Summer 2004

**“This Great Nation Will Endure”: Photographs of the Great Depression**

Special Exhibition Opens September 12th, 2004

The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum will present a photographic exhibition of 175 images of America taken between 1935 and 1942 by great photographers of the Farm Security Administration, including Dorothea Lange, Walker Evans, Ben Shahn, Jack Delano, Arthur Rothstein, Gordon Parks, Carl Mydans, Russell Lee, Marion Post Wolcott and John Vachon.

The photographs are drawn from the massive Farm Security Administration photography collection at the Library of Congress. Their work includes some of the most familiar and powerful images of the nation to emerge from those difficult years. Many have reached iconic status in American culture.

Opening in the new William J. vanden Heuvel Gallery, Sunday, September 12th, 2004, “This Great Nation Will Endure” will include FSA photographs from every region of the nation. It will be one of the largest and richest exhibitions of FSA photography ever mounted, and will include reproductions of many photographs in dramatically large formats.

A soundtrack consisting of FSA audio recordings of folk music sung by migrant workers will fill part of the exhibit space. The exhibit will also include a specially-commissioned short documentary film that explores the work of several of the most prominent FSA photographers.

A New Deal agency created by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, the FSA sought to help American farmers and farm laborers who were confronting economic depression and natural disaster, including the ecological disaster known as the Dust Bowl. The agency was connected to the Department of Agriculture, led by Secretary of Agriculture, Henry A. Wallace.

Most of the photographs in the FSA collection depict rural life and hardships. But the collection also includes images of town and city life. In tens of thousands of photographs, the FSA created a remarkably diverse record of life in America during the 1930s and early 1940s—including images of hardship, endurance, hope, recovery, migration, recreation, and community life.

"This Great Nation Will Endure”: Photographs of the Great Depression runs through July 17th, 2005. The exhibition is sponsored by the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute.

Congressman John E. Sweeney Speaks at Dedication

The Henry A. Wallace Visitor and Education Center was formally dedicated on Sunday, November 16th, 2003. The Center is a public-private project designed to serve students, teachers, and the visiting public at the Roosevelt Presidential Library. Named in honor of the man who served as Secretary of Agriculture (1933-1940) and Vice-President during Franklin Roosevelt's third term, the Center celebrates the results of the next phase of his life's work: the Wallace Visitor and Education Center.

Representative John E. Sweeney (R-Clifton Park), in whose home district the FDR Presidential Library and Home of FDR National Historic Site are located, spoke at the dedication. In past years, Congressman Sweeney has secured $8.5 million for the Wallace Center and $6 million for the restoration of the buildings and landscapes at the Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site and for the construction of a future regional tourist information center and transportation hub in Hyde Park. Congressman Sweeney was the only Republican member of the House of Representatives to sponsor a resolution to keep FDR on the dime.

One of the strongest supporters of the Roosevelt Library and National Park Service sites in Hyde Park, Sweeney said, "I was honored to have spoken at the dedication of the Wallace Visitor and Education Center last November. It was a wonderful day as we looked toward a bright future and remembered a glorioust past, while taking another step toward fulfilling a vision that celebrates the legacy of the Roosevelts, educates us and our children on powerful history lessons, and attracts heritage tourism to our region. It's a vision I remain firmly committed to, and one that ultimately cannot be fulfilled without the restoration of the FDR Presidential Library. Together we must work to preserve this invaluable resource—a time capsule of history—so that generations can come and enjoy, learn and gain an enhanced understanding of the magnificent presidential legacy of Franklin Delano Roosevelt."

Other noted guests in attendance for the afternoon ceremony were Archivist of the United States, John Carlin; Pulitzer Prize winning author and historian Doris Kearns Goodwin; New York Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Bernadette Castro; NPS Regional Director Marie Rast; Congressman Maurice Hinchey, and William J. vanden Heuvel, co-chairman of the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute. Henry Scott Wallace represented the Wallace family and Anna Eleanor Roosevelt spoke for the Roosevelt family.

