

Lights of Liberty's Ben Franklin's Ghost Exhibit

Ongoing: Open daily from 10:00 a.m.
 PECO Energy Liberty Center, 6th and Chestnut Streets,
 Philadelphia PA 19106

The ghost of Ben Franklin can answer hundreds of questions, both serious and silly, in a real-time exchange called a "synthetic interview." Dr. Franklin appears as a dramatic, ghostly image in this "world's first" technology.

FREE. For more information, please call (877) GO-2-1776 or visit www.lightsofliberty.org

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The Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary, a non-profit organization supported by a lead grant of \$4 million from The Pew Charitable Trusts, was established to mark the 300-year anniversary of Benjamin Franklin's birth (1706-2006) with a celebration dedicated to educating the public about his enduring legacy and inspiring renewed appreciation of the values he embodied. The Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary was founded in 2000 by a consortium of five Philadelphia cultural institutions: the American Philosophical Society, The Franklin Institute, The Library Company of Philadelphia, the Philadelphia Museum of Art and the University of Pennsylvania. In addition, an Act of Congress in 2002 created the Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary Commission, a panel of fifteen outstanding Americans chosen to study and recommend programs to celebrate Franklin's 300th birthday. The Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary can be found online at www.benfranklin300.org



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Franklin's adopted hometown has come a long way since Colonial times. These days, Philly's Got BENERGY™. Check out the birthday boy's city for yourself. The party lasts throughout the year. On the newly revamped and revitalized **gophila.com**, you'll find everything you need to plan your visit, including:

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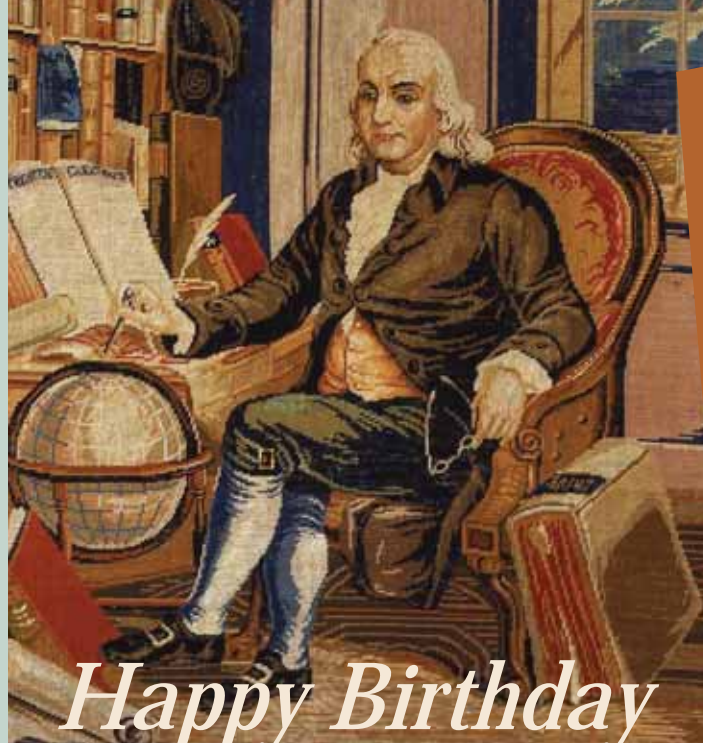
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HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

This publication is the third issue of the official guide for *Ben Franklin 300 Philadelphia*. It covers the period from April 1 through December 31, 2006, and includes more than 80 events, exhibitions, concerts, and tours organized in honor of the 300th anniversary of Benjamin Franklin's birth.

The events are organized by month and date. They are followed by a section for programs that are ongoing throughout the nine-month period. An index at the back will help you find particular locations or keywords quickly. For more information on the events and programs included in this guide, as well as the latest updates, please visit www.benfranklin300.org.



Happy Birthday Benjamin Franklin!

Ben Franklin 300 Philadelphia is the year-long celebration of Benjamin Franklin's 300th birthday in Philadelphia and Its Countryside™. This city-wide festival in honor of Franklin's life and continuing legacy kicked off in the fall of 2005 and runs through 2006. The centerpiece of the celebration is the world premiere of the international traveling exhibition, *Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World*, at the National Constitution Center. This engaging and unique exhibition, a gift to the nation from The Pew Charitable Trusts, will bring Franklin to life for visitors through multimedia activities, immersive environments and the largest collection of Franklin artifacts ever assembled. This year, more than 150 Philadelphia area cultural and arts institutions, hotels, restaurants and retail organizations will be offering a Franklin-flavored experience for visitors. You'll find countless ways to join in the celebration, each as individual and delightful as the man himself: from almanac-making to concerts, and scavenger hunts to ballet, there will be something for everyone.

Above: Berlinwork sampler portrait of Franklin, Photo by Peter Harholdt



Benjamin Franklin Treasure Trail: *A Journey of Exploration*

Can't decide which Franklin event to go to next? Then follow the Benjamin Franklin Treasure Trail!

Pick up a free treasure trail passport at the National Constitution Center, and collect stamps by visiting any of the twenty-one local institutions featuring Franklin-themed exhibitions. Once you've experienced an exhibition, visit the **Treasure Trail Stamping Station** to emboss the official stamp in your passport, and to find out the answer to a Franklin trivia question. Armed with your new-found knowledge, you can go to www.benfranklin300.org and take the Treasure Trail online quiz to win a certificate of achievement, and be entered for a chance to win official Ben Franklin 300 collectibles!



DECEMBER 15, 2005 -
APRIL 30, 2006



Benjamin Franklin IN SEARCH OF A BETTER WORLD

WORLD PREMIERE EXHIBITION

AT THE
NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

Designed to celebrate Benjamin Franklin's 300th birthday, this once-in-a-lifetime exhibition invites people of all ages to experience the adventures of an extraordinary man. Through multimedia interactive displays, never-before-seen artifacts, and a special guide just for kids, the exhibition brings to life Franklin's legendary achievements and makes them relevant for our times. Highlights include a 25-foot ship environment that you can climb aboard to recreate Franklin's method of charting the Gulf Stream; a whimsical simple animation of a young Franklin swimming with a kite to save energy; and five of America's key founding documents, all originally signed by Franklin.

For more information and tickets, call (215) 409-6700.

THIS IS A TOWN OF UNLIMITED IDEAS. LET'S PUT THEM TO USE.

Why can't a vending machine sell locally made art?

How do I plant a lawn on my roof?

Let's plant more trees (and hug them).

I want a say in how my town grows.

Make recycling easier for everyone.

Let's start a neighborhood-based book exchange.

Join your fellow community members, Starbucks, and the Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary as we discuss the issues that face our neighborhoods and find solutions that create a better community for us all. In the end, Starbucks will provide seed money to selected teams to get those ideas off the ground.

