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BEN FRANKLIN SOCIETY **FUND-RAISING EVENTS** 

MAY 2017

#### FELLOW SOCIETY AND FUTURE MEMBERS

Our Sunday Brunch in April was sold-out. The next BreadWorks Event - our 1st Tomato Pie Buffet with Music this Season - was scheduled for Saturday May 27th. Philadelphia's own, Jim Smith, was to perform for us! Staffing issues have arisen that necessitate I cancel this Event. Please accept my apology. So sorry!

Our BreadWorks Dining and Entertainment Events are crafted to be memorable social activities that help build friendships the Ben Franklin Society way - 'by bringing people together, face-to-face, to improve ourselves and the world around us."

BreadWorks is an exclusive NC "private club" for Society Members only; however, Everyone is welcome to join. The Ben Franklin Society is *inclusive* and works hard to *reach-out* and invites everyone from a broad geographic area to join. We are an apolitical, non-religious, Non-Profit Organization. Over 80% of our 600+ Members reside outside of Franklin County! Membership dues are very affordable (see PAGE-2). Although Associate and Guest memberships may always be purchased "at the door", we encourage you to renew your 2017 Annual Membership Dues now. Other Membership categories include: Individual, Family, Group and Corporate.

Join us and help make a positive contribution to your community. Read about our latest activities on PAGE-2 Society News, and on PAGE-3 where this month we promote our Society's Educational Mission.

Encourage your employer, or other organizations to which you belong, to become an Affiliated Member Organization. Explain the special benefits of doing so to them that are described on PAGE-3. Affiliated Organization LOGOs are also displayed free-of-charge in our monthly Newsletter on PAGE-4.

Become an active member. Your support is essential if our community service projects are to continue "enhancing the educational, cultural and economic development of Franklin County by leveraging its natural and historic resources."

To do so, participate in one of our many community service initiatives - attend an upcoming BreadWorks Fundraising Event, donate books and supplies or volunteer to be a career advisor for our Early College High School (ECHS) project, join our Cabin Book Club, help with our County Mill Site Inventory or support our Affiliated Member Organizations.

I hope to see you soon at one of our upcoming monthly BreadWorks Events. Please download and read our monthly Newsletter. Hopefully I can remedy my staffing issues soon.



**BOB RADCLIFFE** CHAIRMAN/PRESIDENT - BEN FRANKLIN SOCIETY

## \* SATURDAY MAY 27TH AT 5:00PM

## OUTDOOR TOMATO PIE BUFFET WITH MUSIC BY PHILADELPHIA'S JIM SMITH



Salad Greens, Chips and Dip Appetizers Bottled Sodas, Sweet Tea and Mixers - BYOB (LEARN MORE ABOUT TOMATO PIE HERE)

Music starts at 5:30pm

**\$20.00** prix fixe + tip



#### RESERVATIONS and CURRENT MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED

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## **SOCIETY HEADQUARTERS** Lynch Creek Farm Log Cabin

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BEN FRANKLIN SOCIETY SOCIETY NEWS

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#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

To enhance the educational, cultural and economic development of Franklin County by leveraging its natural and historic resources

## ANNUAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP DUES

GUEST \$2.50 ASSOCIATE \$7.50 INDIVIDUAL \$15 FAMILY \$25 GROUP \$50 CORPORATION \$100+

"The Ben Franklin Society performs a collection of independent Research Projects"

"Society Members work on Projects of choice either individually, or in collaboration with others"

"The Society meets twice yearly, while Projects maintain their own activity schedule"

"The Society provides funding, promotion and staffing assistance for all Projects"

"Project Leaders make presentations about their Research Projects at semi-annual Society Meetings"

"Project Leaders are encouraged to utilize computer technology to assemble, communicate and publish their findings"

## **Ben Franklin Society NEWS**

FACEBOOK.COM/BENFRANKLINSOCIETY
SEARCH FACEBOOK FOR "BREADWORKS AT LYNCH CREEK FARM CABIN"

#### FRANKLIN COUNTY EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL (ECHS) PROJECT

We continue to work closely with ECHS Principal, Erica Shoulders-Royster. The Society Board of Directors recently voted to expand our commitment to ECHS "where we can have immediate impacts upon Student Instruction". ECHS has been elevated to BFS "Signature Project" status for 2017.

