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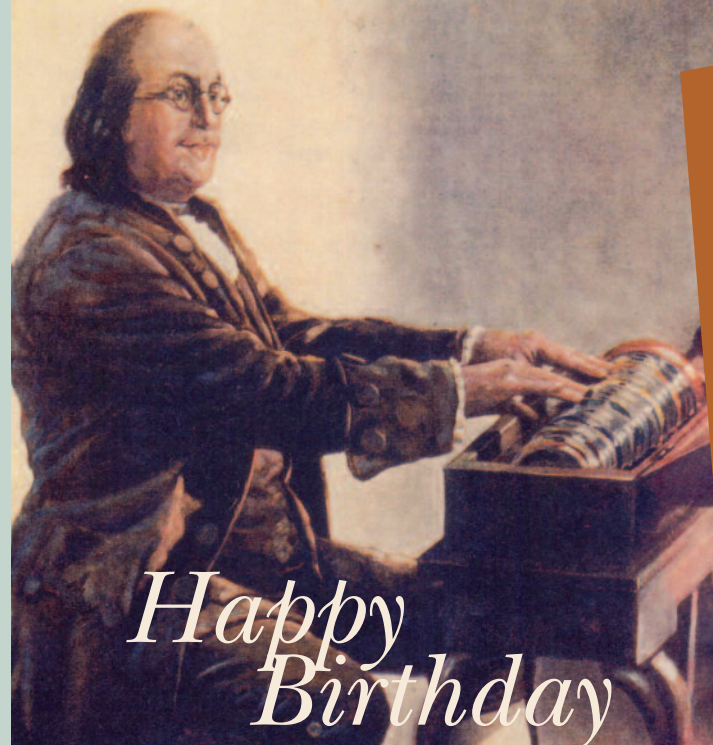
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### HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

This publication is the second issue of the official guide for *Ben Franklin 300 Philadelphia*. It covers the period from December 15, 2005, through March 31, 2006, and includes more than 70 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 four-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](http://www.benfranklin300.org).

Keep an eye out for the third issue of the official guide, including many more new performances and events, to be released in April 2006.



## 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 kicks 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 winter, 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: Benjamin Franklin and his invention, "The Armonica", The Curtis Institute of Music*

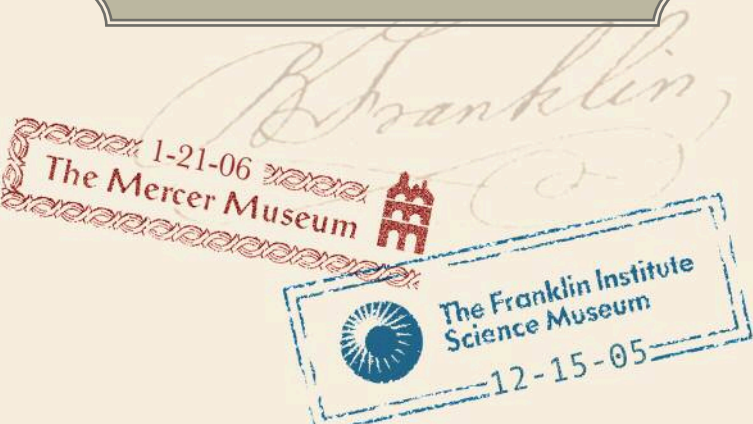


# BENJAMIN FRANKLIN TREASURE TRAIL:

## *A Journey of Exploration*

**C**an'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](http://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.*

SPECIAL EVENTS

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# PHILADELPHIA IS A TOWN OF UNLIMITED IDEAS.

## LET'S PUT THEM TO USE.

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

Make recycling easier for everyone.

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.

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 - JULY

To find out how you can get involved: [www.benfranklin300.org/chc](http://www.benfranklin300.org/chc)



**BEN FRANKLIN  
COFFEEHOUSE  
CHALLENGE**

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AMERICA CELEBRATES  
FRANKLIN'S 300TH BIRTHDAY



When was the last time you attended a 300th birthday party?

On January 17, 2006, Benjamin Franklin – founding father, scientist, patriot, and statesman – will turn 300. With birthday celebrations planned literally all around the world, the greatest party of them all will be at the National Constitution Center, in Franklin's own hometown of Philadelphia.

This once-in-a-lifetime national event will celebrate the Franklin inside us all: his curious spirit, open mind, and positively charged influence on the future of America.

Space is limited and tickets are required. Please call the National Constitution Center at (215) 409-6700 to reserve your ticket for the ceremony.

**WHEN** 10:00 a.m., January 17, 2006

**WHERE** National Constitution Center  
525 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA

DUE TO LIMITED SPACE AND SECURITY REQUIREMENTS, PLEASE ARRIVE BY 9:30 A.M.



## December

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

December 1, 2005, 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, call (215) 763-8100  
or visit [www.philamuseum.org](http://www.philamuseum.org)

### Franklin's Flippers

December 1, 2005, through August 31, 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, while you try on replicas of early swim fins, as well as 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](http://www.adventureaquarium.com)



### Benjamin Franklin: An American Idol

December 2, 2005, through January 22, 2006  
Wednesday through Sunday, 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Nexus/Foundation for Today's Art, 137 North 2nd Street,  
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Nexus/Foundation for Today's Art together with Media Tank presents this dynamic exhibition exploring three major themes from Benjamin Franklin's life: technology, mass communication, and civic engagement. Be inspired by prints, performance, websites, and documentary films.

