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**The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum
presents a public unveiling ceremony of the Library's new
Carolyn D. Palmer bronze sculptures of
President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Eleanor Roosevelt
November 17, 2012 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 a public unveiling ceremony of the Library's new **Carolyn D. Palmer** bronze sculptures of **President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Eleanor Roosevelt** on November 17, 2012. The program will begin at 3:00 p.m. in the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home. The sculptures will be unveiled in the lobby of the Wallace Center where they will be on public view until they are placed in their permanent locations in the main lobby of the newly renovated Library and Museum building (scheduled to open on June 30, 2013). **Registration required. Call (845) 486-7752 for information.**

The new sculptures of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt, commissioned through private donations, will occupy a prominent place in the lobby of the renovated Roosevelt Library. In addition to greeting the Museum's nearly 100,000 annual visitors the sculptures were specially designed to be touched by the visiting public -- representing the first of many opportunities in the renovated museum for people with disabilities to better connect with the Roosevelt legacy. New galleries will feature state-of-the-art exhibits that tell the story of FDR's heroic struggle to regain his strength and political career after polio. There will be improved wheelchair accessibility, an audio tour (with a bilingual option) and tactile exhibits will enhance the visitor experience for children and visitors with impaired vision.

“The Roosevelt Library is so pleased to receive these new bronze sculptures of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt,” said the Library’s Acting Director Lynn Bassanese. “They will have a place of honor in our new Museum -- which will open on June 30, 2013 -- as we welcome a new generation of learners to discover the legacy of the Roosevelts. I especially would like to thank Carolyn Palmer who by creating such beautiful pieces that can actually be touched is helping the Roosevelt Library fulfill its commitment to accessibility for all its visitors.”

Sculptor Carolyn D. Palmer remarked, “My intention was for all of the Library’s visitors to remember the fascinating Roosevelts as the premier couple who graced the world with their altruist deeds and unforgettable charm.”

Master sculptor, **Carolyn D. Palmer** graduated cum laude from Nazareth College in Rochester, New York. She went on to study privately throughout Spain, France, Italy and the United States. Her sculptures are displayed in both public venues and private collections. A larger-than-life Thomas Jefferson graces the Jefferson Center Lobby in Syracuse, New York. Her Dr. Zef Oroshi, smoking his famous pipe, resides in a prominent Hartsdale, New York Cathedral. And her Wright Brothers were acquired by the Sanford, Orlando airport. Palmer was chosen by Mayor Christopher Doherty of Scranton, Pennsylvania to create life size bronzes of Vice President Joseph Biden, and the late Governor Robert P. Casey for a historic park in Scranton. Her most prized and recent commissions are the sculptures of President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Eleanor Roosevelt for the FDR Presidential Library and Museum at Hyde Park, New York. Palmer continues to create sculptures and limited editions from her new studio in the Hudson Valley region of New York.

For more information about the ceremony, or to register, please call Mary Jikhars at (845) 486-7752.

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, academics, policy analysts, and an international audience seeking to understand the past to make a better tomorrow. With a newly renovated building and new permanent museum exhibits -- opening on June 30, 2013 -- the Library seeks to honor President Roosevelt's vision in dedicating his Library to the American people. The FDR Presidential Library is one of thirteen presidential libraries administered by the National Archives and Records Administration. For more information about the Library call (800) 337-8474 or visit www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu.

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