



HISTORIC SAVANNAH FOUNDATION SEEKING PHOTOS OF COMMUNITY'S HISTORICAL FAVORITES

SAVANNAH, GA – JUNE 25, 2021 – This month, Historic Savannah Foundation (HSF) is launching its fourth annual summer photo contest via social media, to run throughout July. At its heart, the contest 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 images shared in this fashion will be automatically entered into the contest, which runs through July 31, 2021.

“We want people to be creative with their photography, to look at old buildings in a new way, and to present the places we see every day, but may take for granted,” said Historic Savannah Foundation’s Director of Preservation & Historic Properties, Ryan Arvay.

The first-place prize includes 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.

“After being cooped up most of last year, we think people are anxious to get out and explore our beautiful historic city. We hope they will share what they see and appreciate most about Savannah with HSF through this contest,” Arvay said. “With about 500 #SavFave tags submitted every year, we get a true depiction of the places that matter most to people. Not only do these diverse images inspire us, but they inform the places we focus our efforts to protect. We welcome photo entries from all areas of the Coastal Empire and Lowcountry.”

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 410 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 Aug. 17, 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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STEP #1: Using Instagram, take a photo or upload one to the app.

STEP #2: Tell us why you love this place. Is it the architecture, the history, or a special connection? Share your story with us.

STEP #3: This is IMPORTANT. Make sure you include the hashtag: #SavFave

STEP 4: Share it!