**FREE.** For more information call (215) 629-1103  
or visit [www.nexusphiladelphia.org](http://www.nexusphiladelphia.org)

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

December 10, 2005, 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, call (215) 413-8630 for group rates.**

For more information call (215) 413-8655  
or visit [www.phillyseaport.org](http://www.phillyseaport.org)

### Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World

December 15, 2005, 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

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.

**Adult: \$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, call (215) 409-6700  
or visit [www.gophila.com/ben](http://www.gophila.com/ben)



## Benjamin Franklin's Poor Richard: Anatomy of an Almanac

December 15, 2005, through March 19, 2006  
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday and from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.  
Closed Mondays and national holidays.

The Rosenbach Museum & Library, 2008-2010 DeLancey Place, Philadelphia, PA 19103

A selection of Franklin's Poor Richard almanacs will be the centerpiece of this absorbing exhibition. From a first-hand account of the Liberty Bell's arrival, to the sighting of comets and the loss of 11 days in 1752, these almanacs tell stories about everything from the birth of a nation to the routine of daily life.

**\$8 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors; and children under 5 are free.**

For more information, call (215) 732-1600  
or visit [www.rosenbach.org](http://www.rosenbach.org)

## Benjamin Franklin and Religious Liberty

December 15, 2005, 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 19106-2197

This exhibition will explore Franklin's relationship with the Jewish community, and illustrate his key role in forging a pluralistic America.

**FREE.** For more information please call (215) 923-3811  
or visit [www.nmajh.org](http://www.nmajh.org)

## Money in Motion Exhibit

December 15, 2005, through February 28, 2006  
Philadelphia Federal Reserve, 100 North 6th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106

Visitors will learn how currency is circulated, how counterfeit bills are detected, and how America's Federal Reserve System really works. From December 15, 2005, to February 28, 2006, all visitors will receive a free scroll featuring the wit and wisdom of Benjamin Franklin.

**FREE.** For more information and exhibit hours please visit [www.philadelphiafed.org](http://www.philadelphiafed.org)

## PECO Franklin Family Fun Day: Benjamin Franklin's Apprentice

December 17, 2005, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
National Constitution Center, 525 Arch Street, Independence Mall, Philadelphia, PA 19106

Do you have what it takes to be Ben's apprentice? Test your skills and learn the tricks of 18th century trade just like Ben did when he was 12 years old. Try your hand at papermaking and printing, and learn all about soap making and blacksmithing. If you complete all the trades, you will become Franklin's Junior Apprentice!

**FREE.** For more information, call (215) 409-6700  
or visit [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org)

## A Magical Night at Carpenters' Hall

Sunday, December 18, 2005, at 6:00 p.m.  
Carpenters' Hall, 320 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106

Philomel's Salon Concert will feature fine wine, intimate sociability, and a varied program including chamber music intermingled with popular tunes of the day – all of the essential ingredients for the colonial performances enjoyed by Franklin and his contemporaries.

**Seating is LIMITED: \$55 (includes fine wine and hors d'oeuvres)**  
For tickets and more information, call (215) 487-2344  
or visit [www.philomel.org](http://www.philomel.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](http://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, call (215) 829-5434 or visit [www.uhps.upenn.edu/paharc](http://www.uhps.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, call (215) 922-1700

## Shaping Franklin

September 15, 2005, 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, call (215) 329-7312 or visit [www.stenton.org](http://www.stenton.org)

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

Hourly from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; closed in January and February (except for Franklin's birthday)

October 15, 2005, through December 2006

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](http://www.oldchristchurch.org)

## Benjamin Franklin: An American Tale

Performances take place from October 26, 2005, through April 25, 2006. Showtimes are 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

American Theater Arts for Youth at the Kimmel Center, 1429 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102

This original musical 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.

**Tickets are \$10.00 for individuals, or \$6.98/person in a group of 5 or more.**

For tickets and more information, please call (800) 523-4540 or visit [www.atafy.org](http://www.atafy.org)

## Ben and Me

November 1, 2005, through March 2, 2006

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

Rare Book Department, Free Library of Philadelphia, 1901 Vine Street,  
Philadelphia, PA 19103

This special exhibit will feature twenty-nine charming drawings from Robert Lawson's book, *Ben and Me* (1939), the story of Amos, a poor mouse who befriends Franklin and gives Franklin many of his best ideas.

**FREE.** For more information, call (215) 686-5416 or visit [www.library.phila.org](http://www.library.phila.org)

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

November 1, 2005, 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 will reveal 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](http://www.libertymuseum.org)

## Dr. Franklin of Philadelphia: A Celebration of His Legacy

November 14, 2005, 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 will feature twelve cases of historical and topical material including text, maps, timelines, portraits, illustrations, and objects.

**FREE.** For more information, call (215) 686-5416 or visit [www.library.phila.gov](http://www.library.phila.gov)

## Benjamin Franklin: Catch the Lightning

November 14, 2005, 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 will feature print works from the Children's Literature Research Collection. Selections will 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, call (215) 686-5416 or visit [www.library.phila.gov](http://www.library.phila.gov)

## Franklin's Legacy of Public Service: Elizabeth Duane Gillespie

November 4, 2005, through May 7, 2006; General Admission, 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](http://www.philadelphiahistory.org)

## Franklin's National Icon: Talons or Gobbles

November 14, 2005, 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 19130

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 two mounted wild turkeys and a bronze sculpture by Philadelphia Albert Laessle illustrate the qualities of both birds.

