



Boston's public parks are treasured spaces in the heart of the City.



For 50 years the Friends of the Public Garden has helped the City care for three downtown parks: the Boston Common, the Public Garden, and the Commonwealth Avenue Mall.



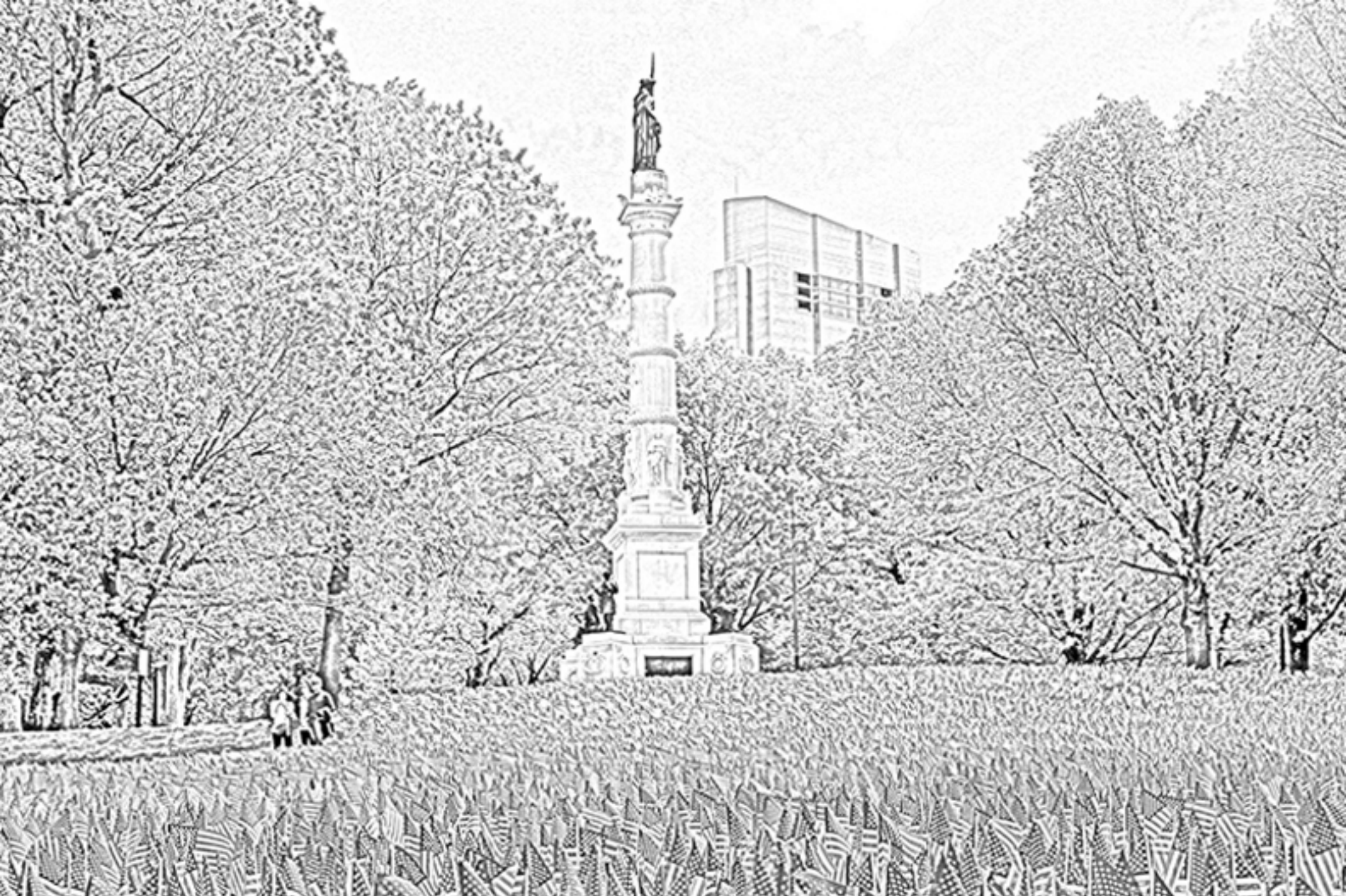
The Boston Common, founded in 1634, is America's first public park.



Its 50 acres have had many uses over the years, always serving the needs of Boston's residents.



In Colonial times, it served as a meeting place, a grazing field for cows and goats, and military training ground.



British troops set up camp on the Boston Common during the American Revolution.



Bostonians in the 1800s added trees, paths, and – following the Civil War – monuments and fountains.



Over the last 100 years, many historical figures visited the Common, including Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Pope John



Today, the Common is the scene of sports, rallies,
and events large and small.



The Common is and always will be the center stage of Boston life, a place to play and to protest, and a beautiful park in the heart of our busy city.



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Thank you for being a Friend to the Boston Common
and our public parks.