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The Essex National Heritage Commission Announces 2011 Pioneers in Partnership Awards

Essex Heritage Recognizes New Commissioners, Trustees and Partners at October 25 Meeting

October 28, 2011 (Salem, MA) – Over 100 residents and business leaders from around Essex County gathered at Castle Hill on the Crane Estate in Ipswich, MA as The Essex National Heritage Commission (Essex Heritage) conducted its Annual Fall Meeting, announced the recipients of its Special Recognition and Pioneers in Partnership Awards, introduced a new slate of officers and elected eleven new commissioners on October 25, 2011.

Attendees were welcomed by Mr. Patrick McNally, Selectman from the Town of Ipswich and David Beardsley from The Trustees of Reservations, overseers of the Crane Estate. Beardsley was elected to a three-year term as an Essex Heritage Commissioner. Other dignitaries in attendance included Neal Harrington, Salisbury Town Manager; Jerry Klima, Selectman from the Town of Salisbury, Susan Testa-Verde, Chief of Staff for Senator Tarr; and Robert Markel, Town Manager of Ipswich.

Essex Heritage honored three Essex County residents for their exemplary work in this region.

Two residents were honored in memoriam: **Harriett Webster** was remembered for her extraordinary accomplishments as the Executive Director of the Gloucester Maritime Heritage Center. **Joseph E. Garland** was also memorialized for his role as a journalist, sailor, community activist, and prolific author.

Woodcrafter **Doug Law** of Salem Maritime National Historic Site was given an Essex Heritage Special Recognition Award for his leadership and commitment to engage the youth of this region at our National Parks through the First Jobs program. Doug's oversight and careful management of the program has allowed youth from urban and diverse communities to work in the National Park Service and learn leadership and life skills. With start-up funding provided by the North Shore Work Force Investment Board supplemented with funds from Eastern Bank and Essex National Heritage along with matching

funding provided by the National Park Service, the First Jobs program has been a model of public/private collaboration.

The Essex Heritage Pioneer in Partnership Awards are presented annually by Essex Heritage President Emeritus, Thomas M. Leonard, to individuals and/or organizations that have shown leadership in promoting regional cooperation among the Area's resources and organizations. "This year I am proud to present this prestigious award to four outstanding individuals and groups for their commitment to partnerships in Essex County," said Mr. Leonard. "The award recipients' collaborative efforts are helping us work together to preserve, promote and enhance the historic, cultural and natural resources of the region."

Wayne Eisenhauer of Historic Danvers, Inc. was chosen to receive a Pioneer in Partnership Award not only for his years of volunteer work with the Danvers Historical Society but also for his creative efforts to promote better utilization of the natural and historic resources in the National Heritage Area and his newest initiative to highlight the Life and Legacy of Governor John Endicott

Amy Glowacki, National Park Service Park Ranger and Youth Programs Coordinator at Lowell National Historical Park, was also recognized for her commitment to engaging the youth of this region and for her remarkable performance in the summer of 2011 coordinating the "*Friendship Sails to New York City: A Youth Journey on the High Seas*," in which the NPS tall ship departed from Salem with a crew of volunteers, NPS staff and youth from across Massachusetts sailing to New York City where the young people joined a Youth Summit with their peers from New York City and Baltimore, MD

The NPS Professional and Volunteer Crew of tall ship *Friendship of Salem* and the ship's Acting Captain **Jeremy Bumagin** were also recognized as Pioneers in Partnership. The park staff and the 60 volunteers who help to maintain and sail this one-of-a-kind tall ship were recognized for their commitment to our maritime heritage and for making history come alive for residents and visitors alike aboard *Friendship of Salem*. This group works tirelessly to ensure that the *Friendship* serves as a regional ambassador, travelling to ports throughout New England, and the crew is already planning for their longest voyage aboard *Friendship* next summer when they set sail to Baltimore, MD to participate in the commemoration of the War of 1812.

Last but not least, a Pioneer in Partnership Award was presented to **The Committee to Save the Lower Green** and the **Essex County Greenbelt Association** in recognition of their commitment to our treasured resources. Their successful campaign to permanently protect the 4-acre Newman Farm Meadow in Newbury brought together hundreds of citizens, businesses, and local, state, and federal organizations to preserve the historic rural character of Newbury's Lower Green has been an exemplary achievement for which we and our partners across the region are truly grateful.