Currently, ECHS only has ONE Computer Teaching Cart with 30 Chromebook Computers being shared by over 200 Students; Dr. Mubenga, Superintendent of FC Schools, has earmarked TWO additional GCC Carts; the BEN FRANKLIN SOCIETY has pledged to donate ONE GCC Cart; and Bob Radcliffe has submitted a Grant Proposal to NOVOZYMES for THREE GCC Carts - hopefully providing a total of SEVEN GCC Carts that can service up to 210 students for the upcoming Fall Term. Each new fully equipped Teaching Cart is estimated to cost \$7800.

While preparing the NOVOZYMES Proposal, Bob discovered that the we must pay NC Sales Tax on all purchases - that's nearly \$500 per GCC Cart!. See his Franklin Times Letter to the Editor on PAGE-3 - a reworked version of which has been submitted to the Raleigh News&Observer. Bob has also met with State Senator Chad Barefoot and contacted Keith Poston with www.NCForum.org.

#### MAY CABIN BOOK CLUB / BEN FRANKLIN CIRCLE



Our Cabin Book Club has grown to over 20 members and our monthly Club Meetings are having consistently good attendance. Members are finding the discussions very worth while. They also have found the Wine and Hordoeurves a welcome addition! Consider joining - Contact Kerry Carter: Phone 267-973-8143 or Email cka@lynchcreek.com

Our BOOK CLUB will next meet on Tuesday, MAY 16<sup>™</sup>, 2017 AT 3:30PM - Cabin Headquarters - Lynch Creek Farm.

Our May Book-of-the-Month selection is "America's First Daughter" by Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamoie

#### RENEW YOUR ANNUAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

It's a new year, and time to RENEW your Annual Ben Franklin Society Membership. Membership is required to attend our advertise BreadWorks Events. You may renew you own, or your Guests Membership, in person, at any BreadWorks event.

#### **News & Observer: "Best Kept Secret in Franklin County"**

We received the Raleigh NEWS & OBSERVER (N&O) paper contest award as the "Best Kept Secret in Franklin County" in July 2014. The statewide contest selected one Site in each of the 100 Counties of North Carolina. Read the Article online at http://www.newsobserver.com/2014/07/06/3988523/exploring-the-country-roads-in n.html?sp=/99/100/&ihp=1

#### CIRCA MAGAZINE - BREADWORKS REVIEW

In the 2015 April-May-June Quarterly edition of CIRCA Magazine, The BreadWorks at Lynch Creek Farm was featured in the "Driveable Destinations" column that highlights venues within driving distance of Wake Forest/Wake county, NC. The story is available at https://wakeforestmuseum.org/2015/05/14/breadworks-at-the-lynch-creek-farm-cabin/

#### **UNC-TV FEATURES PEGGY'S HEARTH & GARDEN ON "ALMANAC GARDENER"**

UNC-TV aired two 5-minute segments of Peggy's Hearth & Garden on the statewide "Almanac Gardener" show in June 2015. Peggy's Colonial Kitchen Garden was aired on June 13th at noon, and her Colonial Kitchen (Open Hearth)" was aired on June 20th at noon - thanks to Bill Lord who filmed the footage at Peggy's Farm on October 14, 2014. To view the videos, use the embedded links above or visit http://video.unctv.org/program/almanac-gardener/. To plan a Tour for your Group, contact Peggy McGhee at pwmkitchen@gmail.com



**VIDEOs** 

#### USE THE LINKS ⇒ BELOW TO VIEW VIDEOS WE CREATED ABOUT THE BEN FRANKLIN SOCIETY

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vATvasAkV2E
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gjLTiSLj02A
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2XZIm4Ybcq0
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SlUrMaliP70
- http://video.unctv.org/video/2365508711/
- http://video.unctv.org/video/2365513503/

Lynch Creek Farm Cabin Tour

BreadWorks Tomato Pie with Bob Radcliffe

Colonial Hearth Day - 2014

Peggy's Hearth & Garden - 2015

Peggy's Colonial Kitchen Garden - UNC-TV

Peggy's Kitchen (Open Hearth) - UNC-TV



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### Fellow Society Members -

I am asking each of you to Email your NC State Representatives both Senate and House - and ask them to "Eliminate the Sales Tax on Public School Purchases".