**Free with museum admission.**  
For more information, call (215) 229-1000 or visit [www.acnatsci.org](http://www.acnatsci.org)

## Franklin and Friends

October 17, 2005, through January 31, 2006  
Haverford College, Magill Library, Sharpless Gallery, 370 Lancaster Avenue, Haverford, PA 19041

Founding father Benjamin Franklin had important and meaningful relationships with many Quakers. Books, original manuscripts, maps, portraits, artifacts and other materials from Haverford College Special Collections reveal these fascinating associations between 'Franklin & Friends'.

**Free and open to the public.**  
For more information, call (610) 896-1161 or visit <http://www.haverford.edu/library/special/>





January

## One Book, One Philadelphia

January 17 through March 15, 2006

Free Library of Philadelphia regional libraries and branches, and other locations throughout the city.

This year's theme will be "Three Books for One Founding Father." The featured books are: *The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin* by Benjamin Franklin, *Ben and Me* by Robert Lawson, and *Franklin: The Essential Founding Father* by James Srodes. *One Book, One Philadelphia* is a collaborative initiative of the Office of Mayor John F. Street and the Free Library of Philadelphia.

For more information and a complete list of *One Book* programs, call (215) 567-7710 or visit [www.library.phila.gov](http://www.library.phila.gov)

## Self-Guided Tour for Families: We the Artists

January 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, call (215) 763-8100 or visit [www.philamuseum.org](http://www.philamuseum.org)



## Benjamin Franklin and the Art and Culture of his Times

Every Wednesday, January 4, 2006, through July 25, 2006, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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

This series of slide presentations explores colonial lifestyles, Philadelphia's distinct colonial architecture and design, and the social events and happenings of Franklin's times. Offered by the Philadelphia Museum of Art Park House Guides.

Free with museum admission.

For more information, call (215) 763-8100 or visit [www.philamuseum.org](http://www.philamuseum.org)

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

January 4 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, call (215) 763-8100 or visit [www.philamuseum.org](http://www.philamuseum.org)

## Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary Lecture Series: Franklin, Freemason

Thursday, January 5, 2006, at 6:00 p.m.

Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107

Franklin became a Mason in Philadelphia in 1731, as a way to form relationships and work with others in the city. He continued his involvement in France, using his Masonic membership to further strengthen Franco-American ties. This special lecture by Margaret C. Jacob, Distinguished Professor of History at UCLA, will take place inside the Masonic Temple and will explore 18th-century Freemasonry and its importance to Franklin. This lecture series is made possible through the generosity of the John Templeton Foundation.

FREE, RSVP required.

For more information, call (215) 557-0733 ext. 410 or visit [www.benfranklin300.org](http://www.benfranklin300.org)

## Franklin Biographers: A Reunion

January 8, 2006, at 12:00 p.m.

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

Join three of the most prominent biographers of Benjamin Franklin - Walter Isaacson, Gordon Wood and Stacy Schiff - in a conversation with another Franklin author, Jim Lehrer of PBS's "News Hour," and introduced by Professor Richard Beeman.

**Free, reservation required.**

For more information, call (215) 409-6700  
or visit [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org)

## Josh Kornbluth's Ben Franklin: Unplugged

January 10 through January 22, 2006

Evening performances at 7:30 p.m.; Matinee performances at 11:00 a.m.; Sunday performances at 3:00 p.m.

Plays & Players Theater, 1714 Delancey Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

From celebrated West Coast monologist Josh Kornbluth comes a hilarious and remarkable piece of theater. With the sudden realization that he looks like Ben Franklin, Kornbluth is inspired to uncover the mystery of the relationship between Franklin and his son, bringing him poignant closure with his own father.

**Tickets from \$15 to \$35**

For more information, call (215) 985-0420  
or visit [www.phillytheatreco.com](http://www.phillytheatreco.com)

## Ben's Birthday Pajama Party

January 13, 2006, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

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

Wear your finest, family-friendly pajamas for this fun-filled birthday party, featuring music, games, food, movies, children's activities and, of course, admission to the *Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World* exhibition. Admission to the Constitution Center's permanent exhibition is also included.

**Tickets: \$40 per adult; \$25 per child ages 4-12. Advance reservations only; no walk-ups.**

For tickets and more information, call (215) 409-6700  
or visit [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org)

## Benjamin Franklin's 300th Birthday Bash

January 14, 2006, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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

Join us for cake, a giant birthday card signing, reenactments of some of Ben's most famous experiments, and of course, meet Ben himself. The Bash will kick off with a premier of *Sparks!*, a brand-new high-voltage electricity show.

**Admission required: \$13.75 for adults, \$11 for children (ages 4-11), seniors, and military.**

For more information, call (215) 448-1200 or visit [www.fi.edu](http://www.fi.edu)

## PECO Franklin Family Fun Day: Ben's History Sleuth

January 14, 2006, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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

Be a history sleuth — discover the hidden treasure in the museum! Children will also have the opportunity to make special birthday cards to be delivered to Ben himself at his 300th birthday celebration on January 17.

**FREE.** For more information, call (215) 409-6700  
or visit [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org)

## Self-guided Tour: Finding Franklin

January 14, 2006, through December 31, 2006

Mercer Museum, 84 S. Pine Street, Doylestown, PA 18969

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

**Free with museum admission.**

For more information, call (215) 345-0210 ext. 123,  
or visit [www.mercermuseum.org](http://www.mercermuseum.org)

## Inventions

January 14, 2006, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, 118 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102

Be inspired by Franklin and dream up your own invention, then build a fantastic contraption to take home.