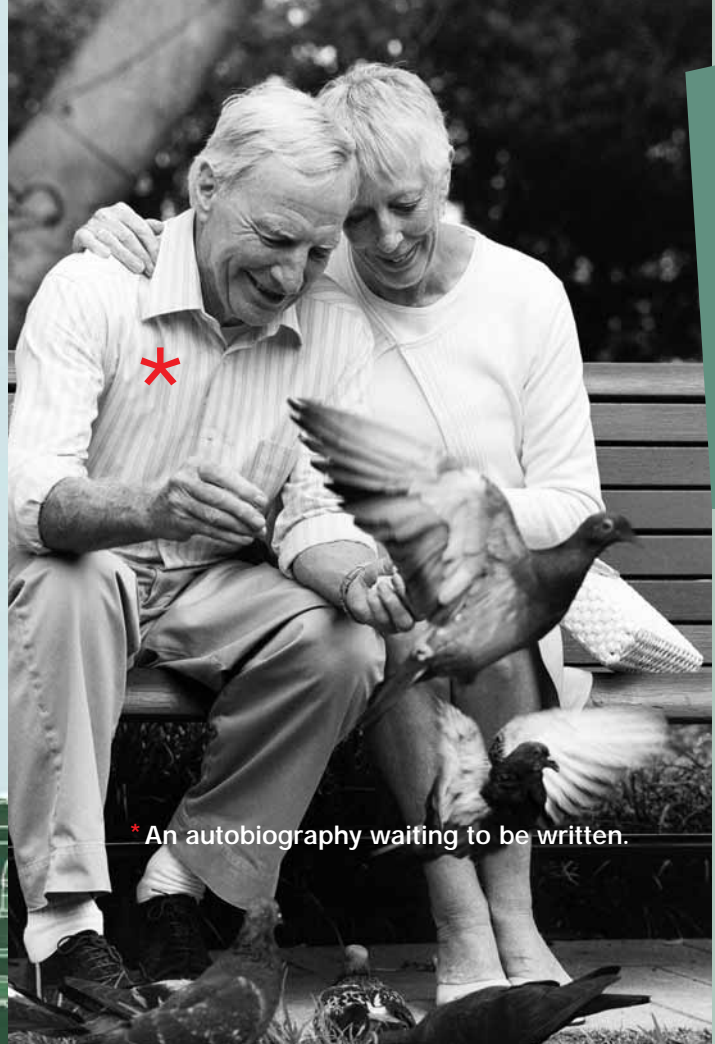
2006 COFFEEHOUSE CHALLENGE JANUARY 24 - JULY 4

To find out how you can get involved: www.benfranklin300.org/chc



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* An autobiography waiting to be written.

Every life has a story. What's yours?

Ben Franklin's *Autobiography* may be the most widely published autobiography of all time, and in honor of Franklin's 300th birthday, the Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary and *One Book, One Philadelphia* (a project of the Mayor's Office and the Free Library of Philadelphia) want to hear your story. Selected autobiographies will be published throughout Philadelphia during the summer of 2006.

To get started visit www.theautobiographyproject.com

THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY PROJECT





Group Bus Tour of Franklin's Philadelphia

April 1, 2006, through August 30, 2006

For groups of 15 or more, with their own bus.

Philadelphia Museum of Art, 26th and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA 19130

Visit two historic houses, Woodford and Mount Pleasant, where Franklin had ties to the owners. You'll also see the Liberty Bell Pavilion and the reconstructed Post Office and Print Shop on Franklin's Market Street property. Lunch will be at historic City Tavern, built in 1773, where Franklin dined during his lifetime. After lunch, we'll tour parts of the city that Franklin frequented such as Christ Church, the American Philosophical Society, and more.

\$18 for tour of two houses and city. Lunch is additional.

For advance reservations and more information, please call (215) 684-7863 or visit www.philamuseum.org

Kites: Art Takes Flight

April 1, 2006, through October 31, 2006

Throughout the Main Line community and at the Main Line Art Center, Old Buck Road & Lancaster Avenue, Haverford, PA 19041

For this innovative public art project, the Main Line Art Center will be placing more than thirty decorative kite sculptures in public areas throughout Haverford, Lower Merion and Radnor. Artists have been encouraged to think creatively and outside the limitations of traditional kite forms to develop representational or abstract kite sculptures that the whole community can enjoy.

FREE. *For more information, please call (610) 525-0272 or visit www.mainlineart.org/kites*

Ben Franklin's Footsteps Walking Tour

April 1, 2006, through September 30, 2006

Tours depart at 11:00 a.m. daily

Big Bus Tours start at the intersection of 5th & Market Streets, Philadelphia, PA 19106

This gentle walk, accompanied by a friendly and knowledgeable Big Bus Guide, will retrace the footsteps of our famous forefather Ben Franklin. His contributions to his adopted city, Philadelphia, can be found at every turn: let one of our expert guides give you in-depth insight into the life, words, wit and wisdom of the most famous Philadelphian.

Tickets required: \$10.00 Adults, \$8.00 Children.

For more information, please call (215) 923-5008 ext. 205 or visit www.bigbustours.com

Lights of Liberty Show

April 1, 2006, through October 28, 2006

Every 15 minutes beginning at dusk.

PECO Energy Liberty Center, Independence Mall, 6th and Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia, PA 19106

Experience the American Revolution as it happened, where it happened – with spine-tingling surround sound, special effects and breathtaking images projected onto the buildings where the historic events actually took place. Celebrity voices, including Walter Cronkite, Ossie Davis and Charlton Heston, tell the story of our nation's birth backed by a dramatic musical score. Whoopi Goldberg narrates a children's version. Show narration also available in Spanish, German, Italian and Japanese upon request.

Reservations required. Adult: \$19.50, Seniors/Students: \$16.50, Children (6-12): \$13.00

For reservations and more information, please call (877) GO-2-1776 or visit www.lightsofliberty.org



Celebrate Stories: The Printing Press

April 1, 2006, through April 30, 2006

Please call for times and dates

Please Touch Museum, 210 N. 21st Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Franklin learned the business of printing at a very young age. Our visitors will be able to create their own prints of words using moveable letters.

\$9.95 per person, free for children under one year of age

For more information, please call (215) 963-0667

or visit www.pleasetouchmuseum.org

Music from Franklin's Circle

April 4, 2006, at 5:00 p.m.

Harrison Auditorium, University of Pennsylvania Museum,
3260 South Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104

Soprano Laura Heimes joins the Tempesta di Mare Chamber Players for a concert of songs, sonatas and suites featuring highlights from the University of Pennsylvania's collection of music belonging to Philadelphia native Francis Hopkinson. Hopkinson (1737-1791), protégé and friend of Benjamin Franklin, signator to the Declaration of Independence and graduate of the University of Pennsylvania's first class (then College of Philadelphia), was also a performer, composer, concert promoter and avid music collector.

FREE. For more information, please call (800) 390-1829

Founder's Award 2006: Celebrating the Spirit of Ben Franklin

April 4, 2006, at 6:15 p.m.

University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology,
3260 South Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104

The Founder's Award of The Historical Society of Pennsylvania recognizes those who have made nationally significant contributions to history and to the public understanding of its power and meanings. Our 2006 award, co-sponsored by the University of Pennsylvania and honoring the "Spirit of Franklin," will celebrate those whose work reflects the attributes that have made Franklin's legacy endure. Join us for cocktails, dinner, and dessert as we honor Andrea Mitchell, Denise Scott Brown and Robert Venturi.

Individual tickets \$300, couples \$550; limited availability tickets

for HSP members \$250 for individuals, \$450 per couple

For more information, please call (215) 732-6200 ext. 235

The Autobiography Project: Launch Event

April 5, 2006, at 12:00 noon

North Waiting Room, 30th Street Station, 2955 Market Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Join us for the launch of The Autobiography Project, where we'll unveil two celebrity mystery writers and hand out notebooks and pens to help you start writing. Inspired by Franklin's best-selling autobiography, the Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary and *One Book, One Philadelphia* invite you to submit a memoir of your own, using no more than 300 words. Selected pieces will be published in *The Philadelphia Inquirer* and *Daily News*, and will be reprinted on bus and subway posters throughout Philadelphia.

FREE. For more information, please call (215) 545-3870

or visit www.benfranklin300.org

The Autobiography Project: Launch Lecture

April 5, 2006, at 6:00 p.m.

McNeil Center for Early American Studies, University of Pennsylvania,
3355 Woodland Walk, Philadelphia, PA 19104

Ben Franklin's autobiography is the most widely published of all time, and the preferred bedside reading of notable Americans such as Andrew Carnegie and Warren Buffet. As Philadelphians prepare to write their own 300-word memoir, Mike Zuckerman, Professor of History at the University of Pennsylvania, will explore the ingredients and impact of Franklin's autobiography, inspiring us all to think of writing as a tool for analyzing, shaping, and communicating a coherent story from the material of our lived experience.

