## Film

# **Books About Film:**

Hollywood Modernism: Film and Politics in the Age of the New Deal. Giovacchini, Saverio. Philadelphia: Temple University Press. 2001.

**Hollywood's New Deal**. Muscio, Giuliana. Philadelphia: Temple University Press. 1997.

## Film

"The Grapes of Wrath" Directed by John Ford, starring Henry Fonda, Jane Darwell, John Carradine.

Hollywood thrived by selling escapism during the Depression, and The Grapes of Wrath is practically the only studio movie of the time that took a hard look at the suffering and desperation of ordinary people. The 1940 adaptation of John Steinbeck's bestseller is an important historical document as well as a film classic in its own right. It is available in many editions and collections.

# **Documentary DVDs**

"Artists at Work: A Film on the New Deal Art Projects" Documentary produced and directed by Mary Lance, 35 min. 1981. As of August 2011, this documentary was available at New Deal Films.

"Bernard Zakheim's Living Art, WPA Murals in San Francisco and New Deal Art" Margot Smith, Videomaker. Off Center Video, 1300A Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, CA 94709

"Green Towns USA: A New Deal" Documentary directed by June Finfer.

**"Camp Forgotten: Michigan CCC Camps".** Pare Lorentz Film Center at Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library.

"Celebrating the Antiquities Act", Speech at 2005 Saving Places Conference, Denver, CO. Colorado Preservation Inc., Recorded by Backcountry Productions, Longmont, CO 80501

"FDR: A Presidency Revealed" - 2 disks Source unknown

"New Deal for Artists" B/W/color; in 4 parts, 45 min. each.

Part I The Federal Theater

Part II The Federal Writers Project

Part III The Federal Arts Project

Part IV The Documentary Photography of the Farm Security Administration

"Sights and Sounds of the FSA" Pare Lorentz film Center At FDR Presidential Library.

# **Documentary Videos**

"American Pageant Class" taught by Mary Palmer and Perry Lee. Clearing the Dust: The Great Depression. Bismarck, N.D.: Century High School, May 1998.

"National Geographic Society Educational Video Presentations" 1929-1941: The Great Depression. Washington, D.C.: National Geographic Society, 1990.

"Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) Home Video. The American Experience----Surviving the Dust Bowl." Boston: WGBH Educational Foundation, 1998.

"**Teaching with Historic Places**" Introductory video on the program provided by the National Register of Historic Places, National Park Services, 2002.

# At the Santa Fe Community College Library, a small selection of films on The New Deal is now available:

## **Life in the Thirties: "NBC News Productions",** 1hr

A documentary film portraying life in America during the 1930's. Includes scenes showing social and economic trends and the events and personalities that attracted the attention of the average person. Reissue of a film originally telecast on the NBC-TV program "Project 20" on October 16, 1959. Published by Shanachie, c2003

**Leaders of the Twentieth Century: "Roosevelt, Hail to the Chief",** 24min Roosevelt is elected President while the country is in the depths of the Great Depression. The American people eagerly embrace his promise of a New Deal. His leadership, vigor and courage restore a sense of purpose to a whole nation.

**Leaders of the Twentieth Century: "Roosevelt, Manipulator-in-Chief",** 30min The dilemma of a leader who had to wage war on many fronts--the grand alliances, rivalries between generals, politicians, and heads of state. Often portrayed as given to bold actions, particularly in foreign affairs, Roosevelt moves cautiously and is deeply sensitive to the ebb and flow of public opinion.