DISCOVER A HISTORICAL TREASURE

In 1668, merchant and ship-owner John Turner built a house on Salem Harbor that was destined to become one of America’s most beloved historic homes. Designated a National Historic Landmark District in 2007, The House of the Seven Gables is best known today as the setting of world-renowned American author Nathaniel Hawthorne’s 1851 novel.

In 1910, Salem philanthropist Caroline Emmerton restored the house and opened it to the public as a museum, using proceeds from ticket sales specifically to fund settlement work that benefited immigrant families. Over a century later, The House of the Seven Gables Settlement Association is dedicated to continuing Emmerton’s vision.

The Mission of The Gables is to be a welcoming, thriving, historic site and community resource that engages people of all backgrounds in our inclusive American story.

Site Details:
- There are seven historic structures, ranging in age from 1668 to c.1830. Of the seven buildings, five are opened to the public for tours, public programming, exhibit space, rentals and more.
- The museum campus includes the Seaman’s Visitor Center and a unique Museum Store. The three-season Colonial Revival Gardens have been maintained since 1924.

BOILERPLATE:

The House of the Seven Gables in Salem, MA is a National Historic Landmark District comprised of seven historic structures and colonial revival gardens. The Turner-Ingersoll Mansion (1668) is forever immortalized as the setting for world-renowned American author Nathaniel Hawthorne’s 1851 novel, The House of the Seven Gables.

Professional staff typically welcome over 100,000 visitors annually for a remarkable journey that explores Salem’s robust maritime history, the site’s architectural gems, and the literary legacy of Nathaniel Hawthorne. Adding to the site’s charm are a secret staircase, spectacular three-season gardens, the Nathaniel Hawthorne Birthplace, and our unique Museum Store, located in the c. 1687 Retire Beckett House.

The House of the Seven Gables Settlement Association is a non-profit organization, founded by Caroline Emmerton in 1910. Over a century later, The Gables is dedicated to continuing Emmerton’s preservation, community enrichment, and educational efforts.

VISITORS SERVED IN 2021:
- Provided a safe environment for over 71,000 visitors to engage with American history across our historic campus
- Welcomed visitors hailing from 23 countries and all 50 states
- Provided virtual educational programs for over 1,000 school children
- Offered 25 in-person and virtual public programs including: the Colonial Classics food demonstration series, Singular Characters, #salemma, Community Conversations, and a Community Yoga Partnership with Wild Sea Wellness

For more information, please visit www.7gables.org or contact hwatson@7gables.org or call 978-306-7011.
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INTERPRETIVE EMPHASIS:
The legacy of maritime wealth coupled with Nathaniel Hawthorne’s fame allows for The House of the Seven Gables to provide vital settlement services to Salem’s immigrant community.

PUBLIC PROGRAMS:
Public programming at The House of the Seven Gables is planned by the staff with a goal to engage our diverse audiences with our National Historic Landmark District in unique ways.

Programs include:
- lectures
- special exhibits
- theatrical performances
- community days

In 2021, online programming included:
- Women's History Lecture
- Virtual Field Trips
- New Immigrants & Refugee Visions Series
- hands-on history family programs
- specialty tours
- partnerships with local arts and cultural organizations
- Colonial Classics Cooking Demonstrations
- Virtual Tour Package

EDUCATION PROGRAMS:
- The House of the Seven Gables offers structured educational programs to students ranging from grades K-8.
- These programs provide students with educational and engaging activities that focus on early New England history, home life, and maritime trade.
- Our programs meet Massachusetts Curriculum Framework in History and Social Studies and Common Core Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy in History and Social Studies.
- In 2021, The Gables created a virtual version of our ‘Naumkeag Settlers to Salem Shippers’ program and offered it to Massachusetts classrooms.

SETTLEMENT PROGRAMMING:
The unbounded vision of our founder, Caroline Emmerton, carries a remarkable, generative force: it continually inspires us to dig deep into community, reach out to partners, and magnify good.

- Restarted ESL and Citizenship classes, from which there were 86 hours of instruction with an average of 72 hours per student. There were 92 students for the year.
- Created ‘Conversation Circles’ through a generous grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and the Sites of Conscience. This effort promotes relationship building between newcomers and longer-term Salem residents and fosters cross-cultural communication.
- Hosted a Community Conversation in partnership with Community Supported Film. This documentary and discussion event highlighted three local immigrant stories.

PUBLICATIONS:
- Images of America: The House of the Seven Gables (Arcadia) (2017)
- A Gracious Host: Visiting The House of the Seven Gables through the Years (2015)

EXHIBITIONS:
- Pop! Goes The Gables (2019)
- These Walls DO Talk (2018)
- Life and Labor over Four Centuries at The House of the Seven Gables (2017)

RECENT PARTNERSHIPS:
My Brother’s Table
City of Salem
COSTEP
Creative Collective, LLC
Destination Salem
Economic Development Recovery and Revitalization Task Force
Essex Heritage
Harbor Sweets
Historic New England
Historic Salem, Inc.
The Immigrant Learning Center
Jolie Tea Company
Latino Leadership Coalition
Massachusetts Historic Commission
Massachusetts Historical Society
Massachusetts History Commons
Massachusetts History Day
National Park Service
New England Museum Association
Peabody Essex Museum
Salem Film Festival
Salem Main Streets
Salem State University
Salem Women’s History Day
Wild Sea Wellness
Witch City Writers
Witch House

STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS:
19 full-time staff
21 year-round, part-time staff
Over 50 seasonal staff
Over 100 volunteers and interns

Visiting information, admission fees, and seasonal hours of operation can be found at 7gables.org

The House of the Seven Gables Settlement is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. We are supported by membership, donations, visitation and store income. We do not receive federal funds to support our education and preservation efforts.