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

On Sunday, September 12th with the opening of "This Great Nation Will Endure": Photographs of the Great Depression, the Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum dedicates its new special gallery for changing exhibitions. Named for Ambassador William J. vanden Heuvel, the gallery will serve as a perpetual public recognition of his outstanding leadership in the revitalization of the Roosevelt Library. At the dedication ceremony we will unveil a new portrait of Ambassador vanden Heuvel painted by Janet Ross. The painting will hang at the entrance to the William J. vanden Heuvel Gallery.

More than ten years ago, when approached by the National Archives and Records Administration about the need for improvements to the Roosevelt Library, Ambassador vanden Heuvel accepted the enormous challenge of raising $21 million in public and private funds. As a result of his leadership with private donors and Congress, visitors to Hyde Park are enjoying the beautiful new Henry A. Wallace Visitor and Education Center and the stunning new gallery that fittingly bears his name. In the next few years the results of the next phase of his philanthropic work will unfold as we begin the redevelopment of the main galleries in the Library itself, culminating in the installation of new permanent exhibits on the life and work of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt.

Ambassador vanden Heuvel's work on behalf of the Roosevelt Library goes far beyond fund raising. He is the inspirational leader and moral compass that guides our work. For nearly twenty years, as the driving force behind the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute, he has steadfastly championed the (continued on page 2)
FDR’s Hyde Park home, 1946.

The Ambassador's service to the Roosevelts includes fifteen years as president of the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute, of which he is now co-chair with Anna Eleanor Roosevelt. Assisting in the administration of the Council of American Ambassadors, he is also a member of the Tulane University Board of Trustees, and former chief of the Council on Foreign Relations. He has been a Senior Partner of the law firm of Heuvel & Heuvel, and a member of the Institute for Democracy Studies, and a director of the United Nations Associations, a chairman of the World Federation of United Nations Associations, a director of the Institute for Foreign Policy Studies, and a director of the Institute for Democracy Studies.

In 2002, the President's House was re-created to be much as it was in 1932, and in 2003, the original Oval Office was re-created. In 2004, the new Oval Office was created with the Oval Office as a whole.

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As part of its commitment to better educate and inform the public about the Presidency as well as the mission of the National Archives and Records Administration, the Office of Presidential Libraries continues to explore new ways to increase the public's awareness of the Library system as a whole.

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The Libraries who share the new logo include: Franklin D. Roosevelt Library, Hyde Park, NY; Herbert Hoover Library, West Branch, IA; Harry S. Truman Library, Independence, MO; Dwight D. Eisenhower Library, Abilene, KS; John F. Kennedy Library, Boston, MA; Lyndon B. Johnson Library, Austin, TX; Gerald R. Ford Library, Grand Rapids, MI; Jimmy Carter Library, Atlanta, GA; Ronald Reagan Library, Simi Valley, CA; George Bush Library, College Station, TX; and the new William J. Clinton Library, Little Rock, AR.

The Roosevelt Presidential Library and the Home of FDR National Historic Site will present a series of family-friendly events this fall that are free and open to the public.

On Friday, October 29th, Randall Wallace with Tao Rodriguez Seeger and The Mammals will perform folk music of the 1930s and 1940s. Highlighting the Library's new exhibit on the photography of the Great Depression—and the fall campaign season—the program will include songs from Henny Youngman's 1948 presidential campaign, as well as music from the migrant worker camps sponsored by the Farm Security Administration. After the show in the Wallace Center, the concert will be a family affair with Randall Wallace performing the music of his grandfather, Henry A. Wallace's presidential campaign, and Tao Rodriguez Seeger performing his grandfather, Pete Seeger's, compositions. Adding to the mix is the fact that the Farm Security Administration was a unit of the New Deal Department of Agriculture led by Henry A. Wallace.

