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**The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum presents
an author talk and book signing with F. KENNON MOODY
author of FDR AND HIS HUDSON VALLEY NEIGHBORS
Thursday, August 1, 2013 at 7:00 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 an author talk and book signing with **F. KENNON MOODY** author of **FDR AND HIS HUDSON VALLEY NEIGHBORS**. The program will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 1, 2013 in the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home. Following the presentation, Dr. Moody will be available to sign copies of his book. Attendees can visit the Library's new permanent exhibition until 10:00 p.m. -- free of charge -- after the program. This event is free and open to the public.

Many historians have attempted to define and describe Franklin D. Roosevelt. Any understanding of the enigma that was FDR must examine the roots that were so firmly established in the Delano and Roosevelt families, and in the rural nature of the mid-Hudson Valley and Dutchess County of the 19th century. The complexity of the man and the myth must be seen in relationship to the time, the place and the people who provided his roots that could withstand the political storms of the 20th century. FDR's relationship to the world of the Hudson Valley and Dutchess County has often been ignored in favor of the more inclusive global frame of reference.

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FDR AND HIS HUDSON VALLEY NEIGHBORS examines the relationship of FDR to the residents of the Hudson Valley to explain the significance of that relationship to the private and public life of FDR. In this study the term "neighbor" refers to the aristocracy who lived in the estates on the East Bank of the Hudson, the citizens of Hyde Park, and the citizens of Dutchess County. From his first campaign in 1910 to his tragic death in 1945 he carried a perception of his "neighbors" that had a profound effect on his "politics."

F. Kennon Moody earned a B.A., History, Centenary College of Louisiana; M. Div., Yale University Divinity School; Ph.D., American History, SUNY at Albany. During 23 years at Dutchess Community College, he was a Dean in several areas. Since 1997, Dr. Moody has been an independent researcher specializing in the archival documents and photographs at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library. He has worked with scholars in the United States, Germany, Denmark, England, Ireland, Italy, Russia, Hungary, and China; and conducted research for Curtis Roosevelt's biography *TOO CLOSE TO THE SUN*, Robert Rosen's *SAVING THE JEWS: FDR AND THE HOLOCAUST*, and Thomas Fleming's *THE NEW DEALER'S WAR*. Dr. Moody authored *AN OPERATIONAL HISTORY OF THE ROOSEVELT ESTATE* for the National Park Service and initial drafts for the narrative tour of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial in Washington, D. C.

Copies of Dr. Moody's book will be available for sale after the talk. There is no charge for this program. 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

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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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