

The Salem Historical Society Curator's Coloring Contest America 250 Ohio - 2026



Grab your crayons and come and join the celebration! Color pictures and learn about Salem's history at the same time. In 2026, the Salem Historical Society will host twelve monthly coloring contests. Each month's contest follows Ohio's America 250 celebration schedule. The contests are open to all school-aged (K–12) participants. Each month, one student with the winning artwork will be awarded a one-year Youth Membership to the Society. At the end of the twelve months, the twelve winning students' coloring pages will be judged for the best of the best. This grand prize winner will receive a lifetime membership to the Society. The museum will hold all submissions and make them available to the students again in 2076 during the United States' Tricentennial. The twelve winning coloring pages will be framed and displayed at the museum.

Now for the rules

- No purchase is necessary. The coloring book pages will be available as a printable PDF on the Museum's website, www.salemhistoricalsociety.org. Teachers, please feel free to distribute the coloring pages to your students.
- 2. Any medium may be used to color the pictures, crayons, colored pencils, paint, markers, pastels, etc. Mediums may be mixed.
- 3. Each month's coloring page will be judged at the beginning of the following month.
- 4. The grand prize winner will be judged and awarded in January of 2027.
- 5. Submissions must be submitted by the 25th day of that month. They may be mailed to The Salem Historical Society, 208 South Broadway, Salem, Ohio 44460. Being folded for mailing will not count against the artwork. The pictures may be dropped off at the museum's office at 239 South Lundy Avenue on Monday, Wednesday, or Thursday mornings between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm. If classrooms participate, their art may be sent or brought to the museum at the same time.
- 6. The student's name, school name, and method of contact should be clearly printed on the back of each coloring page. This should include their parent or guardian's name, phone number, and or email address.
- 7. All memberships awarded as prizes are non-transferable and are non-refundable.
- 8. We look forward to seeing your work. Happy coloring and good luck!

(Printed coloring books are available in the museum's gift shop for \$3.00)