On Saturday, November 6th through 8th, film lovers can attend the Rare Lorentz Film Festival II for screenings of rare documentary films of the New Deal. Screenings will include Rare Lorentz's twin classics, The Plow That Broke the Plains and The River as well as examples of his work for the Roosevelt Administration's United States Film Service. The great feature film masterpiece, The Grapes of Wrath, as well as lesser known New Deal era documentaries and films of social conscience will also be shown.

For a film schedule and notice of all upcoming events, register for our Email Bulletin by sending your email address to clifford.laube@nara.gov in the subject line. You may also receive more information on any Library-sponsored programs, by contacting Public Affairs Specialist Cliff Laube at the above email address.

Fall Programs Fun for the Entire Family

Folk Music Concert Featuring Randall Wallace with The Mammals

In time for the 60th anniversary of D-Day, the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum is opening a new permanent exhibit designed to bring citizens together to understand the President's role in World War II. The exhibit will explore his influence on military strategy throughout World War II. Measuring fifty inches in diameter, FDR received it as a gift from General George C. Marshall in 1942.

Marshall arranged to have 50-inch globes presented to President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Winston Churchill as Christmas gifts from the War Department. The globes were manufactured by the Weber Company of Chicago Heights, Illinois under the direct supervision of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) and the War Department.

The globe was created at a scale of 1:10,000,000—about 157.8 miles to the inch. It contains more than 1,700 place names. It rests on rubber rollers mounted on a moveable base, so that it may be rotated or pivoted in any direction at will.

It is believed that the Weber Company produced between twelve and fifteen copies of this globe between 1942 and 1955. Other wartime leaders also received copies of the globe, as did the House and Senate Chambers in the Capitol. We know of three extant globes—other than FDR's—Churchill's globe, which is now on display at Churchill's Home, Chartwell, England; one that belongs to Bloom High School in Chicago Heights, Illinois; and the Library of Congress's globe.

Roosevelt kept his globe immediately behind his desk in the Oval Office, within arm's reach from his desk chair. Handwritten notes on its surface, believed to be FDR's, have been preserved as important documentation of his active participation in the details of war planning.

After two years of painstaking conservation work the globe was placed on display within the Museum's reconstructed Oval Office, alongside President Roosevelt's original Oval Office desk, chair, and other historic memorabilia. The globe was on exhibit for early visitors to the museum, but because it had become badly deteriorated, it was put in storage more than thirty years ago. It has not been on public view since.

New Presidential Libraries Logo Unveiled

Museum Adds Rare Globe to Oval Office Display

President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Commander in Chief of the US Armed Forces, looks at the fifty-inch globe presented to him by the US Army, 1942. FDR Presidential Library and Museum.
Archivist Raymond Teichman Retires After 35 Years

After thirty-five years of service to the Roosevelt Library, Dr. Raymond J. Teichman retired as Supervisory Archivist on June 30th, 2004, coincidentally the 63rd anniversary of the Library's dedication.

A reception held at the Library's Henry A. Wallace Visitor Center was attended by current and former Library staff, Roosevelt Institute staff and members, researchers, and the Teichman Family. Ray was presented with a framed Olin Dows print of the Library signed by all the staff, as well as a Memory Book of photos, certificates, letters, cards, and e-mails from well-wishers.

Among those sending Ray their best wishes were Roosevelt scholars Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr., Warren Kimball, William Leuchtenburg, Geoffrey Ward, Joseph Persico, and Robert Butow, as well as Archivist of the United States John Carlin and several members of the Roosevelt Family.

In her own letter to Ray included in the book, Library Director Cynthia Koch said, "It is hard to imagine any book, documentary, or other work produced from our archives in the past thirty-five years that does not in some way bear the stamp of your expertise."

We wish Ray Teichman and his wife Erin all the best in their well-deserved retirement.

