

## Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site News Release

For Immediate Release: October 18, 2013

Contact: Tom Leatherman, Superintendent

Phone: (925) 838-0249 ext. 6301

### Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site Reopens to Visitors

Danville, CA – Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site re-opens for tours today. The Open Saturdays program will start up again this Saturday as well, and will continue year-round. The park has been closed since October 1 due to the lapse in Congressional appropriations.

“We are excited to be offering tours again at Eugene O'Neill and welcome visitors to catch the shuttle bus in downtown Danville,” said Superintendent Tom Leatherman. “Our Open Saturdays program continues, and we encourage folks to bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the beautiful fall days in the San Ramon Valley from this serene spot on the hill.”

In addition to the Friday tours and Open Saturdays program, the site will be offering Sunday tours by reservation starting this Sunday, October 20. Although the hours were reduced in the spring due to budget cuts, we are bringing back the Sunday tours to meet high visitor demands. Reservations can be made by calling (925) 838-0249 ext. 6320.

Eugene O'Neill NHS was established in 1978. Eugene O'Neill, the architect of modern American theater and the only Nobel Prize-winning playwright from the United States, lived at the Tao House in Danville, CA, from 1937 to 1944. While there, he wrote his final and most successful plays: *The Iceman Cometh*, *Long Day's Journey Into Night*, and *A Moon for the Misbegotten*. The National Park Service, along with the Eugene O'Neill Foundation, Tao House, work to carry on the legacy of Eugene O'Neill through programs, tours and events.

-NPS-