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PHMC CELEBRATES 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF ROOSEVELT'S 'NEW DEAL'
Partners with Pennsylvania Heritage Society to Offer Unique Tour

Harrisburg, PA –The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission is partnering with the Pennsylvania Heritage Society to provide a unique insight into select New Deal-era murals and associated artwork, which will be in U.S. Post Offices in the Wilkes Barre-Scranton area.

“Pennsylvania is participating in the nationwide celebration of the 75th anniversary of the New Deal, President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s comprehensive social and economic recovery program designed to thwart the ravages of the Great Depression following the 1929 Wall Street crash,” said Barbara Franco, executive director of the PHMC.

“Beginning in 1934, the U.S. Treasury Department commissioned 82 artists to paint 88 original works of art in post offices in Pennsylvania. Many of the murals remain today in dozens of post offices across the state.”

Sponsored by the Pennsylvania Heritage Society, New Deal mural historian David Lembeck and State Museum of Pennsylvania curator Curt Miner will accompany the tour and provide commentary throughout the day at stops in Wilkes Barre and Scranton; also included is a visit to PHMC’s Anthracite Heritage Museum in Scranton.

The motor coach will leave Harrisburg with a stop in Luzerne County. A buffet luncheon at the historic Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel in Scranton will also be included. Contact the Heritage Society, toll free, at 1-866-823-6539, or RA-paheritagesociety@state.pa.us for more information and to make reservations by Sept. 23.

The Pennsylvania Heritage Society is a non-profit organization supporting the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, the official state agency charged with preserving and interpreting the Commonwealth’s heritage and culture. The State Museum of Pennsylvania is a bureau of PHMC.