Our ECHS Society Project is diligently working to provide Each ECHS Student with a Chromebook Computer and needed Classroom Library Books by this Fall. These classroom instructional materials are essential today, not optional or wishlist items.

This Sales Tax change will benefit All Schools throughout the 100 Counties in North Carolina.

With you and your friends help, the Ben Franklin Society can make a huge statewide impact.

Please help - act now! Thanks.

**Bob Radcliffe** 

# Letters to the editor

# Why do NC schools pay sales tax, await rebates?

Dear editor

My work through the Ben Franklin Society with the Franklin County Early College High School (ECHS), has convinced me of the dire need for basic student instructional materials - that's computers and books!

I have recently been shocked to learn that North Carolina is one of only five states (AZ, CA, NC, SC and WA) that collects sales tax on public school purchases (computers, books, supplies etc) - that's 6.75 percent in Franklin County.

At a time when the State Legislature is effectively cutting public school funding, expanding the school voucher program, and lowering the tax rate for corporations - that sales tax amounts to a lot of money, that otherwise could provide essential classroom instructional materials.

Why is NC taxing public school purchases?

What do the other 45 states know that NC doesn't?

In my humble opinion this is a glar-

ing example of bad public policy!

If this upsets you too, please contact your Franklin County State Representatives (listed below) and ask them why and to please eliminate the sales tax on all public scholl purchases:

Contact State Senator Chad. Barefoot@ncleg.net

Contact State Representative Bobbie. Richardson@ncleg.net

Contact State Representative Jeff. Collins@ncleg.net

If you are told that counties can apply for a sales tax rebate, ask, "why then collect the tax to begin with?"

The purchases must first be made by the school system, then any rebates returned at a later time to the county (but not necessarily to the county school system — not to mention the cash flow considerations and administrative costs of the rebate program at both the county and state level.

Simply eliminate the sales tax on public school purchases!

Bob Radcliffe Kittrell (Rocky Ford)

#### Affiliated Organizations

- ONE FREE CABIN MEETING PER YEAR
- "BLANKET" ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP
- ATTEND ANY BREADWORKS EVENT
- FREE NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

**OUR SUBSCRIBER LIST NOW EXCEEDS 1100** 

Join other Organizations that have chosen to collaborate with the Ben Franklin Society.

Extend the social benefits of our monthly BreadWorks Dining and Entertainment Events to your Membership and utilize our outstanding Cabin Meeting Facility for your business needs.

Explore the co-fundraising strategies we have successfully employed.

Build a more robust and expanded community of volunteers.

Successful Events foster membership growth and organizational commitment.

Our Society presently has over 600 Members - 80% of which reside outside of Franklin County.

The Ben Franklin Society is a 501(c)(3), Non-Profit, North Carolina Corporation dedicated "to enhance the educational, cultural and economic development of Franklin County by leveraging its natural and historic resources". Donations to the Society are tax-deductible. Society membership is open to everyone. BreadWorks is the Society Fund-Raising Project that is a collaboration with Lynch Creek Farm. BreadWorks Dining and Entertainment Events are announced in our Bread-Works Newsletter that is distributed by e-mail and posted on our Website and Facebook page each month. Anyone can subscribe online to receive our Newsletter; however BreadWorks Events are private and attendees must be current Ben Franklin Society members. Memberships are available at the door. Twenty percent (20%) of each BreadWorks Event is tax-deductible. No alcoholic beverages are served at BreadWorks Events, but you may B.Y.O.B. Parking is always free-of-charge.



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Raleigh, NC

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PERSON PLACE Preservation Society

www.personplace.org



American Wine Society

www.AWStriangle.org

House & Garden Club
Henderson, NC

Friends of H. Leslie Perry Memorial Library

www.perrylibrary.org/friendsoflibrary.html



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