FREE. For more information, please call (215) 545-3870

or visit www.benfranklin300.org



300 Years of Health Care, 300 Years of Franklin: A Look at Women's Health from Franklin's Era to the Present

April 5, 2006, from 8:00 a.m.

Pennsylvania Hospital, 800 Spruce St., Philadelphia, PA 19107

The Pennsylvania Hospital will host a special one-day conference to discuss Women's Health from Franklin's era to the present. Franklin's interest in health-related topics during his lifetime led him to co-found the Pennsylvania Hospital with Dr. Thomas Bond, which remains a leading health care provider. The Pennsylvania Hospital will bring together historical scholars and medical practitioners to discuss topics such as: immigrant and minority health care; breast cancer; social control of women's bodies; changes in obstetrics; pain management and the use of anesthesia; changing perceptions of breast feeding; and mental health care.

For more information, please call (215) 829-5434 or visit www.uphs.upenn.edu/paharc

Ben Franklin's Tipplers Tour

April 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26 and 27, 2006, at 5:30 p.m.

Tour departs from Independence Living History Center, 3rd and Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia, PA 19106

Ben Franklin once said, "Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy." On Wednesday and Thursday nights in April, wind your way through the streets of Ben's Philadelphia enjoying drinks and a little sip of history at Colonial and modern day watering holes such as Society Hill Hotel Bar, Old Original Bookbinder's, the Plough & the Stars and City Tavern. Join your Colonial guide as they share with you stories of tavern life in Colonial Philadelphia and introduce you to some traditional drinks from the period.

\$30.00 includes tour, drinks and snacks

For tickets and more information, please call (215) 629-4026 or visit www.onceuponanation.org

Conversations about Caregiving: Franklin's Time to the Present

April 6, 2006, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

School of Nursing, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA 19104

"Without good and careful nursing many must suffer greatly and probably perish that might have been restored to health and comfort, and become useful to themselves, their families, and the public for many years after."
— Benjamin Franklin, 1754

Franklin understood the interrelationship between individuals in need, caregiving resources, and the state, deftly tying together these themes. This one-day interdisciplinary conference will address the nexus of caregiving and the state from Franklin's time to the present.

For more information, please call (215) 898-4522 or visit www.nursing.upenn.edu

Franklin the Diplomat: From Albany to Paris

April 6, 2006, at 6:30 p.m.

Kirby Auditorium of the Annenberg Center for Outreach and Education, National Constitution Center, 525 Arch Street, Independence Mall, Philadelphia, PA 19106

A man of many faces, one of Ben Franklin's talents was as a shrewd negotiator and skillful diplomat, ranging from his attempts to negotiate settlements with Indian tribes in the Albany Plan to his time in Paris as U.S. Ambassador to France, where he engineered the Franco-American alliance of 1778 and the peace treaty of 1783. This special Franklin expertise will be explored in a unique conversation co-produced by the National Constitution Center and the Alliance Française.

Tickets required: \$12 for NCC members; \$15 for non-members; \$6 for students

For tickets and more information, please call (215) 409-6700

The Body of B. Franklin

April 6, 2006, at 5:00 p.m.

Zubrow Auditorium, Pennsylvania Hospital, 800 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107

Joyce Elizabeth Chaplin, Harvard History Professor and author of the upcoming book, *Franklin's Gulf Stream: Science and Circulation in the Atlantic*, will lecture about Benjamin Franklin and science in the eighteenth-century British colonies. A reception will follow in the Great Court of the Pine Building.

FREE, RSVP requested *For more information, please call (215) 829-3075*

Franklin, Vergennes, and the Achievement of American Independence: A Lecture by Richard Beeman

April 7, 2006, at 5:00 p.m.

Rosenwald Gallery, 6th Floor, Van-Pelt Dietrich Library, University of Pennsylvania, 3420 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104

Richard Beeman, Professor of American History at the University of Pennsylvania, will discuss the way in which Franklin, by his extraordinary combination of charm, political acumen, guile and, perhaps most important, genuine love of France and the French people, negotiated the dangerous diplomatic waters during America's peace negotiations with England, France, and Spain. Sponsored by the French Heritage Society, in conjunction with the University of Pennsylvania Library.

FREE. For more information, please email Elizabeth Beck at egw@pobox.upenn.edu

The American Philosophical Society Presents Music from the Court of Catherine the Great

April 7, 2006, at 8:00 p.m.

Benjamin Franklin Hall, American Philosophical Society, 427 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106

The "ladies" in attendance at concerts at the Court of the Russian Empress were not just members of the audience. They were the composers. Virtuoso Russian guitarist Oleg Timofeyev, baroque harpist Barbara Poeschl-Edrich, and soprano Anne Harley of the Boston-based musical ensemble Talisman Trio will explore and perform 18th-century Russian classical and folk music by Catherine, Princess Dashkova, and others.

Tickets required: \$5.00 at the door

For more information, please call (215) 440-3427 or visit www.amphilosoc.org

American Musical Salute to Benjamin Franklin

April 8, 2006, at 9:00 a.m.

National Constitution Center, 525 Arch Street, Independence Mall, Philadelphia, PA 19106

Philadelphia will be host to thousands of America's finest youth performers in an historic American Musical Salute to Benjamin Franklin. This tribute will feature 30-minute performances by performing groups representing states from across the nation.

Free with museum admission

For more information, please call (480) 654-4796 or visit www.americanmusicalsalute.com

VIP Exhibit Preview & Cocktail Party

April 8, 2006, at 6:00 p.m.

College of Physicians of Philadelphia, 19 S. 22nd Street (Between Market & Chestnut), Philadelphia, PA 19103

Guests will enjoy celebratory fare, libations and a preview of the College's new exhibit, *The Medical World of Benjamin Franklin*. This event will include entertainment and the presence of some 18th-century celebrities.

For tickets and more information, please call (215) 563-3737 ext. 285 or visit www.collphyphil.org

The Medical World of Benjamin Franklin

April 8, 2006, through 2007

Daily from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

College of Physicians of Philadelphia, 19 S. 22nd Street (Between Market & Chestnut), Philadelphia, PA 19103

If Franklin's work as a statesman, scientist, inventor and writer are well known to the public, his important contributions in the realm of health and medicine are not. This exhibit will draw on objects from the libraries of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia and the Royal Society of Medicine in London to highlight Franklin's ideas about health, the medical challenges he faced as a patient, his remarkable contributions to medical technology and the medical paradigm that shaped the thinking of doctors during his lifetime.

Tickets required: \$12.00 for Adults; \$8.00 for Seniors & Students; \$8.00 per adult when part of a group with a reservation; \$6.00 per student when part of a group with a reservation.

Reservations must be scheduled at least 30 days in advance.

For tickets and more information, please call (215) 563-3737 or visit www.collphyphil.org



Poor Richard's Recipes: Franklin and Popular Medicine in 18th-Century Philadelphia

April 11, 2006, at 6:15 p.m.

College of Physicians of Philadelphia, 19 S. 22nd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Benjamin Franklin maintained a strong interest in medicine and public health throughout his life. As Dr. Lisa Rosner, Professor of History at Stockton College, will explain, 18th-century Americans were just as obsessed with personal health as we are today. She will also compare Franklin's ideas about health with those of his neighbors and friends.

Tickets required. Prior to April 11th: \$10.00, \$5.00 for student and low income; on April 11th: \$15.00 and \$8.00; to purchase tickets for the series: \$25.00 and \$12.00.

For tickets and more information, please call (215) 563-3737 ext. 265 or visit www.collphyphil.org

New Discoveries: The Material Culture of Benjamin Franklin

April 15, 2006, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Philadelphia Museum of Art, Van Pelt Auditorium, Benjamin Franklin Parkway & 26th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19130

Despite the vast quantity of books and articles that document Benjamin Franklin's remarkable life, relatively little has been written about his domestic environment and material culture. While only the foundation of Franklin's "mansion house" remains on Market Street in Philadelphia, many of his family furnishings and personal possessions survive. Research done during the past three years will be presented by four members of the Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary team, with an opportunity for questions at the end of the session.

