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HISTORIC SALEM, INC. LAUNCHES SALEM 400+ PHOTO CONTEST

Salem, Mass.- Historic Salem, Inc. (HSI) announces that in celebration of Salem's 400th anniversary, it will be running its first ever **Historic Salem, Inc. Photo Contest**, in partnership with Salem 400+. This photo contest is open to the public and will run from Friday, May 15, 2026 to Saturday, August 15, 2026.

The **Historic Salem Inc. Photo Contest** will seek photographs which celebrate the past, present, and future of Salem, Massachusetts. Local photographers, of all ages and levels of skill, are invited to submit photos to the following categories. Participants may submit up to *three photos* in each:

1. Salem Through Time

Juxtaposing old and new to honor preservation.

Moments where Salem's past and present meet. Historic buildings in everyday use, modern life unfolding in centuries-old spaces, or visual contrasts show how the city has evolved while preserving its character.

2. Hidden Salem

Up close and often overlooked.

Focus on architectural details, textures, and small discoveries; doorways, ironwork, inscriptions, materials, and quiet corners can reveal Salem's history.

3. Your City

What Salem means to you.

An open, interpretive theme inviting photographers to express their personal connection to Salem—whether through people, places, memories, routines, or emotions. This category centers lived experience and individual perspective.

A first, second, and third place from each category will be determined by a group of volunteer judges. A Grand Prize winner across all categories will also be decided. Following this selection, remaining photos will enter a *People's Choice* competition on social media. Prizes will be awarded to the winners.

Winning photographs will be revealed at HSI's annual **Preservation Awards and Historic House Resource Expo**, which is open to the public and will be held on Saturday, September 19, 2026, from 9am – 12pm at the Salem High School.

Please visit [Historic Salem, Inc. Annual Meeting on Preservation](#) for more information on submitting your photos.

About Historic Salem, Inc.

Historic Salem, Inc. (HSI) is a non-profit advocacy group based in Salem, MA dedicated to preserving Salem's rich legacy of historic houses, buildings and other properties. HSI advocates for architectural and visual integrity as well as appropriate adaptive reuse. The organization participates in civic design reviews, presents annual preservation awards, provides house histories and plaques to identify historic properties throughout the city, offers educational programs and hosts the popular *Christmas in Salem*[™] annual house tour and other events that welcome newcomers and lifelong residents alike to its preservation community.

Historic Salem has served for more than eight decades as one of Salem's key architectural/historical resources and advocates. It has been instrumental in establishing official historic districts within the city and nominating several landmarks to the National Register of Historic Landmarks.

Additional information about Historic Salem, Inc. can be found on its website: www.historicsalem.org.