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TWO FOR ONE AT THE HOUSE OF THE SEVEN GABLES IN SALEM

Residents of Essex and Suffolk Counties - make The Gables in historic Salem your summer destination. A **“TWO FOR ONE”** ticket is being offered to all (with I.D.) during the months of July and August. The historic site is easily reached by MBTA train from Boston’s North Station, by car, and by The Salem Ferry which leaves Long Wharf North regularly and docks just steps away from the great house.

The House of the Seven Gables was built in 1668 by Captain John Turner. This National Historic Landmark is the last great colonial mansion house in New England. The mansion also inspired Salem native Nathaniel Hawthorne to write his famous novel *The House of the Seven Gables* in 1851. Guided tours of the Gables include the famous “secret staircase” and restored 18th century interiors reflecting the opulence of Salem’s Golden Age of Sail. The historic site features Nathaniel Hawthorne’s boyhood home built in 1750 and moved to The Gables in 1958. Located on Salem Harbor, the mansion features Colonial Revival gardens with sweeping views of the water and Marblehead.

The Gables was restored and opened as a historic house museum in 1910 to generate revenue to support Settlement House work with the newly arriving immigrant community surrounding The Gables. The Gables continues this legacy of community service through partnerships to serve immigrant youth and under-privileged children from Salem. In addition, The Gables has partnered with North Shore Elder services to host the *Over the Rainbow* supper club one evening each month. This innovative award winning program for seniors of the LGBT community provides an opportunity to get together for good food and camaraderie. Participants come from the North Shore and Boston area.

Bring a friend, bring a picnic, and spend the day at The House of the Seven Gables! The Gables is located at 115 Derby Street, Salem, Massachusetts. Open seven days a week from 10:00am to 7:00pm. For more information please contact us at 978-744-0991 x116 or www.7gables.org.

The House of the Seven Gables Settlement Association, a nonprofit organization founded in 1910, is the catalyst that creates valued educational opportunities for our communities by interpreting, strengthening and preserving our unique historic legacies and site, with emphasis on under-served immigrant youth and their families. The historic site features three 17th century buildings, including the Turner-Ingersoll Mansion, also known as “The House of the Seven Gables,” the birthplace of American literary legend Nathaniel Hawthorne, and Colonial Revival Gardens. Proceeds from admission fees and retail sales directly support programs which serve Salem’s immigrant community. The historic site is open daily from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, with extended hours until 7:00 PM from July through October. The House of the Seven Gables is easily accessible from major highways, the Salem Ferry, and MBTA trains and buses. For more information please call 978-744-0991 or visit our website at www.7gables.org.