

HISTORIC PHILADELPHIA GAZETTE

THE HISTORIC PHILADELPHIA GAZETTE IS ALWAYS FREE

NO. 34 ★ NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2008 1



HISTORIC
Philadelphia



National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

Historic
Philadelphia
INCORPORATED

The Gazette
is available also on the Web at
historicphiladelphia.org

IN THIS ISSUE

PAGE 2

Independence Hall Ticketing
Sponsors
Historical Happenings
Franklin Square

PAGE 3

Site Locator
INHP Services & Education

PAGE 4

Historic Philadelphia Map

Gingerbread White House Contest

The National Constitution Center invites children to show off their talents and create their own version of the White House, just as chefs do each year in our nation's capital. For contest rules and information, call (215) 409-6647 or visit constitutioncenter.org.



NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

HISTORICAL HAPPENINGS

NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 1

National Constitution Center, Noon – 2 p.m.: Don't Know Much About Presidents Quiz Show – Kids can put their presidential knowledge to the test in this live, interactive quiz show. Winning teams get free admission and iPod tour.
Free with admission. (215) 409-6700, constitutioncenter.org

NOVEMBER 4

National Constitution Center, 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.: Election Day Celebration – Kids of all ages will have the chance to cast a vote, role play as president, practice their campaign speech, and more. In addition, all visitors can learn more about the exhilarating election process as they explore the *Headed to the White House* exhibition.
Free with admission. (215) 409-6700, constitutioncenter.org

NOVEMBER 9

American Philosophical Society 1-4 p.m.: Second Sunday: Audubon's Bugs of America – A discussion of insects and the birds that prey on them and demonstrations of pinning and mounting techniques.
Free. apsmuseum.org

NOVEMBER 11

National Constitution Center, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.: Veteran's Day Celebration – A moment of silence and wreath-laying at noon to honor veterans is the highlight of a day full of programs exploring our country's history and conflicts.
Free for Veterans; free with museum admission for others. (215) 409-6700, constitutioncenter.org

Betsy Ross House, 12 - 4 p.m.: A

Soldier's Life – In honor of Veterans' Day, a special performance of this favorite, featuring a soldier from Gen. Washington's Continental Army.
Free. (215) 686-1252, betsyrosshouse.org

NOVEMBER 22

Betsy Ross House, 12 - 3 p.m.: Weisgerber Celebration – Meet our new character, Charles Weisgerber, the patriot who restored the Betsy Ross House and collected dimes from Americans to raise the funds to open it to the public. Children are admitted to the House for a dime today in his honor. Also, check out his story in the new book, *Pirates, Patriots, Heroes & Spies* and meet the author.
Free. (215) 686-1252, betsyrosshouse.org

NOVEMBER 28

Franklin Square, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.: Holiday Caroling – Join in as we sing all of your old favorites.
Free. (215) 629-4026, historicphiladelphia.org

Franklin Square, Nov. 28-30 & weekends until Christmas: Santa in the Square – Don't miss this holiday favorite at Franklin Square! The man of the season makes his traditional visit... make sure that you have your Christmas wish list handy.
Free. (215) 629-4026, historicphiladelphia.org

National Constitution Center, Noon – 4 p.m. thru 11/30: Thanksgiving: An American Celebration – Learn what roles the presidents played in the history of Thanksgiving.
Free with admission. (215) 409-6700, constitutioncenter.org



Penns Landing River Rink, 12:30 p.m. - 1 a.m.: Opening Celebration – It's time to think rink as this popular winter tradition kicks off its 15th season. Bring the family and enjoy a day of ice skating. While you're there, try your luck on the Franklin Square Philly Mini golf putt-putt at the rink!
Tickets are \$7 & \$8. (215) 925-RINK, riverrink.com

NOVEMBER 30

Independence Visitor Center, 11 a.m. & 2 p.m.: Shall Never Be Disturbed or Invaded: Did the Trail of Tears Start Here? Did the policies leading to the Trail of Tears in the 1830's begin here? Listen to both sides debate the policies including a Native Chief, and the audience will decide.
Free. (800) 537-7676, nps.gov/inde

