



Name of Property: Andrew Wyeth Studio and Kuerner Farm (updated documentation, boundary expansion, and name change)

City, State: Delaware County, Pennsylvania

Period of Significance: 1933-2009

NHL Criteria: 2, Exception 8

NHL Theme: III. Expressing Cultural Values
2. Visual and Performing Arts

Previous Recognition: 2011 Kuerner Farm, National Historic Landmark

National Historic Context: XXIV. Painting and Sculpture
J. World War II to the Present, 1939-

NHL Significance:

- The Andrew Wyeth Studio and Kuerner Farm are nationally significant for their association with world-renowned artist Andrew Wyeth, who produced significant works of art at the studio and farm for over seven decades.
- Andrew Wyeth (1917-2009) was one of the most prominent American artists of the twentieth century. His consistent use of recognizable imagery during years when many artists explored abstraction caused some to categorize Wyeth as an illustrator. However, his ability to take the familiar and use it to communicate universal meanings brought his work acclaim throughout the world.
- The Andrew Wyeth Studio was a former schoolhouse where he painted and finished many pieces. In 1940, Wyeth and his family moved into the building where he lived and worked until 1962. After moving to another house, he continued to use this building as his primary studio until his death in 2009.
- From 1933 until the death of Anna Kuerner in 1997, the Kuerner Farm was a primary subject for Wyeth; approximately one-third of his work originated on the farm. The entire farm provided both studio space and subject matter.

Integrity:

- The Andrew Wyeth Studio is a 1.7 acre property located at the intersection of Creek and Murphy Roads. The studio is a three-part building with the most prominent and significant section being the one-room schoolhouse constructed in 1875. In 1936, a



frame addition was constructed on the west elevation of the schoolhouse. The kitchen section was constructed as an addition to the west end of the 1936 section ca. 1952. All three sections retain a high level of integrity to the period of Andrew Wyeth's residency and work.

- The Kuerner Farm is a 33-acre property located on the east side of Ring Road south of U.S. Route 1 in Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania. The farm consists of a farmstead near the center of the property, and open fields to the south and east. The farmstead itself includes a farmhouse, barn, and several outbuildings. Both the resources and the setting retain a high level of historic integrity. Virtually anywhere visitors may turn on the property the vantage points of Andrew Wyeth's artwork are visible, demonstrating how little the farm has changed through time.

Owner of Property: Brandywine Conservancy, Inc., Chadds Ford Township, Pennsylvania

Acreage of Property: 34.7 acres

Origins of Nomination: Brandywine Conservancy hired a consultant to prepare the updated nomination including a boundary expansion.

Potential for Positive Public Response or Reflection on NHL Program:

- Designation will recognize Andrew Wyeth, a popular twentieth-century American artist. Because the fine arts are underrepresented in the NHL Program, designation will help to ensure that the NHL Program reflects the diversity of American art and culture.
- The addition of Wyeth's studio to the existing National Historic Landmark will further strengthen the designation by recognizing the two properties in Pennsylvania strongly associated with Wyeth and his works.

Potential for Negative Public Response or Reflection on NHL Program: None known.

Landmarks Committee Comments:

Landmarks Committee Recommendation: Designation. Dr. Stevens moved, Dr. Allan seconded; unanimous approval.

Public Comments Favoring Updated Documentation (received as of 12/16/13):

Mr. George A. Weymouth, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Brandywine Conservancy, Chadds Ford Township, Pennsylvania (owner waiver received)
The Honorable John P. McBlain, Delaware County Council, Pennsylvania

Advisory Board Recommendation: