

# Local photographers recognized as Essex National Heritage announces photo contest winners

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Photo by Arlene Taliadoros

This photo taken at the Essex River Basin in Essex by Arlene Taliadoros, an Essex resident, won the grand prize for the 2012 Essex Heritage Photo Contest sponsored by Hunt's Photo & Video.

By Ryan Mooney, Town Correspondent

The Essex National Heritage Area has announced the winners of its 2012 photo contest, with 13 local photographers recognized for photos taken throughout the Essex National Heritage Area, an area covering 500 square miles of Eastern Massachusetts north of Boston.

Arlene Taliadaros, of Essex, won the grand prize with her photo "Pinky Schooner Ardelle," which was taken at the Essex River Basin.

Images were submitted in one of three categories - "Images of the Essex National Heritage Area," "In Town/Downtown" and "The Merrimack Valley" - and three winners were chosen from each category. A youth entry category also yielded three winners.

Susan Plutsky and Philip Karwowski, both of Beverly, took second and third place respectively in the "Heritage Area" category, and Rick Matthias, of Salem, took second place in the "In Town/Downtown" category. All of the winning photos can be [found here](#).

See the full list of winners below.

The winning images will be displayed for a full year at the National Park Service Visitor Center in Salem, and at the office of the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission in Haverhill.

The photographers will be honored with awards on Saturday, December 8, at 10 a.m. at the National Park Service Visitor Center. The event is free and open to the public. Call Essex Heritage at 978-740-0444 to RSVP.

2012 Essex National Heritage Area Photo Contest winners:

### **Images of the Essex National Heritage Area**

*1st Prize:* "Snowy Owl Defense" on Plum Island, Newburyport, by Ken Jordan of Lynn.

*2nd Prize:* "Super Moon Pathway" at Lynch Park, Beverly, by Susan Plutsky of Beverly.

*3rd Prize:* "First Light" at Hospital Point Lighthouse, Beverly, by Philip Karwowski of Beverly.

### **In Town/Downtown**

*1st Prize:* "Marblehead Festival of the Arts, July 4th" in Marblehead, by Karen Hosking of Nahant.

*2nd Prize:* "Salem Celebrates Independence Day" at Derby Wharf, Salem, by Rick Matthias of Salem

*3rd Prize:* "Newburyport Night" in Newburyport, by Steven Perlmutter of North Andover.

### **The Merrimack Valley**

*1st Prize:* "Great Marsh" on Plum Island, Newbury, by Karen Lynch of Newburyport.

*2nd Prize:* "Misty Autumn Sunrise (Panorama)" atop Bear Hill, Merrimac, by Donald Slater of Newton, NH.

*3rd Prize:* "Dead Standing" in North Andover, by Elaine Gauthier of Middleton.

### **Youth Entry: Ages 5-16**

"Water Power" at Lawrence History Center, Lawrence, by Ula Grabski of Haverhill.

"Sunflowers" at Colby Farm, Newbury, by Kerry Reynolds of Georgetown.

"Magic Rainbow" at Atkinson Common, Newburyport, by Sydney Jolivet of Newbury.