**Non-members: \$6 for adults, \$4 for children. Members: \$4 for adults, \$2 for children. Ask about group rates**

For more information, call (215) 972-2061 or visit [www.pafa.org](http://www.pafa.org)

## Armonica Recital at The Curtis Institute of Music

January 15, 2006, at 3:00 p.m.

Field Concert Hall at The Curtis Institute of Music, 1726 Locust Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Cecilia Gniewek, Curtis alumna and associate member of the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra, will perform on the armonica, an instrument invented by Benjamin Franklin in 1761. The recital will include Curtis students performing songs about Franklin by Ross Lee Finney and Norman Luboff, and a special appearance by Ben Franklin himself.

**FREE.** For more information, call (215) 893-7902

## Ben Franklin's Colonial Kitchen

January 15, 2006

Drop in anytime between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Mercer Museum, 84 S. Pine Street, Doylestown, PA 18969

Food historian Susan Plaisted will prepare several of Benjamin Franklin's own recipes, while discussing Franklin's early years as a vegetarian, his food requests when abroad, and the culinary advice he gave in Poor Richard's Almanack.

**Free with museum admission.**

For more information, call (215) 345-0210 ext. 123, or visit [www.mercermuseum.org](http://www.mercermuseum.org)

## Family Drop-In Art Making: Drawing Together, American Art

Sunday, January 15, 2006, and Sunday, January 29, 2006, Noon to 2:30 p.m.

Philadelphia Museum of Art (American Galleries), 26th and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA 19130

Families will have the opportunity to draw from works of American art, including objects made in the time of Ben Franklin. An artist will be on hand to provide materials and assistance.

**Free with museum admission.**

For more information, call (215) 763-8100 or visit [www.philamuseum.org](http://www.philamuseum.org)

## Ben's Birthday Breakfast

January 15, 2006, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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

Join Ben Franklin for Breakfast, as he celebrates his 300th birthday. Have your picture taken with Ben, sing "Happy Birthday," sign his birthday card and enjoy cake and other fun foods.

**\$20 for adults, \$16 for children ages 4-12. Includes breakfast and admission to Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World.**

For tickets and more information, visit [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org)

## Colonial Fare at Pennsylvania Hospital

January 16 through January 22, 2006, at lunchtime

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

During the week of his birthday, you can experience the colonial fare that Ben enjoyed when the lunchtime menu in the cafeteria will feature Early American delicacies. And everyone is welcome to help themselves to a piece of Ben's birthday cake on January 17 (served in the cafeteria from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.)

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

## 300 Years and Still Current: America Celebrates Franklin's 300th Birthday

January 17, 2006, at 10:00 a.m.

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

When was the last time you attended a 300th birthday party? With birthday celebrations for Benjamin Franklin planned all around the world, the greatest party of them all will be in Franklin's hometown of Philadelphia. This once-in-a-lifetime national event will celebrate the Franklin inside us all: his curious spirit, open mind, and positively charged influence on the future of America.

**FREE. Space is limited and tickets are required.**

Please call (215) 409-6700 to reserve your ticket for the ceremony.



## 7-Up on Ben

January 17, 2006, at 6:00 p.m.

The Kelly Writers House, University of Pennsylvania, 3805 Locust Walk, Philadelphia, PA 19104

In this lively discussion, seven panelists from the Writers House, Penn, and Philadelphia communities will be speaking, reading, storytelling, dancing, and singing, for seven minutes each, on some aspect of what Franklin represents for them. A reception to celebrate Penn's newly-founded "Franklin Press" will follow.

**FREE.** For more information, call (215) 573-9748 or visit [www.writing.upenn.edu](http://www.writing.upenn.edu)

## Ben Franklin's Birthday Celebration

January 17, 2006

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

Children will write with quills, wear powder wigs, and enjoy a special storytime, before everyone gathers around our giant "cupcake" to sing "Happy Birthday" to Ben.

**\$9.95 for adults and children age one and over.**

**Children under one are free.**

For times and more information, call (215) 963-0667 or visit [www.pleasetouchmuseum.org](http://www.pleasetouchmuseum.org)

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

January 17, 2006, 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, call (215) 898-7552 or visit <http://benjaminfranklin300.library.upenn.edu>

## Independence National Historical Park Through Ben Franklin's Eyes

January 17 through December 31, 2006

Daily 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed 12/25/06.

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, call (215) 597-1586

## Institute of Contemporary Art/University of Pennsylvania Project Space: Brian Tolle

January 17 through March 26, 2006; Wednesday through

Friday, 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday,

11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Closed Monday and Tuesday

Institute of Contemporary Art, 118 South 36th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104

New York artist Brian Tolle will unveil his new work, commissioned in conjunction with the 300th anniversary of Benjamin Franklin's birth. His sculptures and installations are realized after detailed research with area historical archives and fabricators. This work will explore Franklin's recurring use of the snake motif as a provocative symbol.

**\$6 for adults, \$3 for students over 12, artists, and senior citizens.**

**Free to ICA members, PENN card holders, children 12 and under and on Sundays from 11am - 1pm.**

For more information, call (215) 898-5911 or visit [www.icaphila.org](http://www.icaphila.org)

## Ben's Birthday Bash

January 17, 2006, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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

Celebrate Benjamin Franklin's 300th birthday with fun make-and-take projects in the National Liberty Museum's Craft Corner. All day, visitors also enjoy BEN & ME museum tours and sweet treats to mark the big day.

