



David McCullough to Be Honored

**The Trustees of the Memorial will present Mr. McCullough with the Saint-Gaudens Medal at a ceremony tentatively scheduled to take place on the Boston Common behind the Shaw Memorial on the afternoon of October 4, 2016.**

David McCullough is the author of ten books on topics of American history, a number of which focus on people and events connected with America's national parks. One in particular, *The Greater Journey: Americans in Paris* tells the story of Augustus Saint-Gaudens and many other artists, writers, doctors, and politicians whose lives and achievements were enriched by sojourns in Paris. Mr. McCullough has received two Pulitzer Prizes (for *Truman* and *John Adams*); two National Book Awards (for *The Path Between the Seas* and *Mornings on Horseback*); and the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian award. In addition, Mr. McCullough is a lecturer, a frequent narrator of television programs and documentaries, and was the host of PBS's *American Experience* for eleven years. In the course of his research for *The Greater Journey*, Mr. McCullough came to know the Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site and its staff and collections well.

The Saint-Gaudens Medal is intended to honor individuals and/or institutions who, through their talents and beneficence, have made a distinguished contribution to the arts in America in the high tradition of Augustus Saint-Gaudens. The Medal itself was designed by artist, sculptor and former Memorial Trustee Robert W. White, grandson of Saint-Gaudens's collaborator and friend, Stanford White. The Medal has been awarded nine times (seven times in its present form), most recently in 2014 to James B. Atkinson.