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**The FDR Presidential Library and Museum, the Roosevelt Institute
and the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site
invite its Hudson Valley Neighbors to a
10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE
HENRY A. WALLACE VISITOR AND EDUCATION CENTER
Friday, November 15, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home
To Register Please Call: (845) 486-7745**

HYDE PARK, NY -- The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum, the Roosevelt Institute and the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site invite its Hudson Valley Neighbors to a 10th Anniversary Celebration of The Henry A. Wallace Visitor and Education Center on the evening of Friday, November 15, 2013. The program will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a reception in the lobby of the Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home. **Frances Halsband** FAIA, from Kliment Halsband Architects -- the designers of the Wallace Center -- will give a presentation at 7:00 p.m. titled, "The Visitor Center Revisited." Following the presentation there will be a screening of "**Henry A. Wallace: An Uncommon Man**," a documentary film produced by Wallace granddaughter Joan D. Murray. This event is free and open to the public. **To register please call: (845) 486-7745.**

On November 15, 2003, the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum, in cooperation with the National Park Service and the private non-profit Roosevelt Institute, opened the Henry A. Wallace Visitor and Education Center -- the first new facility to be added to the Roosevelt estate since the Library was constructed in 1941. It was named in honor of Henry A. Wallace who served as Secretary of Agriculture (1933-1940) and Vice-President during Franklin Roosevelt's third term.

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On the evening of November 15, 2013, these organizations invite the Hudson Valley community -- free of charge -- to celebrate with them the success of the Wallace Center and the great legacy of Henry A. Wallace. The event begins with at 6:00 p.m. with a reception in the lobby of the Visitor Center. At 7:00 p.m., architect Frances Halsband will present, "The Visitor Center Revisited," in which she will discuss the planning and challenges of designing a state-of-the-art visitor center adjacent to the Roosevelt Library -- a building designed by Franklin D. Roosevelt himself. Following the presentation attendees will learn more about the extraordinary life and career of Henry A. Wallace with a screening of the documentary film "Henry A. Wallace: An Uncommon Man."

Frances Halsband FAIA is a founding partner of Kliment Halsband Architects, a leading New York City design firm known for award-winning work in architecture, master planning, historic preservation, and adaptive reuse for educational, cultural, civic, government, and private clients. Frances has served as Architect Advisor to the Brown University Corporation, and on the Architectural Review Board of the Federal Reserve, and the Architectural Advisory Board of the U.S. Department of State Office of Foreign Buildings Operations. She has been a visiting professor of design at numerous universities, and served as Dean of the School of Architecture at Pratt Institute in New York. Extensively engaged in professional and civic activities throughout the years, Frances was the first woman to be elected president of the New York Chapter of the AIA, and has served as president of The Architectural League of New York and as a commissioner of the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission. Frances holds a Bachelor of Arts from Swarthmore College and a Master of Architecture from Columbia University.

"Henry A. Wallace: An Uncommon Man," (60 min.) produced by Wallace granddaughter Joan D. Murray, tells the story of one of the most brilliant and complex leaders in American history. Wallace founded the first commercial hybrid seed

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company, Pioneer, which brought about a "green revolution" around the world. He served as Agriculture Secretary in Franklin D. Roosevelt's cabinet from 1934-1940. The soil conservation service, the ever-normal granary, and the school lunch program are just three of the many programs Wallace instituted to improve the plight of rural American during the Great Depression. As Vice President, Wallace was assigned unprecedented wartime responsibilities. By the end of his goodwill trip to Latin America, 12 Latin American countries had declared war on Germany and 20 had severed diplomatic relations with it. In 1948, Wallace ran for president on the Progressive Party ticket. Far ahead of his time on civil rights, Wallace was the first presidential candidate in history to refuse to speak at segregated events. Wallace was a prolific writer. Among his best-known works is "The Century of the Common Man," which laid out the vision for American after World War II.

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

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 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.

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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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