**Free with museum admission.**

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

## Still Celebrating! Franklin at 300

January 17, 2006, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Parade lines up behind the American Philosophical Library, 105 S. 5th Street; Luncheon at the Down Town Club, Public Ledger Building, 6th & Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia, PA 19106

Join representatives from Franklin-founded and Franklin-influenced organizations in a gala parade to his grave accompanied by bagpipers, banners, and fire engines, followed by a luncheon at the Down Town Club where Claude-Anne Lopez and B. Franklin Reinauer, II will be honored for their roles in keeping Franklin in the public eye.

**Parade is free; luncheon fees apply**

For more information and prices, call (856) 429-8331

## Ben Franklin: America's Original Entrepreneur Lecture & Book Signing

January 18, 2006, at 7:30 p.m.  
The Franklin Institute, 222 N. 20th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Benjamin Franklin scholar and author Blaine McCormick has adapted Franklin's classic 18th century autobiography for modern day readers. McCormick will present a lecture and will sign copies of his book *Ben Franklin: America's Original Entrepreneur*.

**Ticketed event.** For more information and ticket prices, call (215) 448-1175 or visit [www.fi.edu](http://www.fi.edu)

## Franklin's Philadelphia: A Concert Exploring Franklin's Musical World

January 20, 2006, at 8:00 p.m.  
Christ Church, 2nd & Market Sts., Philadelphia, PA 19106  
January 21, 2006, at 8:00 p.m.  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 84 East Oakland Avenue, Doylestown, PA 18901  
January 22, 2006, at 4:00 p.m.  
St. Martin's in the Fields, 8000 St. Martin's Lane, (Chestnut Hill) Philadelphia, PA 19118

Philomel Baroque Orchestra will perform overtures by Arnold, Monsigny, and Stanley; Madame Brillon's *March of the Insurgents*; chamber music by Abel, Erskine, and Oswald; and the Mozart glass armonica quintet. Prior to each concert, Chatham Baroque musicians will teach audience members to dance the minuet (separate ticketing).

**Preferred Seating: \$40, General Seating: \$30, Student/Senior Seating: \$25**

For more information, call (215) 487-2344 or visit [www.philomel.org](http://www.philomel.org)

## Community Volunteer Fair

January 21, 2006, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
National Constitution Center, 525 Arch Street, Independence Mall, Philadelphia, PA 19106

Non-profit organizations from around the Philadelphia area will have tables set up to encourage citizens to channel their inner Franklin and engage in active volunteering.

**FREE.** For more information, call (215) 409-6761 or visit [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org)

## Poor Richard's Almanack Family Workshop

January 22, 2006  
Mercer Museum, 84 S. Pine Street, Doylestown, PA 18969

Make your own version of Benjamin Franklin's Poor Richard's Almanack using an antique hand printing press. Have fun designing the almanac's contents, learning how to operate the printing press, and hand-binding the books to take home.

**\$8 Adult, \$7 Senior (62+), \$4 Youth (5-17)**

For more information, call (215) 345-0210 ext. 123, or visit [www.mercermuseum.org](http://www.mercermuseum.org)

## Benjamin Franklin, Scientist and Medical Investigator

January 23, 2006, at 6:15 p.m.  
The College of Physicians of Philadelphia, 19 South 22nd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Many people know that Franklin showed that lightning is an electrical discharge, but few realize that he attempted to cure paralysis with electricity. This illustrated lecture by Stuart A. Green, MD, Professor, School of Medicine, University of California at Irvine, will explore Franklin's achievements in all the sciences, including medicine.

**FREE.** For more information, call (215) 563-3737 or visit [www.collphyphil.org](http://www.collphyphil.org)



## The Grand Orchestra, Part 2: Ambassador Franklin in London

January 27, 2006, at 8:00 p.m.

Trinity Episcopal Church, Chester Road (Rte 320) and College Avenue,  
Swarthmore, PA 19081

January 28, 2006, at 8:00 p.m.

Irvine Auditorium, University of Pennsylvania, 3401 Spruce Street,  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Join Philadelphia baroque orchestra Tempesta di Mare for a selection of the symphonies, concertos and overtures that Benjamin Franklin could hear in the concert halls of London. Music by Maurice Greene, William Boyce, John Bach and of course George Frideric Handel.

**\$20 General Admission; \$10 Students w/ID**

(January 28 free with PENN card)

For more information, call (215) 755-8776 (January 27) or  
(215) 898-6244 (January 28) or visit [www.tempestadimare.org](http://www.tempestadimare.org)

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## Junior Jazz Armonica

February 1 through 28, 2006

Please check our website for times

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

This month at Please Touch we’ll show kids the musical invention Franklin was famous for – the armonica. Our version involves glass cups filled with different levels of water.

**\$9.95 for adults and children age one and over.**

**Children under one are free.**

For more information, call (215) 963-0667

or visit [www.pleasetouchmuseum.org](http://www.pleasetouchmuseum.org)

## Philadelphia Orchestra Family Concert: Birthday Party for Benjamin Franklin

February 4, 2006, at 11:30 a.m.

Verizon Hall at the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts, Broad & Spruce  
Streets, Philadelphia, PA 19102

Join The Philadelphia Orchestra in celebration of Benjamin Franklin’s 300th birthday in a concert that explores his passions for invention and for music.

For tickets (from \$7 - \$44), call Ticket Philadelphia at

(215) 893-1999 or email [patronservices@ticketphiladelphia.org](mailto:patronservices@ticketphiladelphia.org)

For more information, visit [www.philorch.org](http://www.philorch.org)

## Story Time with Special Guest Amy Freeze

February 11, 2006, at 11:00 a.m.

Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 1805 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Our weekly story time for children ages 3+ will feature special guest, Amy Freeze, NBC 10 meteorologist, who will talk about Ben Franklin and his interest in science and weather.

**FREE.** For more information, call (215) 665-9958



## American Cooking, 1876

February 11, 2005, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

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

In 1876, Franklin's great-granddaughter, Elizabeth Duane Gillespie, published the National Cookery Book to showcase American cooking for foreign visitors. Andrew Smith, author of the introduction to the 2005 reprinting, will talk about and sign copies of the book, and visitors will be able to sample original recipes.

**Free with admission to the Museum. 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, visit [www.philadelphiahistory.org](http://www.philadelphiahistory.org)

## Curious Minds: Benjamin Franklin and John Bartram at the American Philosophical Society

February 15, 2006, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

American Philosophical Society, 105 S. 5th Street, Philadelphia,  
Pennsylvania, 19106

Join Roy E. Goodman, APS Curator of Printed Materials, and Bartram's Garden Curator Joel T. Fry for a behind the scenes tour of the society's archives to see the broadsides, letters, and books of friends and American Philosophical Society founders Bartram and Franklin.

**Members \$25, non members \$35, includes light food.**

For more information, call (215) 729-5281 ext. 103  
or visit [www.bartramsgarden.org](http://www.bartramsgarden.org)

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

February 17 through December 31, 2006

The Museum of the American Philosophical Society, Philosophical Hall,  
104 S. 5th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 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, call (215) 599-4283  
or visit [www.amphilsoc.org](http://www.amphilsoc.org)

## Family Guided Tour: Ben Franklin's America

Sunday, February 19, 2006, at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

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

This special tour, designed for parents and children ages six through ten, will explore great works of art of Franklin's time.

**Free with Museum admission, free tickets required.**

For more information, call (215) 763-8100  
or visit [www.philamuseum.org](http://www.philamuseum.org)

## Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary Lecture Series: Franklin's Curiosity

Wednesday, February 22, 2006, at 6:00 p.m.

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

In the halls of America's first scientific society, founded by Benjamin Franklin, author Philip Dray will examine the evolution of Franklin's scientific curiosity and its impact on America's fundamental values. Arrive early (at 5:00 p.m.) for a special curator-led after-hours tour of *The Princess and the Patriot*, the new exhibition at the Museum of the American Philosophical Society. This lecture series is made possible through the generosity of the John Templeton Foundation.

**FREE.** For more information, call (215) 557-0733 ext. 410  
or visit [www.benfranklin300.org](http://www.benfranklin300.org)

## Stenton Lecture: Franklin, Logan, and Slavery

February 25, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

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

For Black History Month, this lecture by Temple University's David Waldstreicher will be accompanied by a special house tour highlighting everyday lives of household staff, enslaved Africans and indentured servants at Stenton.

For prices and more information, please call (214) 329-7312  
or visit [www.stenton.org](http://www.stenton.org)

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### Art All Around Us: The Face of Money

March 1 through 31, 2006

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

Even though it's Franklin's face on the hundred dollar bill, we're letting kids design money featuring their own portraits!

**\$9.95 for adults and children age one and over.**

**Children under one are free.**

For more information and times, please call (215) 963-0667 or visit [www.pleasetouchmuseum.org](http://www.pleasetouchmuseum.org)

### Brett Keyser as "The Turk"

March 1 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, call (215) 440-3427 or visit [www.amphilsoc.org](http://www.amphilsoc.org)

### Franklin Court

March 3 through 11, 2006, at 8:00 p.m.

Academy of Music, Broad and Locust Streets, Philadelphia, PA 19102

Former Artistic Director Christopher d'Amboise's *Franklin Court* returns! Set to Bach's moving G Minor Fugue, a magnificent set of hanging beams resembling Robert Venturi's "ghost house" floats above the stage while Franklin's inventions are highlighted through the dancers' personification of swim fins, bifocals, sparks and electricity.

**Single tickets: \$10 - \$111.**

For more information, call (215) 551-7000 or visit [www.paballet.org](http://www.paballet.org)

## Preschool Art Class: Early Bird Read and Look, *Kite Flying*, by Grace Lin

Sunday, March 5, 2006, and Sunday, March 19, 2006,  
10:15 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

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

This class for preschoolers and their parents will explore the story of one family and their adventure in building a kite. After reading the book and looking at objects, families will make their own kites to take home.

**Tickets are \$2 per member child and \$3 per nonmember child**

For more information, call (215) 763-8100

or visit [www.philamuseum.org](http://www.philamuseum.org)

## Becoming Americans: Swedes at the Time of Franklin

March 9, 2006, 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, call (215) 389-1776

or visit [www.americanswedish.org](http://www.americanswedish.org)

## Claiming Public Space for Women 1870-1920: Domestic Objects and Public Life

March 11, 2006, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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

Edith P. Mayo, curator emeritus in political history at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History, discusses Franklin's great-granddaughter, Elizabeth Duane Gillespie, and her place within the 19th-century women's movement.

**Free with admission to the Museum. 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, visit [www.philadelphiahistory.org](http://www.philadelphiahistory.org)

## One Book, One Philadelphia Author Lecture and Closing Event

March 14, 2006, at 7:00 p.m.

Free Library of Philadelphia, Montgomery Auditorium, 1901 Vine Street,  
Philadelphia, PA 19103

The 2006 *One Book, One Philadelphia* program will close with a lecture by James Srodes, author of *Franklin: The Essential Founding Father*, one of three featured books about Benjamin Franklin. Mr. Srodes will participate in an audience Q & A and sign copies of his book following the lecture.

