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Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library presents

**BRINGING HISTORY HOME:
INTRODUCING THE 1696 HYDE PARK BILL OF SALE**
In conjunction with the LIGHT ON NEW NETHERLAND exhibit

September 19 at 3:00 p.m.
Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home

HYDE PARK, NY -- The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum is pleased to present, BRINGING HISTORY HOME: INTRODUCING THE 1696 HYDE PARK BILL OF SALE on Saturday, September 19 at 3:00 p.m. in the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home. This special event celebrates the addition of the original 1696 Hyde Park Bill of Sale to the holdings of the FDR Presidential Library. Residents of Hyde Park, and Dutchess County, are specially invited to attend this first public viewing of the rare document. The Bill of Sale will be publicly displayed for this event only. *To arrange for a private viewing call (845) 486-7745.* This program is free and open to the general public.

Held in conjunction with LIGHT ON NEW NETHERLAND, a traveling Quadri-centennial exhibit produced by the New Netherland Institute, BRINGING HISTORY HOME will feature a presentation by Dr. Charles Gehring, Director of the New Netherland Project at the New York State Library. Dr. Gehring translated the 1696 Hyde Park Bill of Sale for the FDR Presidential Library and his translation will also be on display. Handwritten in the old Dutch language, the Bill of Sale includes the land encompassing today's Hyde Park, dated June 24, 1696, and is signed with the totems of five Native chiefs -- Minsam, Willem, Quagan, Matasiwanck, and Rapawees -- who

conveyed the land to Henderick ten Eyck. Roosevelt Library Director, Dr. Cynthia Koch and Hyde Park Town Supervisor Pompey Delafield will present welcoming remarks. Refreshments will be served following the program.

Please contact Cliff Laube at (845) 486-7745 or email clifford.laube@nara.gov with questions about the event.

LIGHT ON NEW NETHERLAND, a traveling Henry Hudson Quadricentennial exhibit produced by the New Netherland Institute will be on display in the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home from Tuesday, September 15, 2009 through Tuesday, September 22, 2009. It consists of 14 double-sided panels exploring such topics as “Ships and Sailing,” “The Atlantic World,” “The West India Company,” “The People of New Netherland,” “Relations with the Indians” and “Dutch Legacy.” This 2-dimensional panel exhibit is curated by Robert E. Mulligan, a retired history curator at the New York State Museum, and is designed and fabricated by Adirondack Studio. Many of the illustrations are the work of Len Tantillo, premier artist of New Netherland, and original graphics are by Chuck Gravina. For more information about the LIGHT ON NEW NETHERLAND exhibit and future exhibition venues visit Dutchess County Tourism online at www.dutchess400.com, or call (845) 463-4000.

The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum is dedicated to preserving historical material and providing innovative educational programs, community events, and public outreach. It is one of thirteen presidential libraries administered by the National Archives and Records Administration. For information about the FDR Presidential Library call (800) 337-8474 or visit www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu.

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