

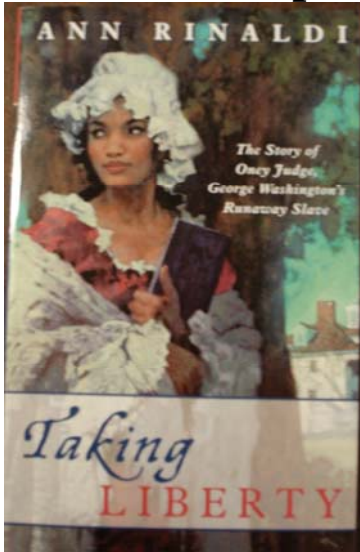


Independence Park Institute

Quarterly Newsletter of the Independence Park Institute

IPI Update Winter 2007

Educators' Open House with Author Ann Rinaldi January 26, 2008



Ann Rinaldi, author of *Taking Liberty*, *Finishing Becca*, and many other great books will be our guest on Saturday, January 26, 2008. She will talk about her work, answer questions, and autograph her books. Presentations take place at 10:00 AM and 1:30 PM.

Also, all educators are welcome to visit our learning labs and discover how exciting learning about history can be. The Independence Park Institute Open House will be from 9:30-4:00. It is located in the Independence Living History Center at the corner of 3rd and Chestnut Streets.

To register for this FREE program please send an e-mail to inde_education_comments@nps.gov or call 215-597-2760. Include your name, e-mail address, phone number, and how you learned about the program.

This program has been supported in part by the Pennsylvania Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities' *We the People* initiative on American history.

Learning Opportunities for Teachers and Students January-June

As teachers and students resume class over the next few days, the education staff at Independence National Historical Park is taking reservations for field trips to the Independence Park Institute's (IPI) hands-on curriculum based education programs which immerse students in history. Reservations for these programs can be made by calling 215-597-2760 or emailing inde_education_comments@nps.gov. Scheduling continues throughout the year.

With five exciting education programs to offer, teachers and students will not only connect to history, they will be extending their classroom to their national park. All of the programs assist teachers in meeting PA and NJ state curriculum standards.

To learn more about the following offerings, visit www.independenceparkinstitute.com or call 215-597-2760 and ask for a teacher packet.

- Daily Life and Diversity in 18th Century Philadelphia
- 18th Century House Tour (add on program)
- Benjamin Franklin in Philadelphia
- Archeology: History Found in Pieces
- Quest for Freedom: Slavery and the Underground Railroad in Philadelphia

The IPI is also offering a variety of professional development programs for teachers for the spring semester. Upcoming programs include:

- A "Ben" Of-All-Trades (K-12th teachers) January 12, 2008, 9:00-12:00 \$30/person

- From Paper to the Press (3rd-12th teachers) February 23, 2008, 9:00-3:00 \$50/person
- A Curator's Look at 18th Century Life (4th-12th teachers) March 8, 2008, 9:00-12:30 \$35/person
- The Politics of the American Revolution (5th-12th teachers) April 5, 2008, 9:00-4:00 \$70/person
- History Found in Pieces (4th-12th) May 10, 2008, 9:00-12:00 \$30/person.

Registration for each workshop will be taken in the order received. To register please send an e-mail to inde_education_comments@nps.gov or call 215-597-2760. Include your name, e-mail address, phone number, and how you learned about the program. Payment must be received 2 weeks before the workshop.

**A Note from the Teacher's
Desk: Frances Delmar,
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As the country prepares to elect a new president in 2008, it reminds us of the importance of an informed, aware, and articulate electorate. It would be ideal if November of 2008 brought us a record breaking turnout of voters who have seriously studied the candidates and the issues.

Maybe the education branch of Independence NHP can help. Each IPI program challenges participants, whether school age or adult, to think about the past and to connect it to the present. Each IPI curriculum creates an atmosphere of critical thinking and encourages us to question and reach our own conclusions.

How did Benjamin Franklin achieve so much in his lifetime? Can present day Americans learn from him and emulate his achievements?

Was life in Philadelphia in the 18th century completely different from that in the 21st or would we find common themes and struggles with which to empathize?

How did our ancestors handle social problems? Are we doing better or worse than they did?

At the Independence Park Institute students of all ages not only learn about the past, but also come to understand their responsibility for the future of this country.

What better way to prepare for a Presidential election?

2008 Summer Institute for Teachers Discovering History through Archeology

Get ready to uncover the truth of Philadelphia's buried past and how we learn from what others leave behind in this summer's Independence Park Institute teachers' workshop!

From July 14-18 2008, Independence National Historical Park will host a one-week institute that will enable 4th-12th grade teachers to discover how historians and archeologists piece together the lives of everyday Philadelphia citizens through the artifacts they left behind.

