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HISTORIC SALEM, INC. ANNOUNCES 2026 PRESERVATION AWARD RECIPIENTS

Salem, MA – On Tuesday, September 22, at the Hawthorne Hotel, Historic Salem, Inc. (HSI) held its Annual Preservation Awards event. Each year, Historic Salem, Inc. asks the Salem community to help identify the best examples of outstanding historic preservation projects and leadership throughout the city. Nominations are evaluated by a committee that includes a cross section of Salem's citizens and members of the Salem Historical Commission. For this year's event, HSI included a [photo contest](#), capturing the past, present and future of historic Salem in partnership with Salem 400+.

Popular returning event emcee, Essex County District Attorney Paul Tucker, again presented the awards.

The following individuals and projects were recognized:

PRESERVATION AWARD RECIPIENTS

- 17 Carlton Street
 - Stephen Larrick and Sarah Clermont, Owners, and Preserve Services, Contractor
- 18 Cambridge Street
 - Crafts People: Joe Vallone, Second Life Owner, and team (Erwin and Gustavo)
- 360 Essex Street
 - Rob and Emily Stuart, Owners
- Immaculate Conception Church (Masonry, Windows and Door Restoration, Stained Glass Windows and their Preservation)
 - Immaculate Conception Church
- Old Burial Ground (Charter Street) Cemetery Gravestones
 - Andrew Carr, Crafts Person
- Plummer Youth Promise
 - Plummer Youth Promise, Property Owner
- School Conversions (Immaculate Conception/St. Mary's and St. James)
 - North Shore CDC, Property Owner and NEI, Contractor
- Salem Common Lanterns
 - City of Salem

BOWDITCH AWARD RECIPIENTS

- John Carr
- Dick and Diane Pabich
- Salem State University Library Archives

HSI Salem 400+ PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

- Salem Through Time: Third Place Jon Spina, Second Place Tim Keeley, First Place Jonathon Berk
- Hidden Salem: Third Place Mark Hammesfahr, Second Place Christina Fallon, First Place Tim Keeley
- Your City: Third Place Deanne Hobba, Second Place Stanley Slys, First Place Michelle Saccaro
- People's Choice: Sarah Blacker
- Grand Prize: Erin Turowski

In addition to the awards, historic home service providers were featured. Other businesses sponsored the event itself. Proceeds are used to fund Historic Salem, Inc.'s preservation, education and advocacy activities. Thanks to the following organizations for participating:

Calico Corners, Home Décor, Matt Diana Housewright, Murray Masonry and More, Seger Architects, Vestige Carpentry, and Window Woman of New England.

“The HSI Preservation Awards is one of our most popular events with great attendance allowing us to celebrate the preservation contributions of Salem’s property owners.” said Tim Hamm, Vice President of Historic Salem, Inc.

Announced at the event was the launch of ticket sales for Historic Salem Inc.’s annual ***Christmas in Salem Holiday House Tour***. The 48th annual tour will take place on December 4, 5 and 6, 2026 and feature properties in the Derby Street neighborhood. Tickets may be purchased on the Historic Salem, Inc. website:

<https://historicsalem.org/news-events/christmas-in-salem/>

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About Historic Salem, Inc.

Historic Salem, Inc. (HSI) is a non-profit advocate based in Salem, Mass. dedicated to preserving Salem’s rich legacy of historic houses, buildings and cultural landscapes. HSI supports 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 social events that welcome newcomers and lifelong residents alike to its preservation community.

Historic Salem has served for more than six decades as a leading Salem architectural/historical resource and advocate. It has been instrumental in establishing official historic districts within the city and nominating several landmarks to the National Register of Historic Landmarks.