DECEMBER

DECEMBER 5-7

Gloria Dei Old Swedes Church, call for show times: Lucia Fest – A special candle-light children's pageant recreating traditional Swedish Christmas customs. *Call for ticket information. (215) 389-1513, nps.gov/inde*

DECEMBER 6

Elfreth's Alley, 5 - 8 p.m.: Deck the Alley Annual winter open house features caroling, holiday fare and special tours.
Advance tickets recommended. Call (215) 574-0560 for ticket information.

DECEMBER 14

American Philosophical Society, 1-4 p.m.: Second Sunday: Collection Containers Learn to make envelopes and boxes from decorative papers and use them to house anything from natural specimens to holiday gifts.
Free. apsmuseum.org

DECEMBER 20

Franklin Square, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.: Holiday Caroling – Join in as we sing all of your old favorites.
Free. (215) 629-4026, historicphiladelphia.org

DECEMBER 25

National Museum of American Jewish History, Noon - 4 p.m.: Being Jewish at Christmas – Annual family program features music, special children's activities and refreshments. *Tickets are \$5 at the door. (215) 923-3811, nmajhb.org*

DECEMBER 26

National Constitution Center, Noon – 4 p.m.: White House Winter Wonderland – Celebrate the winter season presidential style with games, crafts and contests demonstrating how First Families celebrated throughout history.
Free with admission. (215) 409-6700, constitutioncenter.org

ONGOING

APS Museum, regular museum hours: UNDAUNTED: Five American Explorers 1746-2007 – Five Philadelphians profiled using items from the Society's important history of science collections.
Free. (215) 440-3427, apsmuseum.org

APS Museum, regular museum hours: Contemporary Artists at the APS Museum – In Independence Park, see *Drawing Dock Creek*, a site-integrated installation tracing the path of a long-buried colonial waterway. In the museum, *Inside/Outside*, video art and *Mason-Dixon*, map interpretation.
Free. (215) 440-3427, apsmuseum.org

Betsy Ross House, 11 a.m. Sundays: Story Time Sunday with Betsy – Enjoy children's tales from the 18th century as told by America's most famous flagmaker.
Free. (215) 686-1252, betsyrosshouse.org

Tis' the season for winter fun

Stop by and enjoy some hot chocolate and marvel at the park aglow in thousands of lights and seasonal activities. Get your list ready - Santa and Mrs. Claus come for their traditional visits on November 28th-30th and weekends through Christmas!

Park hours and event schedule available at historicphiladelphia.org



FRANKLIN SQUARE

Winter Go 'Round

Use your ticket stub from Franklin Square to receive \$2 off admission to Penn's Landing's River Rink or, get a free ride on the *Philadelphia Park Liberty Carousel* with your River Rink stub, November 28 through December 25. Visit historicphiladelphia.org for more information.

National Park Service

Make sure your plans include time for some of these fascinating... and free... programs presented by the National Park Service:

Independence Visitor Center 3 p.m. Saurdays in Nov.: Chief Teedyuscung Tells All – Celebrate Native American Heritage Month at this 45-minute, first-person, costumed program given by a Park Ranger.

Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank 3 p.m. Sundays in Nov.: What Happened to all the Native People? Celebrate Native American Heritage month and learn what happened to the Lenni Lenape people at this 45-minute, illustrated talk given by a Park Ranger.

3 p.m. Saturdays in Dec.: Slavery & the Underground Railroad – A 45-minute, illustrated talk by a Park Ranger on this important topic.

3 p.m. Sundays in Dec.: The President's House – Learn about the recent dig and the site where Washington and Adams governed and enslaved Africans and others lived and toiled.

12-12:30 p.m. Saturdays & Sundays: Gallery Highlights Tour – A quick tour of the galleries by a Park Ranger.

