUNCH PHOTO SAFARIS

CAMERA ENTHUSIASTS INVITED TO EMBARK ON PHOTO ADVENTURES

June 3, 2008 (Melrose, MA) . . . Picture yourself surrounded by a stunning North Shore landscape with a state-of-the-art digital camera in hand. A great white egret soars over Plum Island. The sun sets over the Marblehead coastline. The past comes alive at the restored Saugus Iron Works. Now picture yourself capturing an award-winning image for this year's Essex Heritage Photo Contest.

Sound far-fetched? Not if you have registered to participate in Essex Heritage's Photo Safari program. Sponsored by four major camera and lens companies and co-hosted by Essex Heritage and New England's largest photography retailer, Hunt's Photo & Video of Melrose, MA, the Photo Safaris combine historic exploration with modern-day digital photography advances. Photographers at all levels will expand their skills and broaden their horizons with unlimited use of high-quality photo equipment during visits to the incredibly beautiful Essex National Heritage Area locations.

The remaining 2008 Photo Safaris are scheduled as follows:

Nikon	Saturday, September 6	Ramble! Newburyport/Custom House Maritime Museum
Canon	Saturday, September 20	Capture! Old Town Marblehead, Marblehead Arts Association

Participants will receive hands-on instruction from Hunt's knowledgeable technical experts during each session.

The Photo Safari results have generated eye-catching entries in the annual Essex Heritage Photo Contest. In its third year, the Essex Heritage Photo Safari program is designed to showcase the beauty and unique landscape of the Essex National Heritage Area. This program also highlights the mission of Essex Heritage. Working in partnership with the National Park Service, Essex Heritage encourages public/private partnerships and implements programs to enhance, preserve and promote the unique historic, cultural and natural resources of the Essex National Heritage Area.

Pre-registration is required for all events. Participation is limited to attending one event. Additional events may be attended on a wait list basis. Cost for the June 14, August 2, and September 6 photo safaris(4 hour session) is \$50 (\$25 for Essex Heritage members). Register online at: WWW.ESSEXHERITAGE.ORG/PHOTOSAFARI or call Essex Heritage at: 978.740.0444.

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About the Essex National Heritage Commission (ENHC)

Essex Heritage is the non-profit supervisory authority for the Essex National Heritage Area, one of 37 such areas affiliated with the National Park Service. Working in collaboration with the National Park Service, Essex Heritage promotes public/private partnerships and develops and implements programs that enhance, preserve and encourage regional awareness of the unique historic, cultural and natural resources found within our Heritage Area. For more information, visit the Essex Heritage website at www.essexheritage.org or call (978) 740-0444.

About Hunt's Photo and Video

Hunt's Photo and Video is the largest specialty retailer of photo, video and digital imaging products in New England. Family owned and operated for three generations, Hunt's is headquartered in Melrose, MA, with branch locations in Boston, Cambridge and Hadley, MA, Providence, RI, So. Portland, ME, and Manchester, NH.

Serving beginners, students, hobbyists and professional photographers throughout the United States, Hunt's has created its own picture of success with competitive pricing, sales expertise and exceptional customer service. Visit Hunt's online at www.huntsphotoandvideo.com.