FREE, reservations required

For more information, please email mclimmer@benfranklin300.org. For reservations, please call (215) 235-SHOW (7469)

Stenton Spring Programs Series - Books & Prints Appraisal Day

April 19, 2006, at 11:30 a.m.

NSCDA/PA Headquarters Building, 1630 Latimer Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

A special opportunity to have that forgotten family print or rare book appraised by David Bloom, specialist for fine and rare books and prints at Freeman's Auction House. Mr. Bloom will share with us some of the Logania and Frankliniana that has passed through Freeman's, while also discussing how to assess paper objects.

Reservations required. Free lecture, \$5 fee for one paper appraisal object; catered lunch available, \$25 by advance reservation

For reservations and more information, please call (215) 329-7312 or visit www.stenton.org

Kite Aerial Photography Workshop

April 22, 2006, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

UArts Terra Building, 211 S. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102

Franklin famously flew a kite in a storm to test his theory that lightning was an electrical discharge, but he also used kites to help him swim across a pond, and even speculated about their use as sea-anchors! At some point, he must have wondered what the world looked like from up there... It's too late for Ben, but you can take photographs from a camera sent aloft on a kite—using techniques developed in the 19th century. Charles Benton, professor of architecture at UC Berkeley and Kite Aerial Photography guru, will lead the workshop, which includes a historical and practical overview of the art of kite aerial photography, followed by a hands-on sky camera adventure. Presented by the Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary, in partnership with UArts.

\$125 includes all the equipment needed for the workshop

For registration or more information, please call (215) 717-6095 or visit www.uarts.edu/continue/edu/



American Theater Arts for Youth Presents *Benjamin Franklin: An American Tale*

April 24, 2006, through May 1, 2006,
at 10:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

Perelman Theater at the Kimmel Center, Broad & Spruce Streets,
Philadelphia, PA 19102

Benjamin Franklin: An American Tale is an original musical produced by American Theater Arts for Youth, Inc. The piece explores Ben Franklin's journey from his family life in Boston to his adventures in New York, his arrival in Philadelphia and his political influence abroad. Franklin's vision of liberty is brought to life with all the imagination and sparkle that only live theater can provide.

\$10.00 for individuals; \$6.98 per person for groups of 5 or more
For tickets and more information, please call (800) 523-4540
or visit www.atafy.org

Franklin Institute Awards Week: Celebration of Science

April 25, 2006, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The Franklin Institute, 222 North 20th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

The esteemed Franklin Institute Award Laureates will participate in a Celebration of Science in the Bartol Atrium. Interactive demonstrations geared toward young museum visitors will highlight the scientific accomplishments of the Laureates' work.

\$13.75 for Adults; \$11.00 for Seniors, Children 4-11
For more information, please call (215) 448-1200
or visit www.fi.edu

Franklin Institute Awards Week: Meet the Scientists

April 25, 2006, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The Franklin Institute, 222 North 20th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

200 of the region's best and brightest high school students will join in a lively question and answer session with the Franklin Institute Awards Laureates! The discussion presents a rare opportunity for students to become acquainted with some of the most exceptional scientists in the world and to learn more about the disciplines they represent.

\$13.75 for Adults; \$11.00 for Seniors, Children 4-11
For an invitation for your class or for more information,
please call (215) 448-1200 or visit www.fi.edu

Parkway Funday

April 29, 2006, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Logan Square, Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA 19103

An outdoor family fair celebrating art and science on "Ben's Parkway," with fun hands-on activities and performances by the Parkway's educational and cultural institutions.

FREE. For more information, please visit
www.parkwaycouncilfoundation.org

Stenton Spring Programs Series - Stenton Family Program: Ben and His Books

April 29, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

Stenton, 4601 N. 18th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19140

Come join in the fun! Do paper marbling, sew and make your own blank book to take home. Includes a special storytime with a surprise guest reader! Visit Stenton. Ben Franklin thought it was worth the trip.

\$4.00; Advance reservations recommended
For more information, please call (215) 329-7312
or visit www.stenton.org

Daily Guided Tours: The Art of Benjamin Franklin's Time in Philadelphia, London, and Paris

Ongoing through July 30, 2006, at 1:00 p.m.

Philadelphia Museum of Art, 26th and Benjamin Franklin Parkway,
Philadelphia, PA 19130

Three distinct tours of the Philadelphia Museum of Art's Permanent Collections on the art of Benjamin Franklin's time, presented on a rotating basis and focusing on Philadelphia, London, and Paris.

Free with Museum Admission; \$12 for Adults; \$8 for Students
(with valid ID); Sundays pay what you wish all day.
For more information, please call (215) 763-8100
or visit www.philamuseum.org

Franklin's Flippers

Ongoing through April 30, 2006

Show times to be scheduled daily

Adventure Aquarium, 1 Aquarium Drive, Camden, NJ 08103

Did you know that Benjamin Franklin invented swim paddles and flippers? Trace the evolution of swimming apparatus back to the 18th century with our expert staff; try on replicas of early swim fins and modern counterparts.

Admission is \$16.95 for adults, and \$13.95 for children (2-12) and senior citizens

For more information, please call (856) 365-3300

or visit www.adventureaquarium.com

Boatloads of Ben: Franklin's "Strong Inclination for the Sea"

Ongoing through September 5, 2006

Daily, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Independence Seaport Museum, 211 South Columbus Boulevard, Philadelphia, PA 19106

Discover how Franklin applied his genius to the nautical puzzles of the day at this fun and informative exhibit. Did you know he charted the Gulf Stream, studied sail design, and organized America's first navy?

Adult: \$9, Child: \$6, Senior or Student: \$8,

For more information, please call (215) 413-8655

or visit www.phillyseaport.org

Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World

Ongoing through April 30, 2006; Sunday to Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

National Constitution Center, 525 Arch Street, Independence Mall, Philadelphia, PA 19106

The centerpiece of Ben's 300th birthday celebrations, this once-in-a-lifetime exhibition invites people of all ages to experience the adventures of an extraordinary man. Through multimedia interactive displays, never-before-seen artifacts, and a special guide just for kids, the exhibition brings to life Franklin's legendary achievements and makes them relevant for our times.

Adults: \$14, children ages 4-12, seniors, college students, and active military personnel: \$12, groups of 20 or more: \$8.50.

Admission to the National Constitution Center's award-winning permanent exhibition is also included.

For more information, please call (215) 409-6700

or visit www.benfranklin300.org

Benjamin Franklin and Religious Liberty

Ongoing through May 31, 2006; 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

(Monday through Thursday); 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

(Friday); and Noon to 5:00 p.m. (Sunday).

Closed major Jewish holidays.

National Museum of American Jewish History, Independence Mall East, 55 North 5th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106

This exhibition explores Franklin's relationship with the Jewish community, and illustrates his key role in forging a pluralistic America. With a storyteller on Fridays, noon to 3:00 p.m., and Sundays, noon to 4:00 p.m., as well as occasional weekdays.

FREE. For more information, please call (215) 923-3811

or visit www.nmajh.org

Breakfast with Ben

Ongoing through April 30, 2006

Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Independence Visitor Center (Independence Ballroom), One North Independence Mall West, 6th and Market Sts., Philadelphia, PA 19106

Hear Dr. Franklin share his stories of a lifetime. This special buffet breakfast for families will include a meet-and-greet session with Philadelphia's favorite founding father; children can have their photo taken with him, and each child will receive a gift bag of souvenir items to commemorate the special event.

Tickets are \$12 for children (12 and under), and \$19 for adults.

Reservations recommended.

