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**Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum
and the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site
present an afternoon of President's Day Weekend Events:
AUTHOR TALK AND SIGNING WITH HUGH HOWARD
*HOUSES OF THE PRESIDENTS: CHILDHOOD HOMES,
FAMILY DWELLINGS, PRIVATE ESCAPES, AND GRAND ESTATES*
and DOCUMENTS ON DISPLAY: *PRESIDENTIAL AUTOGRAPHS*
Saturday, February 15, 2014, beginning at 2:00 p.m.**

HYDE PARK, NY -- The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum and the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site will host an afternoon of President's Day Weekend events on Saturday, February 15, 2014. At 2:00 p.m., in the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home, historian **Hugh Howard** will present an author talk on his latest book, *Houses of the Presidents: Childhood Homes, Family Dwellings, Private Escapes, and Grand Estates*. Mr. Howard will sign copies of the book after the talk. At 3:00 p.m., visitors can view a selection of presidential autographs from the Roosevelt Library archives -- many of which are from FDR's personal collection -- **on display only once a year**. There will also be a short video presentation and family-friendly activities relating to presidential history beginning at 3:00 p.m. These events are free and open to the general public.

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*HOUSES OF THE PRESIDENTS: CHILDHOOD HOMES,
FAMILY DWELLINGS, PRIVATE ESCAPES, AND GRAND ESTATES***

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HOUSES OF THE PRESIDENTS offers a unique tour of the houses and day-to-day lives of America's presidents, from George Washington's time to the present. Author Hugh

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Howard weaves together personal, presidential, and architectural histories to shed light on the way our chief executives lived. Original photography by Roger Straus III brings the houses and furnishings beautifully to life. From Jefferson's Monticello to FDR's Springwood to Reagan's Rancho del Cielo, with fascinating and surprising stops between and beyond, *HOUSES OF THE PRESIDENTS* presents a fascinating alternative history of the American presidency. A book signing will follow the talk.

DOCUMENTS ON DISPLAY: *PRESIDENTIAL AUTOGRAPHS*

3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Following the film, visitors can view original documents from the Roosevelt Library archives bearing the signatures of many of our nation's Presidents including: John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, Martin Van Buren, Andrew Jackson, Teddy Roosevelt, Harry Truman and John F. Kennedy. More than 30 signatures will be on display -- most of which were collected by FDR himself. **These rare documents are on display only once a year.** There will also be a short video presentation and family-friendly activities relating to presidential history.

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

Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum

As generations of Americans that have no personal memory of the Roosevelt Era emerge, it is more critical than ever that the lives and legacies of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt be preserved and presented to new generations. The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum stands ready to serve as a visible and valuable resource for children and families, educators and students, and an international audience seeking to understand the past to make a better tomorrow. With a newly

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renovated building and new permanent museum exhibits the Library seeks to honor President Roosevelt's vision in dedicating his Library to the American people. The Roosevelt Library is one of thirteen presidential libraries administered by the National Archives and Records Administration. For more information about the Library or its programs call (800) 337-8474 or visit www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu.

The National Park Service administers the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt, Eleanor Roosevelt and Top Cottage and Vanderbilt Mansion. Visitors to the sites can enjoy guided tours of the historic buildings. There are hiking trails that link all the parks. From May through October visitors from New York City can reserve transportation from the Poughkeepsie Train Station to all the sites in Hyde Park by calling (845) 229-5320 for the "Roosevelt Ride." For information about tours and other programs visit www.nps.gov/hofr or call (845) 229-5320.

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