Participants will learn what archeology is and what it is not. They will go through the archeological process, discover what historians can learn through archeology, and what is done with the new information. Educators will get to interact with historians, archeologists, curators, museum educators, and other professionals in the field. This institute will prepare teachers to use historic documents, artifacts, and images to

enhance their teaching and to inspire students with the stories that make history come alive in the classroom and beyond.

This summer institute is limited to twenty participants. All participants will receive:

- A \$300.00 stipend
- Books and other teaching resource materials
- Field trips to sites in Independence National Historical Park and the historic area
- Continuing education credits for Pennsylvania (Act 48) and New Jersey teachers.

Are you interested in being a part of our 2008 Summer Institute for Teachers? Look for the 2008 application in January on the IPI website or send an e-mail to inde_education_comments@nps.gov and ask to have the application sent to you as soon as they are available. If you have other questions please feel free to give us a call at 215-597-2760.

Scout Day in Historic Philadelphia for NPS Week Kick-off

On April 19, 2008 Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts are invited to spend a fun and exciting day in Historic Philadelphia, participate in cool programs, and work on their advancement.

Scouts can pick from programs being offered by the Atwater Kent Museum, Betsy Ross House, Elfreth's Alley Association, the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, the Independence Park Institute, the Independence Seaport Museum, Once Upon a Nation, and the Philadelphia Society for the

Preservation of Landmarks. All programs will help scouts with their badge requirements!

The cost for the day is \$20 per person. This includes two program sessions, lunch, and tickets to visit Independence Hall.

Scouts interested in participating can find the registration form on the BSA Cradle of Liberty Council website or from www.nps.gov/inde. All completed registration forms must be received by Friday, March 7, 2008.

Teamwork: Charlie Tonetti, Chief Historical Architect at Independence National Historical Park



We are very happy to have Charlie Tonetti, Chief Historical Architect at Independence National Historical Park, as part of the Independence Park Institute (IPI) team!

Charlie has been a HUGE help in many aspects of the IPI. He has used his expertise to guide the construction projects to create the space in the Independence Living History Center, and now in 325 Walnut Street that houses the IPI learning labs.

He created the temporary exhibits in the Benjamin Franklin: Man of Many Talents learning lab to help keep the

space colorful with large mounted images of Franklin and his inventions. He has made informative wayside signs that describe the new education facility at 325 Walnut Street while the space is being constructed.

Charlie also was interviewed in a webisode for our October 2006 Electronic Field Trip, *Freedom in America: Some Assembly Required*. To see his webisode segment visit www.bsu.edu/eft/webisodes and select the *Freedom in America* trip then the *Keepin' up the Upkeep*.

Charlie had a diverse career as an architect before coming to Independence National Historical Park. He has worked both for private and public architect firms from Texas, New Orleans, and New York.

When not assisting the IPI, Charlie's duties consist of making sure that the work and maintenance on some 40 historic structures in the park, including national historic landmarks and world heritage sites, are properly maintained. Preservation of these buildings and any renovations that must be done to them are all a very important part of his job.

We are glad that Charlie is always happy to take the time to share his expertise and suggestions to make the IPI the best it can be!



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Eastern National Bookstore Discount for Educators with ID

Teachers love books and they are a great resource in the classroom. Primary and secondary sources help both teachers and students get a firm grasp on history and help to make it come alive.

As much as teachers like to use books and other resources, they are expensive and often times hard for teachers to buy and something the schools won't always pay for...

Wouldn't it be nice if somewhere would give you a discount just because you are a teacher? Well, you are in luck!

As an educator, you can receive a 15% discount on all purchases at the Eastern National Stores at Independence National Historical

Park and other parks across the country. You will find many useful resources for teaching history as well as unique gifts.

Show your teacher ID when buying any merchandise at the Franklin Court Store (316 Market Street) or the Pemberton House Shop (on Chestnut Street between 3rd and 4th streets) to receive your discount.





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The IPI Education Facility at 325 Walnut Street



The renovation of the new Independence Park Institute (IPI) education facility at 325 Walnut Street is nearing completion. Once operational, this new facility will double the programs and the capacity of the IPI. We will be adding three additional learning labs to those we currently have in the Independence Living History Center. These learning labs will give students the opportunity to experience hands-on, interactive programs in which they can role play as delegates to the 2nd Continental

Congress or Constitutional Convention in a mock-up of the Assembly Room, explore symbols of freedom like the Liberty Bell, or learn about Philadelphia's connections and significant contributions to anti-slavery efforts in the 18th and 19th centuries. Over 30,000 school children per year will be able to participate in IPI education programs at this facility when it is fully operational.

Spread the Word

Tell all the teachers you know about the fun and exciting programs being offered by the Independence Park Institute!