**FREE.** For more information, call (215) 567-7710

or visit [www.library.phila.gov](http://www.library.phila.gov)

## 2006 Cliveden Institute: The Mansions of His Mind: Building Ben Franklin

March 14-16, 2006, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each day

Cliveden of the National Trust, 6401 Germantown Avenue,  
Philadelphia, PA 19144

Over three consecutive days, six renowned scholars will discuss Franklin's contributions to the physical and intellectual institutions that help define Philadelphia even today. Speakers include Rosalind Remer, John Van Horne, David Waldstreicher, and Professor Carla Mulford. In addition to the scheduled speakers, workshops or field trips related to the seminar topic are scheduled each afternoon.

**\$20/day and \$55/3-day series.**

For more information, please call (215) 848-1777 ext. 221

or visit [www.cliveden.org](http://www.cliveden.org)

## Poor Richard's Almanac to PodCasting: The Next New New Things in Communications

March 14, 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

Benjamin Franklin was an innovator in the way we communicate. With every new invention in communications technology, we increase the power of the First Amendment freedoms — and with each development, we pay tribute to Ben. At this event, we explore Franklin's legacy in the world of communications.

**\$12 for NCC members; \$15 for non-members; \$6 for students**

For more information, call (215) 409-6700

or visit [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org)



## Philadelphia Orchestra Family Concert: Birthday Party for Benjamin Franklin

March 18, 2006, at 11:30 a.m.

Verizon Hall at the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts, Broad & Spruce Streets, Philadelphia, PA 19102

Join The Philadelphia Orchestra in celebration of Benjamin Franklin's 300th birthday in a concert that explores his passions for invention and for music.

For tickets (from \$7 - \$44), call Ticket Philadelphia at (215) 893-1999 or email [patronservices@ticketphiladelphia.org](mailto:patronservices@ticketphiladelphia.org)  
For more information, visit [www.philorch.org](http://www.philorch.org)

## Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary Lecture Series: Benjamin Franklin and His Gods

March 22, 2006, at 6:00 p.m.

Christ Church, 20 N. American St, Philadelphia, 19106

At the church where Franklin reserved a pew for his family, yet rarely attended services, Kerry S. Walters, William Bittinger Professor of Philosophy and Department Chair at Gettysburg University, will retrace Franklin's lifelong spiritual quest and the changing nature of his religious beliefs. This lecture series is made possible through the generosity of the John Templeton Foundation.

**FREE.** For more information, call (215) 557-0733 ext. 410, or visit [www.benfranklin300.org](http://www.benfranklin300.org)

## Relâche Concert: In Search of a Better World

March 25, 2006, at 8:00 p.m. and March 26, 2006, at 3:00 p.m.

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

To honor Ben's visionary spirit, Relâche is 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.

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

For more information, call (215) 574-8248

or visit [www.relache.org](http://www.relache.org)

## Stenton Lecture: Ben Franklin in Logan's Library

March 25, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

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

Following the talk by James N. Green, Librarian of the Library Company of Philadelphia, tour the elegantly furnished rooms of Stenton, where Logan and Franklin shared ideas on the books and authors of their day. Tea included.

For prices and more information, call (215) 329-7312 or visit [www.stenton.org](http://www.stenton.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, call (215) 448-1200 or visit [www.fi.edu](http://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, call (215) 448-1175 or visit [www.fi.edu](http://www.fi.edu)

### Franklin Court Printing Office and Bindery

*Ongoing: December through February, daily 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; March and April daily from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed 12/25/05, 1/1/06, and 2/20/06*

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, call (800) 537-7676 or visit [www.nps.gov/inde](http://www.nps.gov/inde)

### Franklin Court and The Underground Museum

*Ongoing: December through February, daily 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; March and April, daily 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed 12/24/05, 1/1/06, and 2/20/06*

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 a 30-minute film.

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

### Franklin's Hand on History

*Ongoing: Saturdays and Sundays at 12:30 p.m. Closed 12/25/05, 1/1/06, and 2/20/06*

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, call (800) 537-7676 or visit [www.nps.gov/inde](http://www.nps.gov/inde)

### Glass Armonica Demonstrations

*Ongoing: Saturdays and Sundays at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.; closed 12/25/05, 1/1/06, 2/20/06*

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, call (800) 537-7676 or visit [www.nps.gov/inde](http://www.nps.gov/inde)

## Fragments of Franklin Court

Ongoing; Wednesday through Sunday from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.; closed 12/25/05 and 1/1/06

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, call (800) 537-7676 or visit [www.nps.gov/inde](http://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, call (800) 537-7676 or visit [www.nps.gov/inde](http://www.nps.gov/inde)

## 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, call (877) GO-2-1776 or visit [www.lightsofliberty.org](http://www.lightsofliberty.org)

# EARLY TO BED, EARLY TO RISE

*With Ben’s Birthday Hotel Package*

To experience all-things-Franklin in Philadelphia, you need to spend a night – or two. Ben’s Birthday Hotel Package is available throughout the run of the exhibition, December 15, 2005 – April 30, 2006, at dozens of hotels in the region. The package **includes overnight accommodations, two exhibition tickets and the Little Book of BENefits**, a coupon book of savings and special offers.

