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State Historical Marker for Wharton Esherick to be Unveiled



Malvern, PA—Wharton Esherick will be recognized by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) as a significant part of Pennsylvania history with the unveiling of a new Historical Marker on September 9, 2018. Wharton Esherick was an internationally significant artist and leader of the Studio Furniture Movement whose home and studio are now open to the public as the Wharton Esherick Museum in Malvern, PA.

The Historical Marker Program has existed for over 100 years, capturing the memory of people, places, events, and innovations that have affected the lives of Pennsylvanians over the centuries since William Penn founded his Commonwealth. Administered by the PHMC, more than 2,000 cast aluminum markers currently tell the important and interesting stories that are part of the history of Pennsylvania. Esherick's marker will be installed at the intersection of Horseshoe Trail and Diamond Rock Road in Malvern, just a 1/10 of a mile away from the Museum.

The marker commemorating Wharton Esherick will be unveiled at the Annual Members' Party hosted by the Wharton Esherick Museum on September 9. State Senator Andrew Dinniman will present the dedication. The marker unveiling is part of a major annual fundraiser for the Wharton Esherick Museum which this year includes guest speaker Paul Steinke, Executive Director of the Preservation Alliance of Greater Philadelphia alongside the opening and awards ceremony for the 25th Annual Woodworking Competition & Exhibition and other activities and programming.

"Since the Museum's founding in 1972, Esherick's Studio has been recognized on the National Register of Historic Places and as a National Historic Landmark for Architecture," stated Museum Curator and Program Director Laura Heemer, "We're thrilled now to recognize not just the building, but Wharton Esherick himself, and the groundbreaking effect he had on the world of art and craft."

Tickets to the Annual Member's Party at the Wharton Esherick Museum are limited and must be reserved in advance. For more information visit whartonesherickmuseum.org/event. For more information on the PA Historical Marker program visit phmc.pa.gov.

About the Wharton Esherick Museum:

The Wharton Esherick Museum, located just outside of Valley Forge Park in Malvern, PA is the handcrafted home and studio of Wharton Esherick (1887-1970) and exhibits over 300 of the artist's work including sculpture, sculptural furniture, woodcut prints and paintings. Wharton Esherick was a leading American sculptor and artist of the early 20th century. Working primarily in wood, he is considered to be among the most influential furniture designers of the 21st century. The



Museum is open for tours Tuesday – Friday (for groups of 5 or more) from 10 am to 4 pm, Saturdays from 10 am – 4 pm and Sundays from 1 pm - 4 pm (no minimum requirement on weekends). Advanced tickets are required, and can be purchased at www.whartonesherickmuseum.org. For more information call 610-644-5822 or email info@whartonesherickmuseum.org.