For more information about any of these programs, call (800) 537-7676 or visit nps.gov/inde

Continued on page 2



HISTORIC PHILADELPHIA GAZETTE



The Gazette is a joint venture of HPI and the National Park Service, produced with the support of the Greater Philadelphia Tourism Marketing Corporation, The City of Philadelphia and other public trusts.

If you have questions, comments or need more information about National Park Service sites or other historic sites in Philadelphia and its countryside, call (800) 537-7676 or go to nps.gov/inde.

HISTORIC PHILADELPHIA, INC. is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting, marketing and providing programming for the historic district. Once Upon A Nation is an initiative of HPI.

For more information about Historic Philadelphia, Inc., call (215) 629-4026 or log on to historicphiladelphia.org.



NO. 34 ★ NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2008

Historic Philadelphia, Inc.

thanks the Partners & Sponsors who support Once Upon A Nation and Franklin Square

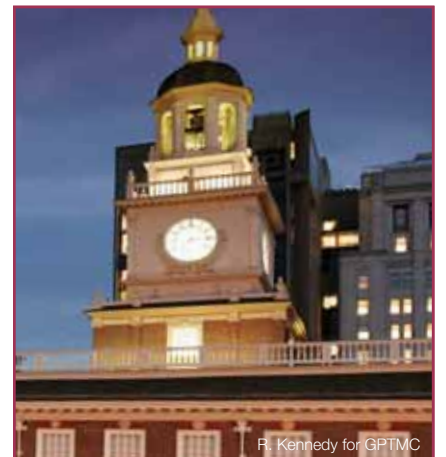
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
National Park Service
Greater Philadelphia Tourism Marketing Corporation
Fairmount Park Commission
City of Philadelphia
The Lenfest Foundation
Philadelphia Park
William Penn Foundation
The Pew Charitable Trusts
ACE INA Foundation
Lincoln Financial Group Foundation
Philadelphia Eagles Go Green
The Philadelphia Foundation
William J. Avery
Brett's Pony
Cash Is King Racing Stable
Team Smarty and the Chapman Family
Valley Forge Convention and Visitors Bureau
PNC

Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources / Schuylkill River Heritage Area Grant Program
Pennsylvania Humanities Council
Lockheed Martin Corporation
Samuel S. Fels Fund
Mr. Wayne S. Spilove
Blank Rome LLP
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Knox
Wine & Spirits
Starr Restaurant Organization
Religious Society of Free Quakers
The Lawrence Saunders Fund
The Home Depot
Amtrak
Omni Hotel at Independence Mall
Independence Visitor Center
The Philadelphia Inquirer
Philadelphia Daily News
Philly.com
WXPN



Make an end of the year, tax-deductible donation, and help us sustain the magic of history. To learn more about supporting Historic Philadelphia, Inc., please visit historicphiladelphia.org or call (215) 629-5801 ext. 207.

Independence National Historical Park does not endorse the organizations and enterprises listed here but we wish to thank them for their generous support of Historic Philadelphia, Inc.



F. Kennedy for GPTMC

To see Independence Hall obtain your FREE, timed ticket at the Independence Visitor Center at 6th and Market Streets. Tickets are given out starting at 8:30 a.m. each day. Early arrivals have the greatest choice of times. Allow about 30 minutes to go through security at 5th & Chestnut Streets.

No tickets needed on Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving and New Year's Day; closed Christmas Day.

Note: use the restrooms in the Visitor Center or across the street from Old City Hall since there are no restrooms inside the secure area.

