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Father of the Wilderness Act, Tionesta Native Howard Zahniser, to be Celebrated by Conservation Group on 100th Anniversary of His Birth

Please Plan to Attend This Special Event!

Friends of Allegheny Wilderness will mark the 100th birthday of Howard Zahniser with a free public presentation on February 25th beginning at 7 pm at the Struther's Library Theatre in Warren. Mark Harvey, author of a new book about this American wilderness leader, will keynote the event. Also on hand will be Howard Zahniser's son Ed and other members of the Zahniser family. Allegheny National Forest Supervisor Kathleen Morse has been invited to speak as well.

A native of Tionesta, Zahniser led The Wilderness Society from 1945 through 1964, and his work culminated in the passage of the 1964 Wilderness Act, which continues to be used today to permanently protect special wild places across the nation for future generations to use and enjoy. That single law now protects more than 106 million acres in 680 wilderness areas, including Pennsylvania's Hickory Creek and Allegheny Islands Wilderness Areas.

Born in Franklin, Zahniser grew up in a family of Free Methodist ministers in Tionesta, and although he moved away from any specific denomination, a spiritual outlook informed his thinking about wilderness. His love of nature was not so much a result of scientific curiosity as a sense of wonder at its beauty, and a wish to exist in harmony with all other living things.

Mark Harvey, a professor of history at North Dakota State University in Fargo, is the author of Wilderness Forever: Howard Zahniser and the Path to the Wilderness Act (University of Washington Press, 2005). In addition to keynoting the event at Struther's Library Theater, Harvey will sign copies of his book at the Warren Mall Waldenbooks on the 25th from 3-5 pm.

For further information about the events on the 25th, please contact Friends of Allegheny Wilderness at 814-723-0620 or alleghenyfriends@earthlink.net. Finally, please feel free to circulate this announcement to anyone you think might be interested in attending.

Online:

Wilderness Forever: Howard Zahniser and the Path to the Wilderness Act:

<http://www.washington.edu/uwpress/search/books/HARWIL.html>

The Wilderness Society: <http://www.wilderness.org>

Friends of Allegheny Wilderness: <http://www.pawild.org>

National Wilderness Preservation System: <http://www.wilderness.net>

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