Immediate Past President, Kevin M. Tierney, Sr. of Saugusbank announced Essex Heritage's Executive Officers. Appointed as Officers for the Commission were: President: Richard Yagjian, Hunts Photo & Video; Vice Presidents: David Hildt, Adelante Youth Center and Jack Good, People's United Bank; Treasurer: John Meserve, Merrimac Savings Bank; Assistant Treasurer: Sean Flynn, Commonwealth Financial Network; Clerk: Frederic Winthrop, formerly of The Trustees of Reservations; Assistant Clerk: Paul McGinley, McGinley Kalsow & Associates; Trustee at Large: John Farmer, Eastern Bank; Past President: Kevin Tierney, Saugusbank; President Emeritus: Thomas Leonard, Essex Heritage; and NPS Liaison: Michael Quijano-West, Incoming Superintendent, Salem Maritime & Saugus Iron Works National Historic Sites. Annie C. Harris serves as the Essex National Heritage Executive Director. The meeting marked the transition of leadership from Immediate Past President Kevin M. Tierney to new President, Richard Yagjian of Hunt's Photo and Video in Melrose.

New members elected to the Essex Heritage Board of Trustees were announced along with retiring board members. Bill Howard, Beverly Cooperative Bank and David LaFlamme, North Shore Bank were elected by the Board to serve a three year term while Kay Ellis, Schooner *Thomas E. Lannon* and Joseph Milano, Union Oyster House, retired from the Board and joined the ranks of Trustee Emeriti. Essex Heritage is thankful for their years of commitment and ongoing service to the Heritage Area.

Essex Heritage is supported by a 150 member Board of Commissioners who live and/or work within the area and who serve as representatives of the communities, businesses, community organizations, educational institutions and historic, cultural and natural resources of the region. The eleven new commissioners elected at the meeting for a three-year term were: Jane Baugh, General, Israel Putnam Chapter D.A.R.; David Beardsley, The Trustees of Reservations; Barbara Broudo, Endicott College; Edward Grant, Grant Communications Consulting Group; Daryl Hellman, Eastern Bank Board of Trustees; David King, North Shore Medical Center; Kate Luchini, Lynn Museum & Historical Society; Bob McIntosh, retired, National Park Service; Dominique McLean, REI; Elena Sierra, Mass General/North Shore Center for Outpatient Care; and Scott Vandersall, TD Bank.

A “State of the Heritage Area” report by Executive Director Annie Harris highlighted the organization’s regional initiatives and collaborative efforts. Ms. Harris welcomed incoming National Park Service Superintendent Michael Quijano-West and gave a joint presentation with Jonathan Parker, Chief Ranger of Interpretation & Education of Salem Maritime and Saugus Iron Works National Historic Sites. Ms. Harris and Mr. Parker spoke of the National Park Service’s “Call to Action” and the need for strong public-private partnerships. They documented examples of Essex Heritage’s successful partnership activities with the National Parks Service in our area, including youth engagement programs like First Jobs and *Friendship Sails* and also emphasized the importance of partnership activities moving forward.

“Essex Heritage and the Salem Maritime and Saugus Iron Works National Historic Sites are an example of how a strong partnership can expand the resources of the National Park Service beyond its legislative boundaries. We look forward to expanding our current collaborative efforts and to introducing several new and exciting partnership programs in the coming year,” said Annie C. Harris, Executive Director of the Essex National Heritage Commission.

“The National Park Service builds relationships to connect people’s hearts and minds to these places,” said Jonathan Parker, Chief Ranger of Interpretation & Education, Salem Maritime and Saugus Iron Works National Historic Sites. “The National Park Service is committed to preserving our resources in perpetuity... and that takes a lot of commitment and planning.”

“In 2010 there were nearly 10 million visitors to national parks in Massachusetts, generating an estimated \$385 million in economic benefit to our national park tourism,” said Michael Quijano-West, Incoming Superintendent of Salem Maritime and Saugus Iron Works National Historic Sites. “I know that Essex Heritage has a long history of working closely with both Salem and Saugus, and I look forward to strengthening this partnership even further as we find ways to pool our scarce resources to extend the educational and interpretive reach of the National Park Service throughout Essex County.”

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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 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 or call 978-740-1650.



About Saugus Iron Works National Historic Site

Designated a National Historic Landmark on October 15, 1966 and a National Park Service unit on April 5, 1968, the Saugus Iron Works National Historic Site preserves the first sustained integrated iron works in the Thirteen Colonies. The park is a southern gateway to Essex National Heritage Area, which links thousands of historic places in Essex County, related to three primary historical themes: colonial settlement, maritime trade, and leather and textile industries. For location, directions, hours and more information, visit: www.nps.gov/sair