For more information, please call (800) 537-7676

or visit www.breakfastwithben.com

Benjamin Franklin and the Art of the Deal

Ongoing through December 2006

Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Pennsylvania Hospital Historic Library, 800 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107

Franklin pioneered several new methods of fund-raising, including the concept of a matching fund and the printing of promotional booklets – such as *Some Account of the Pennsylvania Hospital* (1756) – which came complete with contribution forms on their final pages. This exhibit will explore Franklin's "art of the deal," revealing the secrets of Ben's success.

FREE. For tickets and more information, please call (215) 829-5434 or visit www.uphs.upenn.edu/paharc

Franklin Meets Pulaski

Ongoing through December 31, 2006

Monday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Polish American Cultural Center Museum,
308 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106

In 1777, Benjamin Franklin, an American diplomat, and Casimir Pulaski, an exiled freedom fighter from Poland, met in Paris, France. This exhibition tells the story of their relationship, after Franklin persuaded Pulaski to come to America and join the colonies in their fight for independence.

FREE. *For more information, please call (215) 922-1700*

Shaping Franklin

Ongoing through December 15, 2006; Tours daily, Tues. through Sat. 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Other times by appointment.

Stenton Museum, 4601 N. 18th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19140

This tour and special exhibit highlights young Benjamin Franklin's friendship with his mentor, James Logan. That friendship, between two colonial Philadelphians of very different generations, was built around books, science, ideas, and the quest for knowledge – shaping a man who would change America forever: Benjamin Franklin.

Admission is \$5/adult; \$4/student & senior; \$4 group rate.

Complimentary tea included with tour.

For more information, please call (215) 329-7312

or visit www.stenton.org

Walking Tour: Franklin's Fabulous Family, Friends and Foes

Ongoing through December 2006

Hourly from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Christ Church Burial Ground, 5th and Arch Streets, Philadelphia, PA 19106

20-minute guided walking tours of Christ Church Burial Ground will leave every hour on the hour to explore life in Franklin's Philadelphia. The tours will start at the grave marker of Benjamin and Deborah Franklin, then head to the markers of Franklin's friends, family, and foes in this 2-acre, historic burial ground.

Adults-\$2; Students-\$1; groups-\$10

For more information, call (215) 922-1695 ext. 30

or visit www.oldchristchurch.org

Ben & Me: Keeping an American Hero's Legacy Alive Today

Ongoing through November 1, 2006

National Liberty Museum, 321 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106

BEN & ME includes a special exhibit, themed tours, visitor's guides, teachers' materials and more to bring Benjamin Franklin's wisdom and wit alive today. The exhibit reveals a private collection of 18th- and 19th-century artifacts that illustrate Franklin's notions about good character and virtue.

\$5 Adults, \$4 Seniors, \$3 Students, \$1 Children 5 and older.

For more information, please call (215) 925-2800 ext. 124 or visit www.libertymuseum.org

Dr. Franklin of Philadelphia: A Celebration of His Legacy

Ongoing through June 30, 2006; Monday through Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Thursday through Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Sunday 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Central Library Lobby, Free Library of Philadelphia,
1901 Vine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

This exhibition highlighting the life and accomplishments of Benjamin Franklin features twelve cases of historical and topical material including text, maps, timelines, portraits, illustrations, and objects.

FREE. *For more information, please call (215) 686-5416*

or visit www.library.phila.gov

Benjamin Franklin: Catch the Lightning

Ongoing through June 30, 2006

Monday through Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.;

Thursday through Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.;

Sunday 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Central Children's Department, Free Library of Philadelphia,
1901 Vine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Three exhibit cases feature print works from the Children's Literature Research Collection. Selections include finely illustrated biographies of Franklin from the 19th and 20th centuries, alongside today's most recent children's literature on Franklin.

FREE. *For more information, please call (215) 686-5416*

or visit www.library.phila.gov

The Franklin Family Legacy of Public Service: Elizabeth Duane Gillespie

Ongoing through May 7, 2006

Wednesday through Sunday: 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Atwater Kent Museum of Philadelphia, 15 South 7th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106

This exhibition traces the life of Elizabeth Duane Gillespie (1821-1901), great-granddaughter of Benjamin and Deborah Franklin, and strong advocate for expanding the rights of women in Philadelphia. Gillespie played instrumental roles in organizing and fundraising for two of Philadelphia's largest public events in the later 19th century: the 1864 Great Central Sanitary Fair and the 1876 Centennial Exposition.

Admission is \$5 for adults; \$3 for seniors 65+ and ages 13-17;

and free for children 12 & under, and for AKMP members

For more information, please visit www.philadelphiahistory.org

Franklin's National Icon: Talons or Gobbles

Ongoing through April 30, 2006

Monday through Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.;

Saturday through Sunday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Academy of Natural Sciences, 1900 Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Visitors can decide for themselves which should be our national bird: should it be the North American wild turkey, as Franklin wanted, or the American bald eagle, which ultimately won the title. A display of a mounted wild turkey and a bronze sculpture by Philadelphia Albert Laessle illustrate the qualities of both birds.

Free with museum admission

For more information, please call (215) 229-1000

One Book, One Philadelphia: Three Books for One Founding Father

Ongoing through 2006

All 54 branches of the Free Library of Philadelphia

In Philadelphia, everyone is reading about Ben Franklin. This year, *One Book, One Philadelphia* is featuring three books to celebrate the tercentenary of Franklin's birth. The books are: *The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin* by Benjamin Franklin; *Franklin: The Essential Founding Father* by James Srodes; and *Ben and Me* by Robert Lawson. Numerous copies of the books are available at all 54 branches of the Free Library of Philadelphia.

FREE. For more information visit www.library.phila.gov

Self-Guided Tour for Families: We the Artists

Ongoing through April 2006

Available any time at the information desk in the West Entrance Philadelphia Museum of Art, 26th and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA 19130

With a map of the Museum and a list of specially selected works of art, explore our galleries and discover ways that creative Americans have shaped our nation.

Free with museum admission

For more information, please call (215) 763-8100

or visit www.philamuseum.org

Slide Presentation: Through the Eyes of Benjamin Franklin, An Architectural Tour of Philadelphia

Ongoing through July 26, 2006

Wednesdays from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Van Pelt Auditorium, Philadelphia Museum of Art, 26th and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA 19130

This slide talk on Benjamin Franklin's Philadelphia, presented by the Park House Guides of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, will look at the buildings Franklin might still recognize today.

Free with museum admission

For more information, please call (215) 763-8100

or visit www.philamuseum.org

Self-guided Tour: Finding Franklin

Ongoing through December 31, 2006

Mercer Museum, 84 S. Pine Street, Doylestown, PA 18901

This special discovery tour will feature intriguing artifacts representing Benjamin Franklin's extraordinary scientific, technological and social innovations, including an electrostatic generator, a lightning rod, and the only surviving original Franklin stove.

Free with museum admission

For more information, please call (215) 345-0210 ext. 123

or visit www.mercermuseum.org

Educating the Youth of Pennsylvania: Worlds of Learning in the Age of Franklin

Ongoing through May 31, 2006

Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday by prior arrangement: 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Rosenwald Gallery, 6th floor, Van Pelt – Dietrich Library (on Penn campus),
3420 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104

This exhibit draws on collections of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania and other area repositories to survey learning and schooling in Franklin's day. Who received an education; who were the teachers; what was taught? The exhibit also addresses the originality and relevance of Franklin's 1749 educational manifesto, *Proposals Relating to the Education of Youth in Pensilvania*.

Free and open to the public (photo ID required at the entrance)

For more information, please call (215) 898-7552

or visit <http://benjaminfranklin300.library.upenn.edu>

Independence National Historical Park Through Ben Franklin's Eyes

Ongoing through December 31, 2006

Daily 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Independence Visitor Center – Changing Exhibit Room,
6th and Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106

This exhibit is a quick introduction to Franklin and the places he knew in Independence National Historical Park. Find out what he did in Carpenter's Hall and see the portrait of the founding father that didn't like him, and then pick up a self-guided tour or kids activity sheet to continue your visit.

