Photographers Get Snapping!
All photographers are invited to submit images that capture the unique character of the Essex National Heritage Area (Essex County) or speak to Essex Heritage’s role in preserving the historic, cultural, and natural places of Essex County.

Photographs must be taken within the Heritage Area (Essex County) and represent one of the three contest categories listed below. A map of the Essex National Heritage Area and list of communities can be found at: EssexHeritage.org

2020 CONTEST CATEGORIES: Images will be judged in three categories:

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<td><strong>Bright Sunshiny Day</strong></td>
<td>Rain, rain go away! Show us your best shots of bright mornings and lazy afternoons. There are no sunrises and sunsets here – we want to see picnics, honeybees, sunshine and ice cream!</td>
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<td><strong>People of Essex County</strong></td>
<td>The Essex National Heritage Area is full to the brim with history – 26 National Historic Landmarks, 86 Historic Sites, 400 farms, and a plethora of public lands – but it’s the people that make these places what they are! We want to see the residents, tourists, and everyone in between that keep the Heritage Area alive in more ways than one! Show us the people that keep Essex County hustling and bustling at work, play, and rest!</td>
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<td><strong>Uniquely Essex County</strong></td>
<td>Essex County is home to some unique and amazing sights, we want to see what you think best represents it! Keep an eye out the next time you’re out and about to find the details that make Essex County what it is – and capture the whole depth of field that frames it!</td>
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<td><strong>Heritage at Home</strong></td>
<td>As the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic causes mass disruptions to our everyday lives, how do you cope? As a cultural institution, it is important to Essex Heritage to preserve and enhance the stories of these unprecedented and difficult times</td>
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**ENTRY FORMS:** Each entrant must complete and sign one Entry Form for their photographic submission(s). The form is printable from [essexheritage.org/photocontest](http://essexheritage.org/photocontest).

**MULTIPLE ENTRIES:** A maximum of FOUR (4) photographs per photographer is allowed. Entrants are encouraged to submit no more than TWO (2) photographs per contest category.

**ENTRY FEE:** Individuals must include a $10 entry fee with their submission(s) to the contest. For Essex Heritage members, the discounted entry fee is $5. Checks should be made payable to: Essex Heritage. Please note: the entry fee is PER PERSON, not per image.

Essex Heritage relies on your participation and active engagement to fulfill our mission, support our partners, and encourage stewardship of our treasured resources. Essex Heritage’s Photo Contest program costs are generously underwritten by Hunt’s Photo & Video.
DEADLINE: The deadline for submission is December 18, 2020.

JUDGING: Entries will be judged on the basis of creativity, photographic quality, and effectiveness in conveying the beauty and/or unique character of the Essex National Heritage Area in one of the contest categories. Minor adjustments, including spotting, dodging and burning, contrast and slight color adjustment or the digital equivalents, are acceptable. If judges believe that a photograph has been significantly altered, they reserve the right to disqualify it.

RIGHTS: Photos that violate or infringe upon another person's copyright are not eligible. For a photo in which a person is recognizable, you must provide a model release from the subject or, in the case of a minor, the subject's parent or guardian. A model release is printable from essexheritage.org/photocontest.

Photographers retain all rights to their work. Artists grant Essex Heritage and our partners, including but not limited to, Hunt’s Photo & Video, the National Park Service, and the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission, the right to reproduce, distribute, publicly display and/or use submitted photographs in print or electronic publications, including promotional materials. Essex Heritage will always attempt to credit any reproduced photograph(s).

WINNING IMAGES: Winners will be notified and announced by early February 2021. There will be up to eleven (11) prizes awarded.

Winning images will be exhibited at the Hunt’s Photo & Video flagship store (100 Main Street, Melrose, MA). Images will also be displayed at the National Park Service Visitor Center in Salem (2 New Liberty Street, Salem, MA) and at the offices of the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission (160 Main Street, Haverhill, MA) for up to one year. Winning images will also be used in Essex Heritage publications as well as posted on the Essex Heritage website at EssexHeritage.org and other social media outlets.

HOW TO ENTER & SUBMIT PHOTOGRAPHS:
1. Fill out and sign ONE (1) Entry Form for your photograph(s). Photographers can submit up to FOUR (4) photos. The form is printable from essexheritage.org/photocontest.
2. Submit photograph(s) one of two ways:
   a. On a flash drive, mailed to Essex Heritage 10 Federal Street Suite 12 Salem, MA 01970 Attention: Photo Contest. Please note, CD submissions are no longer accepted.
   b. Digitally via Dropbox. Email a link to your shared Dropbox folder to photocontest@essexheritage.org

IMAGE GUIDELINES:
• Photographs should be taken at the highest resolution possible.
• Images must be submitted digitally, labeled with the title, location, category, and artist, and the digital image size must be set at a minimum of 300 dpi.
• Photographs must be in a .jpeg, .jpg, or .gif format.
• High-resolution scans of non-digital photographs are acceptable.
• Winners may be asked to provide photos in .raw format if available.

For more information visit: EssexHeritage.org or call: (978) 740-0444