The Living New Deal at Laborfest
July brings San Francisco's annual Laborfest, a monthlong celebration of labor and organizing that features tours, roundtable discussions, films, and more. This year, Laborfest will center on the theme of "Workers' Survival, Resistance, and Power in the 21st Century," and will commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Oakland General Strike. Among the activities will be a bus tour of New Deal San Francisco led by Living New Deal Project Advisor Harvey Smith. Details on

Help Restore a Post Office Mural
Victor Arnautoff's "Richmond—Industrial City" (Treasury Section, 1940), pictured above as it once was displayed in the Richmond, CA post office, was considered lost for the past 40 years. Thanks to Melinda McCrary, Executive Director of the Richmond Museum of History, this depiction of everyday people, set against a backdrop of the city's oil refineries and its workers, has been recovered and is now on loan to the museum from the USPS. Before it can be displayed to the public, though, it needs
Living New Dealer of the Month:
Susan Ives

As Communication & Development Director, Susan Ives’s responsibilities run the gamut, from maintaining our digital profile on Facebook to organizing our events and fundraising galas to serving as editor for our quarterly newsletter. Her consultancy, Susan Ives Communications, provides strategic communications to nonprofits, public agencies, philanthropies, and social venture businesses. Susan has written for newspapers, magazines, and online. Her next big project is our forthcoming map of New Deal New York City. Thanks, Susan!

Upcoming Events in Santa Fe, NM

“A Century of Design in the Parks,” a symposium marking the centennial of The National Park Service, will be held June 21-23. The Living New Deal is a co-sponsor. Living New Deal Founder Gray Brechin will give a talk entitled, “A Splendid Sunset of Craftsmanship: The Civilian Conservation Corps in the Public Realm”; Susan Ives will moderate a panel, “Cultural Landscapes of the New Deal”; and Harvey Smith has prepared a poster on the Civilian Conservation Corps in the parks. On June 24, the National New Deal Preservation Association (NNDPA) is hosting a luncheon, featuring a panel with the descendants of the original New Dealers.

* Recorded in 1932 by Don Redman and His Orchestra, with the assistance of Bill Robinson, “Doin’ the New Low Down” was a hit record in the year before Franklin Roosevelt’s administration undertook the New Deal.