FREE. For more information, please call (800) 537-7676

The Princess and the Patriot: Ekaterina Dashkova, Benjamin Franklin, and the Age of Enlightenment

Ongoing through December 31, 2006

The Museum of the American Philosophical Society, Philosophical Hall,
104 S. 5th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106

Portraits, memoirs, letters, court attire, medals, jewelry and other decorative arts – many never seen in this country – will be on view in this new exhibition documenting the lives of America's favorite founding father and an outrageous Russian princess.

FREE. For more information, please call (215) 599-4283
or visit www.amphilsoc.org

The American Philosophical Society presents Brett Keyser as "The Turk"

Ongoing through June 30, 2006

Performances in various locations around the city

Performance artist Brett Keyser re-creates the mechanical marvel that dumbfounded the crowned heads of Europe. Dressed as a figure wearing a turban and seated at a chessboard, the Turk was controlled by intricate gears and appeared to be a machine that could think. It challenged Voltaire and Franklin to a game of chess – and won!

FREE. For more information, please call (215) 440-3427
or visit www.amphilsoc.org

Becoming Americans: Swedes at the Time of Franklin

Ongoing through August 20, 2006

American Swedish Historical Museum, 1900 Pattison Avenue,
Philadelphia, PA 19145

The exhibition will focus on the Swedish mission and the contributions by individuals like Gustavus Hesselius and Peter Kalm, both friends of Franklin. Hesselius is known as the father of American painting, while Kalm was a student of Linnaeus, and was helped by Franklin in his research into American flora.

\$6 Adults; \$5 Students & Seniors; FREE for Members
& Children under 12

For more information, please call (215) 389-1776
or visit www.americanswedish.org





Shaping Franklin: Mentor Days at Stenton

May 1, 2006, through October 31, 2006

Stenton, 4601 N. 18th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19140

In conjunction with our *Shaping Franklin* special exhibit and tour, Stenton is offering special 2½-hour programs to organizations with mentor programs. Mentor and youth try their hand at quill pen writing, and work together on bookmaking and paper marbling, completing a hand-sewn journal to take home. Call to schedule a Saturday or afterschool program date for your mentor group!

\$4, advance reservations required.

For reservations and more information, please call (215) 329-7312 or visit www.stenton.org

Celebrate Stories: Franklin as Postmaster

May 1, 2006, through May 31, 2006

Please call for times and dates

Please Touch Museum, 210 N. 21st Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Franklin served as Postmaster and helped to develop America's postal system. Visitors can write with quills, design their own stamps, and practice envelope writing.

\$9.95 per person, free for children under one year of age

For more information, please call (215) 963-0667 or visit www.pleasetouchmuseum.org



Franklin's France: A Concert Exploring Franklin's Musical World

May 5, 2006, at 8:00 p.m.

St. Martin's in the Fields, 8000 St. Martin's Lane, (Chestnut Hill) Philadelphia, PA 19118

May 6, 2006, at 8:00 p.m.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 84 East Oakland Avenue, Doylestown, PA 18901

May 7, 2006, at 7:00 p.m.

Christ Church, 2nd & Market Sts., Philadelphia, PA 19106

This concert simulates the multi-faceted extravaganzas typical of the period, featuring "competing" soloists and program elements, varied ensembles, and a blend of art-music and popular tunes. Program notes and repertoire selections explore Franklin's developing tastes and interests, his role as a dedicated musical amateur, and aspects of his cultural environment. Franklin's France features the Philomel Baroque Orchestra, with Julianne Baird, soprano, in arias by Lully, Gluck, Piccinni, and Gretry, and in songs by Madame Brillon. The orchestra also performs string symphonies by Guillemain and J. Stamitz, and instrumental works by Gluck and J. Duport.

Preferred Seating: \$40, General Seating: \$30,

Student/Senior Seating: \$25

For tickets and more information, please call (215) 487-2344 or visit www.philomel.org

Franklin and the Revolutionary Generation

May 6, 2006, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Laurel Hill Cemetery, 3822 Ridge Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19132

Many of the contemporaries, historical figures and revolutionary friends who joined Benjamin Franklin in shaping the new republic are buried in Laurel Hill Cemetery. And many of his family members also reside here, including Franklin Bache, Elizabeth Duane Gillespie, Russell Duane and William Duane. Stopping at the burial places of these remarkable people along our journey, in addition to other important figures resting nearby, we will recreate the years when Franklin and his comrades worked to build a new nation.

\$15.00. *For more information, please call (215) 228-8200*

In Search of A Better World

May 7, 2006, at 3:00 p.m.

African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas, 6361 Lancaster Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19151

To honor Ben's visionary spirit, we're pushing the boundaries of music innovation even further with this world premiere commission from Philadelphia's own Jay Fluellen. Through a synthesis of classical, jazz, African American spirituals and song, Fluellen offers a musical tribute to the most progressive Founding Father. *Relâche* (flute, oboe, sax, bassoon, viola, bass, piano, drums) pairs with the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas' 20-person choir to bring this inspired blend of new music and America's heritage to life.

\$20 General Admission; \$10 Students/Seniors

For tickets and more information, please call (215) 574-8248 or visit www.relache.org

Franklin in Medical Paris

May 11, 2006, at 6:15 p.m.

College of Physicians of Philadelphia, 19 S. 22nd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Professor Toby Gelfand of the University of Ottawa, Canada, will provide a guided tour of the French world of medicine and science as Franklin knew it. As a member of both the French Academy of Sciences and the Royal Society of Medicine, Franklin knew everyone from the great chemist Lavoisier, to the man who sought to ensure a humane death for criminals, Dr. Guillotin. Franklin's service on the royal commission investigating the theories of the controversial Austrian doctor Frantz Anton Mesmer will also be explored.

Tickets required. Prior to May 11th: \$10.00, \$5.00 for students.

For more information, please call (215) 563-3737 ext. 265 or visit www.collphyphil.org



In Pursuit of Genius: Jean-Antoine Houdon and the Sculpted Portraits of Benjamin Franklin

May 13, 2006, through July 30, 2006

Philadelphia Museum of Art, 26th Street and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA 19130

This exhibition focuses on the Museum's marble portrait bust of Franklin (dated 1779), the finest version of the most familiar image of this famous Philadelphian and Founding Father, by Jean-Antoine Houdon. This show will assemble for the first time the best versions of the Franklin bust in a range of media, from terracotta to bronze, examples of Houdon's two later, revised portraits of Franklin, and significant sculpted portraits of Franklin by other French artists. The exhibition will address Houdon's choice of Franklin as a subject, the competition among artists for the creation and control of Franklin's image in sculpture, and the reaction to and influence of Houdon's portrait.

Free with museum admission

For more information, please call (215) 684-7862 or visit www.philamuseum.org

Benjamin Franklin, Writer and Printer

May 16, 2006, through December 22, 2006

The Library Company of Philadelphia, 1314 Locust St., Philadelphia, PA 19107

The Library Company's Tercentenary exhibition focuses on Franklin's career as a printer, from his apprenticeship to his retirement at age 42, featuring examples of the entire range of his output, from paper ephemera to massive folio tomes. It also focuses on his early writing, most of which took the form of compiling and editing copy for his press, as in the case of the proverbs he collected from a variety of sources for *Poor Richard's Almanack* and reused for *The Way to Wealth*. Much of what we know about Franklin as a writer and printer comes from his *Autobiography*. The exhibition also explores that book's strange publishing history, which illuminates the transformation of Benjamin Franklin, Printer, into Benjamin Franklin, Author, the most famous American writer of the nineteenth century.

FREE. *For more information, please call (215) 546-3181 or visit www.librarycompany.org*

Show-And-Tell: Ben Franklin Favorites

May 17, 2006, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

The Historical Society of Pennsylvania, 1300 Locust Street,
Philadelphia, PA 19103

HSP is lending items from our collections to Franklin exhibitions all over the city – but we still have more amazing Franklin materials on our shelves. For this special event, library staff will bring out some of their favorite Franklin-related items. Don't miss this rare opportunity to see some of our treasures up close!