HISTORICAL HAPPENINGS

Continued from page 1

ONGOING

Betsy Ross House, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. weekends starting 11/28: Historic Holiday Celebration – Enjoy holiday favorites on the hammer dulcimer, colonial crafts and refreshments. Free. (215) 686-1252, betsyrosshouse.org

Christ Church, regular site hours: Slavery in Philadelphia Tour – Stories about slavery in the 1700s and its connection to Christ Church will be woven into guided tours of "the Nation's Church". Learn about famous Revolutionary-era leaders who worshipped here. Suggested donation \$3 adults, \$2 students. (215) 922-1695, christchurchphila.org

Christ Church, hourly until 3 p.m.: Slavery in Philadelphia – The 20-minute guided tour deals with slavery in Philadelphia and the stories of those who are buried in this historic burial ground. Tickets are \$2 for adults, \$1 students, \$10 groups up to 25. (215) 922-1695, christchurchphila.org

Franklin Court, 11:30 a.m. & 2:30 p.m. Sat. & Sun.: Franklin's Glass Music – Enjoy the haunting sounds of Franklin's musical invention. Free. nps.gov/inde

Franklin Square, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. weekends starting 11/28: Carousel Sleigh Rides with Santa – Get your picture taken with Santa and enjoy a free ride on the Philadelphia Park Liberty Carousel. (215) 629-4026, historicphiladelphia.org

Independence Visitor Center, 9-10:30 a.m. Saturdays: Breakfast with Ben – Enjoy breakfast with Benjamin Franklin, and learn about everything from his swim fins to his bifocals, and even pose for photos with Philadelphia's famous founding father. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$13 for children 12 and under. (800) 537-7676, independencevisitorcenter.com

Independence Visitor Center, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. in Dec.: Holidays at the Center Holiday fun, including music by local choirs and musical groups, shopping and more. Free. (215) 965-7676, independencevisitorcenter.com/holidays

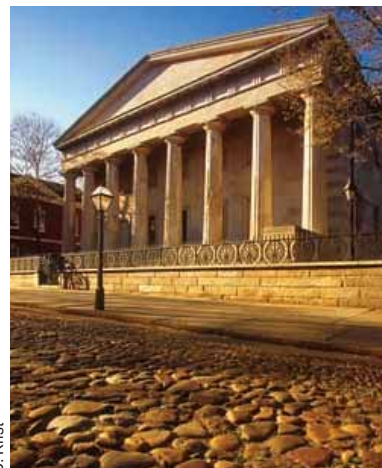
National Constitution Center, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (12-3 p.m. weekends): Election '08: The Power of We Lobby Programming – It's "election central" with a chance to cast your vote, see voting booths from the past, discuss campaign issues and more. Free. (215) 409-6700, constitutioncenter.org

National Constitution Center, regular museum hours thru 12/14: Headed to the White House – Be a part of all the excitement of a presidential election with role-playing, multimedia and interactive experiences that help visitors of all ages learn about the electoral process and the candidates. Tickets are \$15 for adults; \$14 seniors; \$9 children. (215) 409-6700, constitutioncenter.org

National Constitution Center, Daily thru 11/4: Hindsight is Always 20/20 Civic art installation on the museum's lawn features light boxes bearing words from each president's State of the Union addresses. Free. (215) 409-6700, constitutioncenter.org

New Hall Military Museum, 3 p.m. Saturdays & Sundays: Barnacles and Bullets – A look at U.S. military history. Free. nps.gov/inde

Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank, times and days vary: Free Programming A variety of programming including a look at the Underground Railroad, the President's House excavation and more. Ask at the Visitor Center for details. Free. (800) 537-7676, nps.gov/inde



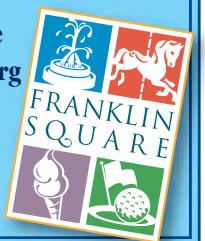
B. Krist

Enter for your chance to win **2** round-trip tickets on the Acela Express® in the

Franklin Square
Home for the Holidays Sweepstakes.

Sponsored by Amtrak.

Enter drawing in Franklin Square or online at historicphiladelphia.org through December 31, 2008.



Support Historic Philadelphia, Inc. this holiday season by
Naming a Brick in Franklin Square...

MAKE YOUR MARK
ON A BRICK IN
FRANKLIN SQUARE

in honor of a loved one.

To learn more about making your donation, visit
Franklin Square or historicphiladelphia.org.