The package is bookable at [www.gophila.com/ben](http://www.gophila.com/ben) or by calling one of the following hotels directly:

Best Western Center City Hotel	215.568.8300
Best Western Independence Park Hotel	215.922.4443
Comfort Inn Downtown Historic Area	215.627.7900
Comfort Inn, Valley Forge	610.962.0700
Courtyard by Marriott	215.496.3200
Crowne Plaza	215.561.7500
Crowne Plaza Valley Forge	610.265.7500
Doubletree Hotel Philadelphia	215.893.1600
Embassy Suites Hotel Center City	215.561.1776
Fairfield Inn King of Prussia	610.337.0700
Four Seasons Hotel	215.963.1500
Hampton Inn Convention Center	215.665.9100
Hilton City Avenue	215.879.4000
Hilton Garden Inn	215.923.0100
Hilton Inn at Penn	215.222.0200
Holiday Inn City Line Philadelphia	215.477.0200
Holiday Inn Express Midtown	215.735.9300
Holiday Inn Historic District	215.923.8660
Holiday Inn Stadium	215.755.9500
Hotel Windsor	215.981.5678
Hyatt Regency Philadelphia at Penn’s Landing	215.928.1234
Loews Philadelphia Hotel	215.627.1200
Omni Hotel	215.925.0000
Park Hyatt Philadelphia	215.893.1234
Penn’s View Hotel	215.922.7600
Philadelphia Marriott Airport	215.492.9000
Philadelphia Marriott Downtown	215.625.2900
Radisson Plaza-Warwick Hotel	215.735.6000
Residence Inn by Marriott	215.557.0005
Rittenhouse Hotel	215.546.9000
Ritz-Carlton Philadelphia	215.523.8000
Sheraton Society Hill	215.238.6000
Sheraton University City	215.387.8000
Sofitel Philadelphia	215.569.8300
Westin Philadelphia	215.563.1600
Wyndham Philadelphia	215.448.2000



EAT, DRINK  
and Be Franklin



The region's restaurants and nightspots are gearing up for the big birthday bash with Franklin-themed dishes and cocktails, from December 15, 2005, through April 30, 2006. Here's a sampling of the 60+ ways you can eat, drink and be Franklin:

Many restaurants are serving up "A Penny Saved" prix-fixe menu for 300 dimes (\$30.00) including the **Park Hyatt Philadelphia at the Bellevue**, **London Grill**, the **Spirit of Philadelphia** and **SoleFood Restaurant**, among others.

Also on the menu at area restaurants is the "Early to Bed, Early to Rise Brunch," available at many spots around town, including the **Irish Pub** and **London Grill**. At **Le Castagne**, a three-course Franklin lunch will carry a \$17.06 price tag in recognition of Ben's birth year.

Nightspots and bars are creating their own special offerings as well. Examples include **McGillin's Old Ale House's** "Printer's Pickle Martini," the "Madeira M'dear" at **Swann Lounge at Four Seasons Hotel Philadelphia**, "Ben's Cranberry Cocktail" at **Bliss** and the "Franklin Royale" at **Davio's. Ristorante Panorama** is even offering a wine flight in Ben's name, the "Freedom Flight: B. Franklin's Cellar Selection."

Franklin once said, "Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy," which is why he'd be delighted with **Yards Brewing Company's** special spruce molasses ale, "Poor Richard's Tavern Spruce."

No birthday party would be complete without sweets. Some tasty Franklin-themed desserts include the "Franklin Minted" at **LaCroix at the Rittenhouse Hotel**, the "Dogood Apple" at **City Tavern** and "Ben's Chocolate Fondue" at **Twenty Manning**.

For more information about how restaurant and retail establishments are celebrating Ben's birthday, visit [www.gophila.com/ben](http://www.gophila.com/ben).

SPECIAL OFFERS  
**Little Book of BENefits**

To commemorate Ben's birthday, the Greater Philadelphia Tourism Marketing Corporation produced the *Little Book of BENefits*, a coupon book offering visitors to the region discounts and special offers at restaurants, shops and attractions. The coupons are good from December 2005 through May 2006, and the book is available at the **Independence Visitor Center** and through regional hotels.

**Shop and Save**

The only thing better than shopping is saving money when you do it. And no one would have approved of saving more than Ben. Discounts at nearly two dozen retailers will allow you to shop 'til you drop. Just show your ticket stub from the Franklin exhibition at the National Constitution Center to redeem special offers at **Déjà vu Collectibles**, **Rustic Shoppe**, **Scorsone's Men's Shoes** and **Trophy Bikes**, among others.

**FAMILY FUN WITH FRANKLIN**

On the first Friday of January, February, March and April 2006, visitors can visit *Ben's Birthday Salon*, a variation on the Paris salons he loved so much. Colonial dancing, songs, games and Franklin tales by *Once Upon A Nation* storytellers are all free and part of the fun at the **Free Quaker Meeting House** at 5th and Arch Streets, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Especially for kids, *Ben and His Traveling Trunk* will be on tour at regional events and museums throughout the winter. Colonial games, B. Franklin dress up and make-and-take crafts are just part of the fun. For the full schedule, visit [www.gophila.com/ben](http://www.gophila.com/ben).

**TOURS OF FRANKLIN'S PHILADELPHIA**

After seeing the exhibition, it's time to walk in Franklin's footsteps, and there's no better place to do that than in Philadelphia, a city where his rich legacy is still very much alive. Available at [www.gophila.com/ben](http://www.gophila.com/ben), *Walking in Franklin's Footsteps* is a 60-minute, self-guided tour that leads you through the same streets he himself walked and to the places he worked, prayed, played, lived and founded. For information on these and other Franklin-related tours, visit [www.gophila.com/ben](http://www.gophila.com/ben).



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