FREE. For more information, please call (215) 732-6200 ext. 220 or visit www.hsp.org

Magic Squares: Logan, Franklin and Math Mindbenders of the 18th Century

May 20, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

Stenton, 4601 N. 18th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19140

Join us for an entertaining talk by Villanova professor Paul Pasles about the Magic Squares math puzzles that fascinated James Logan and Benjamin Franklin. Try your own hand at some colonial mindbenders, and tour Logan's mansion.

FREE. For more information, please call (215) 329-7312 or visit www.stenton.org

Glass-ical Musick

Sunday, May 21, 2006, at 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Franklin Court Underground Museum, 314-322 Market St.,
Philadelphia, PA 19106

Dennis James, one of the world's foremost glass Armonica musicians, brings his entertaining lecture and demonstration back "home" to Franklin Court. This lively 60-minute slide show and musical performance is a wonderful introduction to the enchanting "music of the angels."

FREE. For more information, please call (800) 537-7676 or visit www.nps.gov/inde



Benjamin Franklin – LIVE!

May 22, 2006, at 12:30 p.m.

Mercer Museum, 84 S. Pine Street, Doylestown, PA 18901

At this quarterly meeting, Franklin portrayer John Roushey includes humorous anecdotes and stories. Refreshments will be served followed by a short business meeting and the featured speaker. The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Bucks County Historical Society.

FREE. For more information, please call (215) 345-0210 ext. 115 or visit www.mercermuseum.org

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Transportation: Firefighter

June 1, 2006, through June 30, 2006

Please call for times and dates

Please Touch Museum, 210 N. 21st Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Franklin began the Union Fire Company – Philadelphia’s first volunteer fire brigade – in 1736. Visitors can dress up like a firefighter.

\$9.95 per person, free for children under one year of age

For more information, please call (215) 963-0667

or visit www.pleasetouchmuseum.org

Kites: Art Takes Flight – Children’s Festival

June 3, 2006, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Haverford School, 450 Lancaster Ave., Haverford, PA 19041

Perfect for the whole family, this festival will feature art activities, professional kite flying, a performance by popular children’s entertainers The Cat’s Pajamas, refreshments and more! This event is sponsored by PECO and is part of Main Line Art Center’s public art project, *Kites: Art Takes Flight*.

FREE. For more information, please call (610) 525-0272

or visit www.mainlineart.org/kites

Franklin and the Revolutionary Generation

June 3, 2006, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Laurel Hill Cemetery, 3822 Ridge Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19132

Many of the contemporaries, historical figures and revolutionary friends who joined Benjamin Franklin in shaping the new republic are buried in Laurel Hill Cemetery. And many of his family members also reside here, including Franklin Bache, Elizabeth Duane Gillespie, Russell Duane and William Duane. Stopping at the burial places of these remarkable people along our journey, in addition to other important figures resting nearby, we will recreate the years when Franklin and his comrades worked to build a new nation.

\$15.00. For more information, please call (215) 228-8200

Splendid Evening at the Physick House

June 4, 2006, at 6:00 p.m.

The Physick House, 321 South 4th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106

This exclusive Salon Concert combines enticing programming in a “coffee house” atmosphere. Get up close and personal with some of Philomel’s musicians and their period instruments in an intimate historic setting. You’ll delight in the luxury of hearing Philomel’s beautiful music in one of the most beautiful Federal townhouses in Society Hill – home of early Philadelphia’s preeminent physician, Dr. Philip Syng.

Limited Seating: \$55 includes fine wine and hors d’oeuvres.

For tickets and more information, please call (215) 487-2344 or visit www.philomel.org

A Number of Friends: Benjamin Franklin and the Medical Reformers in London

June 6, 2006, at 6:15 p.m.

College of Physicians of Philadelphia, 19 S. 22nd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

As Cambridge University historian Andrew Cunningham points out, Franklin learned very early that collective action was the most effective route to social change. This approach served Franklin well during two extended periods –1757 to 1762 and 1764 to 1775 – when he was based in London. Franklin’s circle of friends included such giants of British medicine as Sir John Pringle, William Heberden and John Fothergill. Together, these friends focused on such challenging public health issues as smallpox, lead poisoning, the importance of proper ventilation and the reform of medical education.

Prior to June 6th: \$10.00, \$5.00 for students

For more information, please call (215) 563-3737 ext. 265 or visit www.collphyphil.org



The Kite and the Key

June 17, 2006, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Franklin Institute, 222 N. 20th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

More than 250 years after Benjamin Franklin's famous kite experiment that proved lightning is a stream of electrified air, The Franklin Institute will reenact his daring discovery as part of its annual Kite and the Key event on Saturday, June 17. The celebration will include hands-on presentations, live electricity and thunderstorm shows, indoor kite flyer demonstrations, and giveaways. Visitors will witness the Museum's own version of Franklin's 1752 experiment, in which he flew a kite with a metal key attached to its string during a thunderstorm to produce electrifying results.

\$13.75 for Adults; \$11.00 for Seniors, Children 4-11

For more information, please call (215) 448-1175 or visit www.fi.edu

Mr. Franklin Comes to Call – Annual June Family Day at Stenton

June 24, 2006, from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Stenton, 4601 N. 18th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19140

This year's family day features special guest Ben Franklin. Fun experiments with bubbles and kites, printing demonstrations, plus a colonial foodways program.

FREE. For more information, please call (215) 329-7312 or visit www.stenton.org

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Toys and Play: The Kidstitution

July 1, 2006, through August 31, 2006

Please call for times and dates

Please Touch Museum, 210 N. 21st Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

We will celebrate Franklin's role in the creation of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. Visitors can use quills to sign their own Kidstitution.

\$9.95 per person, free for children under one year of age

For more information, please call (215) 963-0667

or visit www.pleasetouchmuseum.org

Signers' Day

Monday, July 3rd, 2006; Ceremony at 1:00 p.m.;

Scavenger hunt from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Christ Church Burial Ground, 5th and Arch Streets, Philadelphia, PA 19106

Several special events have been planned to honor the seven signers of the Declaration of Independence (including Benjamin Franklin) who are buried at Christ Church Burial Ground and at Christ Church. There will be a ceremony at 1:00 P.M. at the grave of Benjamin Franklin with *Franklin's Family, Friends, and Foes* tour to follow. A Scavenger Hunt will be ongoing throughout the day.

\$2 for Adults; \$1 for Students; \$10 for Groups

For more information, please call 215.922.1695 ext. 30

or visit www.oldchristchurch.org

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That “rare and elegant flowering shrub,” Franklinia

August 6, 2006, at 2:00 p.m.

Bartram’s Garden Coach House, 54th St. and Lindbergh Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19143

Continuing the tradition of an annual lecture on Franklinia alatamaha, John Bartram’s Very Curious shrub, this talk by Curator Joel T. Fry will provide a history of the Bartram family’s signature plant, which was rescued from near extinction in Georgia and distributed to the world from Bartram’s Garden in Philadelphia. Franklinia was named in honor of Benjamin Franklin by William Bartram in 1783, and Franklin was a long-time family friend and supporter of the botanic work of John and William Bartram. This year’s talk will summarize recent Franklinia research with hints on growing and preserving Franklinia in gardens. Followed by a tour of Franklinia in bloom at Bartram’s Garden.

FREE. For more information, please call (215) 729-5281 ext. 104 or visit www.bartramsgarden.org



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Transportation: Firefighter

September 1, 2006, through September 30, 2006

Please call for times and dates

Please Touch Museum, 210 N. 21st Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Franklin began the Union Fire Company – Philadelphia’s first volunteer fire brigade – in 1736. Visitors can dress up like a firefighter.

