**CELEBRATION! BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, FOUNDER**

Celebration! Benjamin Franklin, Founder has been established to bring national and international attention to Benjamin Franklin, America’s best known historic figure. Franklin’s ideas, ideals and accomplishments are important to this day and his influence on our times merits an annual focus on him led by the organizations he founded or inspired and the citizenry of Philadelphia whom he befriended. Each annual Celebration brings world statesmen, scientists, scholars and thinkers to address themes exemplified by Franklin’s ideas and life.

**PARTICIPANTS**

The organizations founded by Franklin, founded in his name or image or closely connected to his life, are participating in this annual Celebration of Benjamin Franklin.

- The American Philosophical Society
- The Carpenters’ Company
- City of Philadelphia, The Honorable Mayor
- Christ Church Preservation Trust
- Cozen O’Connor
- Franklin Inn Club
- The Franklin Institute
- Fireman’s Hall Museum
- The Friends of Franklin, Inc.
- Friends of Franklin House, U.S.
- Friends of Independence National Historical Park
- Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia)
- Lights of Liberty
- Independence National Historical Park
- John Bartram Association
- The Library Company of Philadelphia
- Pennsylvania Hospital
- The Philadelphia Contributionship
- The Quaker City Farmers
- Society of the Sons of St. George
- University Lodge Number 51, Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania
- University of Pennsylvania
- Veteran Guard 3rd Regiment Infantry N.G.P

**PAST RECIPIENTS OF THE FRANKLIN FOUNDER AWARD**

1999
John S. Hendricks

2000
Elliot L. Sherkrot

2001
Dr. Beverly Emanuel

2002
John C. Bogle

2003
John E. Potter

2004
Tony Auth

2005
Robert Venturi & Denise Scott Brown

2006
Claude-Anne Lopez and B. Franklin Reinauer, II

2007
Arthur H. Caplan, Ph.D.

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We invite you to a Celebration of Benjamin Franklin’s birthday

2008 THEME

Franklin’s Legacy: Celebrating Women in Science

EVENTS

Thursday, January 17, 2008
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Seminar
“American Women and Enlightenment Science,” by Susan Branson, Ph.D.
“Neurodegenerative Disease Research in the Spirit of Benjamin Franklin,” by Virginia M.-Y. Lee, Ph.D.
Benjamin Franklin Hall, 427 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia

11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
Procession, wreath laying and tributes at Benjamin Franklin’s grave.

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Luncheon in honor of Women in Science
The Down Town Club, Sixth and Chestnut Streets
Remarks by Dr. Ruth Patrick.

FRANKLIN’S LEGACY:
Celebrating Women in Science

“Remember the Ladies,” wrote Abigail Adams to her husband, John, an admonition Dr. Franklin seldom if ever needed. He corresponded frequently with women whose ideas he valued and whose work he encouraged.

Thirty-five years ago Title IX was introduced providing equal opportunities for women not only in athletics but also in math and science. Its impact has been tremendous in all of these fields, yet women have been interested in science for centuries and making significant impacts.

Franklin corresponded with and encouraged several during his lifetime including Polly Stevenson Hewson, daughter of his English landlady, sending her books at a young age and urging her “to read with a Pen in your Hand, and enter in a little Book short Hints of what you find that is curious or that may be useful, for this will be the best method of imprinting such Particulars in your Memory.”

Dr. Ruth Patrick, whose curiosity began at a very early age will share some memories of her scientific life with her husband, Dr. Charles Hodge, IV, a direct descendant of Benjamin Franklin.

2008 Franklin Founder Award Recipients

This year’s Celebration of Benjamin Franklin, Founder is delighted to present two distinguished scientists with the prestigious Franklin Founder Bowl. Dr. Ruth Patrick, one of the world’s leading limnologists and ecologists, who discovered a scientific method for assessing pollutants in water and Dr. Virginia Lee, an internationally recognized authority on Alzheimer’s, Parkinson’s Disease and other neurodegenerative disorders are this year’s honorees who exemplify the talent of taking “what you find that is curious” and translating it into something that more than certainly “may be useful.”

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Procession
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Library Hall
105 S. Fifth Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Please join other participants who will march with their emblems and flags from The American Philosophical Society’s Library Hall to Christ Church Burial Ground, corner of 5th and Arch Streets, where a wreath will be laid on Franklin’s grave and tributes to Benjamin Franklin will be offered.

Luncheon
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
The Down Town Club
Public Ledger Building, Sixth and Chestnut Streets
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Welcome and Greetings
Donald U. Smith, Chairman

Remarks
Ruth Patrick, Ph. D.

Presentation of the Franklin Founder Bowls
Duncan VanDusen
B. Franklin Reinauer, II

Wit and Wisdom
Benjamin Franklin