

HISTORIC SAVANNAH FOUNDATION SEEKING PHOTOS OF COMMUNITY'S HISTORICAL FAVORITES

SAVANNAH, GA – JUNE 12, 2019 – Next month, Historic Savannah Foundation (HSF) launches its second annual social media summer photo contest to run throughout July, which poses the question: What is your favorite historic building or place in Savannah and surrounding Chatham county?

Locals and visitors are invited to share their photos of their favorite historic building or place via Instagram, describing why they chose it, and most importantly, using the hashtag #SavFave. All entrants will be automatically entered into the contest, which runs July 1-31, 2019.

The first-place prize includes \$250 cash, a collection of HSF books (including *Savannah: Square by Square*), the honor of having the winning photo displayed publicly and inclusion of the photo in HSF's Annual Report. The second-place winner will receive *Savannah, Square by Square* in addition to having their winning photo publicly displayed and included in HSF's Annual Report. The third-place winner and fan favorite will also have their photo publicly displayed and published in HSF's Annual Report.

All photographs submitted must be original work and should have been taken within the last 12 months prior to the end of the contest. There is no limit to the number of photos individuals may submit. Full ownership of the image will be retained by the photographer, however by choosing to upload a photo to Instagram, using #SavFave, HSF is granted the express right to reuse the photo in all future marketing, publications, and social media – credit will be given to the photographer when used.

"We enjoy exploring innovative ways to interact with our community and supporters," said HSF Membership and Volunteer Coordinator Chassidy Malloy. "With over 250 #SavFave tags last year this was a fun way to get people out-and-about while truly appreciating our beautiful city and all that it has to offer. We welcome photo entries from all areas of the Savannah Low

Country. HSF fulfills our mission throughout all of Chatham County including the Victorian, Cuyler-Brownville, Moon River, Thomas Square Streetcar and more districts."

"Knowing which historic buildings and places are important to the public also helps HSF know where to focus our efforts, and how to better serve the public and fulfill our mission," HSF Historic Properties Coordinator Ryan Arvay said.

HSF saves buildings, places, and stories that define Savannah's past, present and future. Following its formation in 1955, the nonprofit organization started a Revolving Fund to save endangered historic properties, now totaling nearly 409 buildings that have been saved and protected throughout several of Savannah's historic districts. HSF is committed to continuing to build capacity within HSF's operations, secure new financial resources, improve HSF's image and visibility, and increase public policy efforts to protect Savannah's historic districts.

Winners of the summer photo competition will be announced August 9th, with prizes awarded later in the month. To learn more about the photo contest, please visit www.myHSF.org/uncategorized/summer-photo-contest/.

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