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Essex Heritage Announces Winners of 2011 Photo Contest

Photographers Focus on Essex National Heritage Area

November 30, 2011 (Salem, MA) ... From rocky coasts and harbors, to rural farms, forests and historic downtowns . . . photographers searched out the best and most beautiful locations for their award-winning submissions to the 2011 Essex National Heritage Area Photo Contest. Sponsored by Essex Heritage and Hunt's Photo and Video, the 2011 photo contest winners were announced this week and will be presented with their awards on December 13th at 5:15pm at the National Park Service Visitor Center in Salem, where the photographs will be exhibited for one year.

Of the 140 images submitted to the photo contest, the 13 winning images were selected by a panel of judges that included representatives from Essex Heritage, the National Park Service, Hunt's Photo & Video, and professional photographer Robert Ring of New England Photo WorkshopsSM. All of the photographs were taken in the Essex National Heritage Area and represent one of four contest categories: "People & Places", "Urban Landscapes", "Experiencing the Essex Coastal Scenic Byway" or "Green Spaces".

And the winners of the 2011 Essex National Heritage Area Photo Contest are . . .

- Grand Prize: *“Early Morning Marsh”*, Essex by Marion J. Bayly of Speculator, NY

Category: People & Places

- 1st Prize: *“Village Blacksmith”*, Pioneer Village, Salem by George Courage of Salem
- 2nd Prize: *“Look Out Below!”*, Hospital Point Lighthouse, Beverly by Bill O’Connor of Gloucester
- 3rd Prize: *“Ipswich River Kayaking”*, Topsfield by June Rhodes of Marblehead

Category: Urban Landscapes

- 1st Prize: *“Newburyport Superior Courthouse”*, Newburyport by Lee Yeomans of Newbury
- 2nd Prize: *“Car Free Byway”*, Newburyport Train Station by Peter Zoltai of Newburyport
- 3rd Prize: *“Common in Winter”*, Salem by Rod Parker of Salem

Category: Experiencing the Essex Coastal Scenic Byway

- 1st Prize: *“Sunrise at Winter Island”*, Salem by Stanley Slysz of Salem
- 2nd Prize: *“Side Launch of the Pinky Ardell”*, Essex by Susan Plutsky of Beverly
- 3rd Prize: *“Laughing Horse”*, Spencer-Pierce-Little Farm, Newbury by Sydney Jolivet of Newbury

Category: Green Spaces

- 1st Prize: *“Peace in the Paddock”*, Spencer-Pierce-Little Farm, Newbury by Trish McGregor of Rowley
- 2nd Prize: *“Babies”*, Ipswich Wildlife Sanctuary, Ipswich by Rob Parker of Salem
- 3rd Prize: *“Old Farm Plow”*, Bradford Street, North Andover by Susan Zappala of Rowley

The 2011 Photo Contest results showcase the living landscape of the natural, cultural and historic treasures that define Essex County. The public is invited to attend the photo contest exhibit opening at 5:15pm and a reception welcoming the new Superintendent of Salem Maritime & Saugus Iron Works National Historic Sites, Michael Quijano-West, at 5:30pm on Tuesday

December 13, 2011. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome to attend this free event; please call Essex Heritage at (978) 740-0444 to RSVP for either event.

View the winning images online at www.EssexHeritage.org. The images will also be exhibited at the National Park Service Visitor Center in Salem (2 New Liberty Street, Salem, MA 01970) and at the office of the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission (160 Main Street, Haverhill, MA 01830) for one year. The printing for the exhibits was generously provided by [Hunt's Photo & Video](#). Prizes for the Essex National Heritage Photo Contest are generously contributed by [Hunt's Photo & Video](#) and the [National Park Service](#).

Visit www.essexheritage.org for more information about the Essex National Heritage Area Photo Contest.

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