\$9.95 per person, free for children under one year of age

For more information, please call (215) 963-0667

or visit www.pleasetouchmuseum.org

Franklin Meets Pulaski: Coloring Contest and Proclamation Ceremony

Contest begins on September 8, 2006; Proclamation takes place on September 27, 2006, at 12:00 p.m.

Polish American Cultural Center Museum, 308 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106

The coloring contest artwork depicts the first meeting of Benjamin Franklin and Casimir Pulaski in Paris, France, in 1777. It was during that meeting that Franklin asked Pulaski to come to America to aid the colonies in their fight for independence.

FREE. For more information, please call (215) 922-1700

Franklin and the Revolutionary Generation

September 9, 2006, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Laurel Hill Cemetery, 3822 Ridge Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19132

Stopping at the burial places of many of Franklin’s contemporaries and family members, we will recreate the years when Franklin and his comrades worked to build a new nation.

\$15.00. For more information, please call (215) 228-8200

The Atlantic World of Print in the Age of Franklin

September 28, 2006, through September 30, 2006

University of Pennsylvania Campus, Philadelphia, PA 19104

Benjamin Franklin, as reader, writer, printer, and publisher, epitomized the cultural world that print created in the eighteenth century. His tercentenary provides an ideal opportunity to examine a wide range of topics relating to the production, circulation and consumption of texts in the early modern Atlantic world. This major international academic conference will feature leading historians and literature scholars, including Roger Chartier, Robert Darnton, Ellen Cohn, David Hall, Kevin Hayes, James Raven, Peter Stallybrass, and David Waldstreicher. Papers will be precirculated for discussion by those in attendance.

FREE. Pre-registration is required.

For more information, please call (215) 898-9251

or visit www.mceas.org/franklin

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Pulaski Parade

October 1, 2006, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Benjamin Franklin Parkway (with reviewing stand at Logan Circle), Philadelphia, PA 19103

This parade honors General Casimir Pulaski, Father of the American Cavalry, and Benjamin Franklin, Founding Father, on the 300th anniversary of his birth.

FREE. For more information, please call (215) 922-1700

Franklin and the Revolutionary Generation

October 7, 2006, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Laurel Hill Cemetery, 3822 Ridge Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19132

Many of the contemporaries, historical figures and revolutionary friends who joined Benjamin Franklin in shaping the new republic are buried in Laurel Hill Cemetery. And many of his family members also reside here, including Franklin Bache, Elizabeth Duane Gillespie, Russell Duane and William Duane. Stopping at the burial places of these remarkable people along our journey, in addition to other important figures resting nearby, we will recreate the years when Franklin and his comrades worked to build a new nation.

\$15.00. For more information, please call (215) 228-8200

Kites: Art Takes Flight – Sculpture Auction & Fundraising Party

October 15, 2006

Radnor Financial Center, 150 N. Radnor-Chester Rd., Radnor, PA 19087

To wrap-up Main Line Art Center's most innovative public art project to date, a fundraising party will be held and each sculpture will be available for purchase. You or your business could be the permanent home to one of these beautiful sculptures created especially for *Kites: Art Takes Flight* by one of over 30 diverse artists.

For more information, please call (610) 525-0272

or visit www.mainlineart.org/kites

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Fall Feasts – Experience Life as a Colonial

November 1, 2006, through December 31, 2006

Please call for times and dates

Please Touch Museum, 210 N. 21st Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

What was Franklin's life like? Visitors can experience colonial life by styling wigs, writing with quills, and dressing in colonial style clothes.

\$9.95 per person, free for children under one year of age

For more information, please call (215) 963-0667

or visit www.pleasetouchmuseum.org

The Library Company's 275th Anniversary Gala and Dinner

November 8, 2006

The Ballroom at the Ben, 834 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107

This multi-faceted event will commemorate the 275th anniversary of the founding of the Library Company of Philadelphia by Benjamin Franklin and a group of his friends.

Invitations will be mailed in the fall. To request an invitation, please call (215) 546-3181. For more information, visit www.librarycompany.org

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Franklin...He's Electric!

Ongoing

The Franklin Institute, 222 N. 20th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

This permanent hands-on exhibit explores Franklin's impact on the history of science in America, from meteorology and music to electricity, optics, and aquatics. The exhibit also explores the minds of other great scientists Franklin inspired, including the Wright Brothers and Thomas Edison.

For more information, admission rates, and opening times, please call (215) 448-1200 or visit www.fi.edu

The Curiosity Show

Ongoing: For showtimes, check The Franklin Institute's Daily Program Guide upon arrival

The Franklin Institute, 222 N. 20th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

This spectacular daily show at The Franklin Institute reenacts some of Benjamin Franklin's most famous and exciting experiments – and there are some real shockers!

For more information, admission rates, and opening times, please call (215) 448-1200 or visit www.fi.edu

Franklin Court Printing Office and Bindery

Ongoing: open daily from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Independence National Historical Park, 320 & 322 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106

Franklin made his fortune through the power of the press. Come watch Park Rangers use a reproduction 18th-century printing press to demonstrate the art and craft of printing in Franklin's day.

FREE. *For more information, please call (800) 537-7676 or visit www.nps.gov/inde*

Franklin Court and The Underground Museum

Ongoing: open daily from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Independence National Historical Park, 314 to 322 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106

Visit the only house Ben Franklin ever owned. Though the house is long gone, an award-winning "Ghost House" now outlines both its location and the visible remains of its basement kitchen. In the handicapped-accessible Underground Museum below, learn about Franklin's family and his accomplishments, with interactive exhibits, Ranger talks, and films.

FREE. *For more information, please call (800) 537-7676 or visit www.nps.gov/inde*

Franklin Court Museum Film Festival

Ongoing: March and April, daily from 11:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Independence National Historical Park, 314 to 322 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106

Catch the latest film festival in Philadelphia, dedicated to our own Ben Franklin! The three 30-minute films are: Disney's *Ben and Me*, Discovery Channel's *The Real Ben Franklin*, and the original *Portrait of a Family*.

FREE. *For more information and current daily hours, please call (800) 537-7676 or visit www.nps.gov/inde*

Franklin's Hands on History in the Courtyard

Ongoing: Saturdays and Sundays at 12:30 p.m.; daily in summer

Independence National Historical Park – Franklin Court Underground Museum, 314 to 322 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106

Join a Park Ranger for hands-on activities related to Ben Franklin! Discover "Magic Squares" – mathematical puzzles Franklin solved for fun – and learn how printers' type creates words. Also featuring a smaller version of Franklin's own invention, the glass armonica, this 20-minute, children's activity will let kids learn by doing.

FREE. *For more information, please call (800) 537-7676 or visit www.nps.gov/inde*

Glass Armonica Demonstrations

Ongoing; Saturdays and Sundays at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.; daily in summer

Independence National Historical Park – Franklin Court Underground Museum, 314 to 322 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106

Listen to the instrument Franklin invented: the glass armonica. Park Rangers will explain how Franklin came to invent the armonica and demonstrate the haunting sounds it makes – said to resemble the “voices of angels.”

FREE. For more information, please call (800) 537-7676 or visit www.nps.gov/inde

Fragments of Franklin Court

Ongoing; Wednesday through Sunday from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.; daily in summer

Independence National Historical Park, 318 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106

View archaeological treasures discovered in Franklin Court! Follow fascinating clues left behind over the years as you trace a path of soot up the wall to see where the fireplace once stood, or notice the gaps in the wall that a chair rail once filled.

FREE. For more information, please call (800) 537-7676 or visit www.nps.gov/inde

B. Free Franklin Post Office

Ongoing; Monday through Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; closed Federal Holidays.

Independence National Historical Park, 316 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106

The United States Post Office operates this special postal station in honor of our first Post Master General – Benjamin Franklin. You can buy commemorative stamps or mail postcards and letters with our unique cancellation: a facsimile of Franklin's own signature. This is the only U.S. Post Office without a modern ZIP code!

FREE. For more information, please call (800) 537-7676 or visit www.nps.gov/inde

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