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Federal Hall National Memorial is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday

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212-825-6990. www.nps.gov/feha

Obata's Yosemite at Federal Hall

September 11-25, 2009

Chiura Obata (1885-1975), born in Okayama-ken, Japan, was one of the earliest Japanese artists to live and work in the United States. He moved to San Francisco in 1903, supporting himself as an illustrator for Japanese language newspapers and magazines, while painting in the moro-tai style of contemporary Japanese art.

In 1927, he visited Yosemite National Park and the Sierra Nevada, where he made approximately 100 drawings in pencil, watercolor and sumi ink. He recalled his visit to Yosemite as the greatest harvest for my whole life and future in painting. The following year, he returned to Japan for a visit and brought 35 of the drawings to be translated into color woodcuts.

Between 1928 and 1930, while Obata was in Tokyo, he transformed these California landscape watercolors and sketches into a limited-edition portfolio titled World Landscape Series. The final intricate woodblock prints -- some required more than 150 separate working proofs -- resemble Obatas watercolors, with lines like brush strokes and areas of delicately layered color. They are characterized by a distinctive merging of Japanese and Western printmaking styles and techniques.

Obata's Yosemite features 27 prints and watercolors and a series of 20 progressive proofs all depicting Yosemite National Park.





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African Burial Ground National Monument

African Burial Ground honors the memories of the estimated 15,000 Africans buried at the approximately 7-acre site in the 17th and 18th centuries. The memorial, located at just north of City Hall at 290 Broadway in Lower Manhattan, is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. (212) 637-2019. www.nps.gov/afbg

Castle Clinton National Monument

Located in Battery Park, Castle Clinton was built to keep out a British invasion in 1812. The Castle has transformed over the years to welcome theater goers, immigrants and sightseers. The site is open daily (except Dec. 25) from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. In the event of inclement weather, the site may close. (212) 344-7220. www.nps.gov/cacl

Gateway National Recreation Area

Gateway provides abundant recreational and learning opportunities, from swimming, boating and fishing to team sports, bicycling and nature study. Comprised of three units stretching from Sandy Hook, N.J., to Staten Island, to Brooklyn and Queens, the park contains the nation's oldest operating lighthouse, forts, sites that trace aviation's early history, a wildlife refuge, holly forest, ocean dunes and coastal uplands. www.nps.gov/gate

General Grant National Memorial

The largest mausoleum in North America, Grant's Tomb (as it is commonly called) is not only the final resting place of the General, but a memorial to his life and accomplishments. The site, located at 122nd Street and Riverside Drive in Upper Manhattan, is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. (212) 666-1640. www.nps.gov/gegr

Governors Island National Monument

Governors Island lies just off the southern tip of Manhattan. The island's fortifications – Fort Jay and Castle Williams – served as an early outpost to protect New York City from enemy naval attack. The island is open from May 31 through Sept. 2, Wednesday through Sunday and hours vary by day. The Governors Island Ferry is located in the Battery Maritime Building, Slip # 7. (212) 825-3045. www.nps.gov/gois

Hamilton Grange National Monument

The Grange is scheduled to re-open in Fall 2009 following restoration at its new site in St. Nicholas Park in Upper Manhattan. The Grange, the only home Hamilton ever owned, is the only memorial in the United States dedicated to Alexander Hamilton, a co-author of the Federalist Papers and the first Secretary of the Treasury (1789-1795). www.nps.gov/hagr

St. Paul's Church National Historic Site

This 18th-century church, located at 897 South Columbus Avenue in Mount Vernon, is one of New York's oldest parishes (1665-1980). It was used as a hospital following the Battle at Pell's Point in 1776, and was the scene of various military developments for the next six years. The adjoining cemetery contains burials dating from 1704. The church and museum are open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., the grounds from dawn until dusk. (914) 667-4116. www.nps.gov/sapa

Statue of Liberty National Monument and Ellis Island

The Statue of Liberty National Monument is one park that is comprised of Liberty Island (where the Statue is located) and Ellis Island, the historical federal immigration processing center. Liberty and Ellis islands are open daily (except Dec. 25). Hours vary seasonally. (212) 363-3200, www.nps.gov/stli and www.nps.gov/elis. While there is no entrance fee to either site, they are accessible only by ferry. Ferry tickets are \$12 for ages 13 and older, \$10 for ages 62 and older and \$5 for ages 4 to 12. Tickets may be purchased at Castle Clinton National Monument, online at www.statuecruises.com or by calling 877-LADY TIX.

Theodore Roosevelt Birthplace National Historic Site

Theodore Roosevelt, the 26th President of the United States, lived at this site from his birth on Oct. 27, 1858 until he was 14 years old. The reconstructed house at 28 East 20th Street, Manhattan, contains five period rooms and two museum galleries. The site is open Tuesday through Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There is an admission fee of \$3 per person. (212) 260-1616. www.nps.gov/thrb

