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**Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum
presents an afternoon of President's Day Weekend Events:
AUTHOR TALK AND SIGNING: RICHARD STRINER
Lincoln's Way: How Six Great Presidents Created American Power
and DOCUMENTS ON DISPLAY: *PRESIDENTIAL AUTOGRAPHS*
Saturday, February 18, 2012, beginning at 2:00 p.m.**

HYDE PARK, NY -- The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum will host an afternoon of President's Day Weekend events on Saturday, February 18, 2012. The programs begin at 2:00 p.m. in the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home with an author talk and signing with Washington College Professor of History **Richard Striner, author of *Lincoln's Way: How Six Great Presidents Created American Power***. Professor Striner will sign copies of his book after the talk. Following the signing 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**. These events are free and open to the general public.

AUTHOR TALK AND SIGNING: RICHARD STRINER

LINCOLN'S WAY: HOW SIX GREAT PRESIDENTS CREATED AMERICAN POWER

2:00 p.m.

Washington College Professor of History Richard Striner, author of *Lincoln's Way: How Six Great Presidents Created American Power* will speak at 2:00 p.m. in the Wallace Center. In *Lincoln's Way*, historian Richard Striner tells the story of America's rise to global power and the presidential leaders who envisioned it and made it happen. From Abraham Lincoln to Theodore Roosevelt within the Republican Party, the legacy was passed along to FDR -- the Democratic Roosevelt -- who bequeathed it to Harry S. Truman, Dwight D. Eisenhower, and John F. Kennedy. A book signing will follow the talk.

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DOCUMENTS ON DISPLAY: *PRESIDENTIAL AUTOGRAPHS*

2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Following the author talk and signing, 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. Over thirty signatures will be on display in the Research Room of the Wallace Center -- most of which were collected by FDR himself. Archivists will be on hand to answer questions about the documents. **These rare documents are on display only once a year.** There will 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.

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 twelve 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.

Historic Hyde Park is a group of government and private non-profit organizations based in Hyde Park, New York. Each has a unique mission, but all are united in their dedication to extending the legacy of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt to new generations. HHP includes the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum, the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site, Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site, the Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill, the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute, and Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site. For more information about HHP visit www.HistoricHydePark.org.

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