New Museum Brochure Now Available

The FDR Presidential Library and Museum designed and produced a new full color brochure this spring. Designs were laid out by museum and public programs staff before the brochure was presented to a professional designer. Special thanks is given to the Vidda Foundation which generously provided the funding for printing the new brochure.

If you would like a copy of the brochure please call Cliff Laube at (845) 486-7745 or email clifford.laube@nara.gov.

New Facility Meets Growing Need for Program and Event Space

Since its opening on November 15th, 2003, the Wallace Center has been alive with activity. In addition to Roosevelt Library and National Park Service school programs and Library-sponsored public programs, many local groups, government agencies, and educational organizations held events in the new facility.

The Roosevelt Library has been able to greatly expand and improve its public programming because of the new facility. Leading up to and coinciding with, the Library's front lawn. Over 3000 visitors enjoyed those exciting events.

The Library hosted its inaugural Roosevelt Reading Festival in June.

World War II Memorial Dedication in Washington, D.C. The Library hosted a series of activities to honor the "Greatest Generation" in the Wallace Center.

Activities included a Pure Lorentz Film Festival featuring World War II films, a live USO Show, a special World War II ceremony to mark the dedication of the new Memorial in Washington, D.C., and the annual living history display on the historic Roosevelt estate.

Since its dedication in November, the Wallace Center has welcomed visitors to the Roosevelt sites in Hyde Park, provided state of the art meeting space for thousands of participants, engaged and educated people with interesting and informative public programming and provided teachers and school groups with spacious new rooms and ease in planning and executing field trips. It has been most effective in demonstrating the importance of the Roosevelt legacy to today's world. The Wallace Center is a welcome addition to the historic Roosevelt estate.

To learn about programs and events at the FDR Presidential Library and Museum and the Wallace Center sign up for our new Email Bulletin by sending an email to clifford.laube@nara.gov and typing "SUBSCRIBE" in the subject line.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, September 29
Talk & Book Signing
David McKean - author of "Tommy the Cork: Washington's Ultimate Insider from Roosevelt to Reagan"
Wallace Center; 7 PM

Saturday, October 2
Roosevelt Farm Festival
National Park Service
Home of FDR; 10 AM - 4 PM

Friday, October 8
Torchlight Parade & Debate/Hatch
Wallace Center; 6:30 PM & 9 PM

Saturday, October 9
Lecture
Geraldine Ferraro
"Our Grandchildren and the Future"
Wallace Center; 1 PM

Friday, October 29
Randall Wallace with The Mammals
Wallace Center; 7 PM

Saturday, October 30
Talk & Book Signing
Cass Sunstein - author of "The Second Bill of Rights: FDR's Unfinished Revolution and Why We Need it More than Ever"
Wallace Center; 3 PM

November 6, 7, 8
Pure Lorentz Film Festival II
Films of the New Deal
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Mrs. Nesbitt’s Café
In the Wallace Center
“Feeding the Roosevelts and their guests”

Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt communicated by word and deed a vision of a just and caring society. In a new membership campaign, the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute invites you to become a member of the Institute that bears their name and works to preserve their far-sighted vision of a free, more compassionate world.

Your member benefits include:
- Free admission to the FDR Presidential Library and Museum and all other Presidential Libraries
- A one-year subscription to The View from Hyde Park
- A 10% discount at the New Deal Museum Store in the Wallace Center

One of the most important programs supported by the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute is the Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum. This project was very dear to President Roosevelt, who said that the Library’s mission would be “to bring together the records of the past…where they will be preserved for the use of men and women living in the future.”

The Roosevelt Presidential Library is home for more than 17 million pages of documents, audio-visual materials, historical museum objects and books. As the President envisioned, it is the finest research center for anyone studying the New Deal and/or our nation’s history from the Great Depression through World War II. Your membership gift can provide vital support for the programs and resources of the nation’s first presidential library. For information on joining FERI visit www.feri.org or call (845) 486-1150.