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BEN FRANKLIN SOCIETY
FUND-RAISING EVENTS

DECEMBER 2017



ANNUAL HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28TH, 2017

FROM 3:00 - 6:00PM

FREE DRINKS AND HORDOEUVRES

BRING A NEW MEMBER
(RESERVATIONS REQUESTED)

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

We are making a special effort this year to REQUEST RENEWAL of your ANNUAL DUES at this time. Bob Radcliffe was unable to offer as many BreadWorks Fund-Raising Events in 2017 as anticipated - due to staffing and family health-related matters.

Most Members typically renew their dues when they attend a BreadWorks Event.

Instead, to accelerate our cash flow this year (in support of our activities at ECHS), please **SUBMIT PAYMENT** for your **ANNUAL DUES** at this time.

Individual (\$7.50), Family (\$25), Non-profit Group (\$50) and Corporate (\$100).

Make your DUES payable to: BEN FRANKLIN SOCIETY, 1973 Rocky Ford Road, Kittrell, NC 27544.

ECHS DONATIONS

Please consider making a Tax-Deductable Donation in support of our ECHS Teacher Partnership Initiative. We are funding Classroom Needs beyond the reach of ECHS Teacher and School Budgets. We have identified **NEEDS** specific to each Teacher's Classroom that we believe are **ESSENTIAL** and which will **IMMEDIATELY IMPACT** Student Achievement like:

Lab Supplies, Graphing Calculators, Quiz Kits, Book Sets, Software Licenses, Class Trip etc.

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We will provide a status report on all ECHS Classroom Purchases in future Newsletters.

RESERVATIONS and CURRENT MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED

Call 252-767-1167 or Email bob@lynchcreek.com

Payment accepted by Cash, Check or Credit Card

We only accept VISA, MasterCard, AMEX and DISCOVER

SOCIETY HEADQUARTERS

Lynch Creek Farm Log Cabin

1973 Rocky Ford Road

Kittrell, NC 27544

www.LynchCreek.com



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[SEARCH FACEBOOK FOR "BREADWORKS AT LYNCH CREEK FARM CABIN"](#)

FRANKLIN COUNTY EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL PLAN

Now that our Society has been successful in its efforts to provide a Chromebook Computer for each Student at ECHS, we are re-doubling our efforts to find and remove other obstacles to student success:

- Bob has a 1-on-1 meeting scheduled with new Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Rhonda Schuhler, in December regarding the need for a new ECHS Campus Building. Details to follow in January.
- Our new ECHS Teacher Partnership Volunteer Program linking two Society Members with each of the seven Teachers in underway. We have begun work to identify and fund classroom needs.
- We will help design a new Promotional Brochure that projects a powerful image and clearer understanding of ECHS county-wide.

DECEMBER CABIN BOOK CLUB / BEN FRANKLIN CIRCLE

Our Cabin Book Club has grown to over 20 members who share a love of reading and literary endeavors. Our monthly Club Meetings have consistently good attendance. Read our selection and join us for a lively and challenging book discussions. Wine and hordoeurves are included. Contact Kerry Carter at 267-973-8143 to join.



Our next BOOK CLUB meeting: Tuesday, DECEMBER 19TH, 2017 AT 3:30PM - Lynch Creek Farm Cabin

**** We will hold a Ben Franklin Circle Discussion of Ben's Thirteen Virtues ****

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 initially aired on June 13th, and her [Colonial Kitchen \(Open Hearth\)](#) was aired on June 20th - 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.uncvtv.org/program/almanac-gardener/>. To plan a Tour for your Group, contact Peggy McGhee at pwmkitchen@gmail.com

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

"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"



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

- ⇨ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vATvasAkV2E> Lynch Creek Farm Cabin Tour
- ⇨ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gjLTiSLj02A> BreadWorks Tomato Pie with Bob Radcliffe
- ⇨ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2XZIm4Ybcq0> Colonial Hearth Day - 2014
- ⇨ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SIUrMajIP70> Peggy's Hearth & Garden - 2015
- ⇨ <http://video.uncvtv.org/video/23655087111> Peggy's Colonial Kitchen Garden - UNC-TV
- ⇨ <http://video.uncvtv.org/video/2365513503/> Peggy's Kitchen (Open Hearth) - UNC-TV



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SUCCESSFUL "CABIN THANKSGIVING MEAL" FUNDRAISER

Our first-ever Thanksgiving Day Fundraiser was a huge success. Over \$650 was Donated in support of our new ECHS Teacher-Partnership. Twenty-two Society Members attended and enjoyed a fantastic assortment of dishes: Stuffed Turkey, Glazed Ham, Mashed and Sweet Potatoes, Corn and Butterbean Succotash, String Beans with Bacon Dressing, Assorted Rolls, Pies and other Desserts.

FOUR VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR OUR ECHS TEACHER PARTNERSHIP

We are still looking for 4 more Volunteers to bring our total to 14 so that we have a Two-member Team for each Teacher at ECHS. We started this Initiative on November 20th. Teams are scheduling meeting with the Teachers at ECHS now. Thanks to Volunteers: Kerry Carter, Linda Lamb, Art Beveridge, Lenora Branche, Dave Wanner, Jack Hussey, Joanne Carpenter, Thomas Flynn, Sharon Billings and Margaret Hilpert. We have our 2nd Volunteer Meeting at the Cabin planned for Monday, December 11th at 11:00am. If you would like to Volunteer, contact Bob Radcliffe at 252-767-1167 or bob@lynchcreek.com

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP & BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The Society's required Annual Membership and Board of Directors Meeting will coincide with our HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE, and as usual, vote for: Board Member Nominations, BY-LAW Changes, 2018 Membership Dues, Old & New Business.

FCEF "CHRISTMAS WISH" RAFFLE SUPPORT

The Ben Franklin Society purchased two \$50 Raffle Tickets in support of the Franklin County Educational Foundation - our parent affiliate for our Business Partnership with the Early College High School (ECHS). The Prize Drawing is scheduled for Saturday, December 2nd at the Franklin High School. We could win up to \$10,000. ****NEWS FLASH: We WON \$1000 CASH****

ONLINE BreadWorks NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES

This is a reminder that anyone can receive our monthly BreadWorks Newsletter by email. Simply go to either www.BenFranklinSocietyNC.org or www.lynchcreek.com and complete our Subscription Form that only requires Your Name and Email Address. We DO NOT share, sell or otherwise divulge this information. .

FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES?

We may begin offering Movie Events at our Log Cabin in 2018. These Social and Educational gatherings will be casual, include snacks and a DVD Movie. Let Bob know if this sounds interesting to you.

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.

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 BreadWorks 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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FEATURED ACTIVITIES

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ELIMINATE THE NC SALES TAX ON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Our Public School advocacy extends beyond ECHS and Franklin County for the benefit of all Public Schools statewide. Bob continues to research and advocate to remove the unfair taxation of Public Schools. See Bob's recent Franklin Times Letter-to-the-Editor =>

SUPPORT THE HISTORIC PERSON PLACE

The Person Place Preservation Association is an Organizational Member of the Ben Franklin Society. We gladly help promote the activities of our Affiliated Organizations in our monthly BreadWorks Newsletter.



THE HISTORIC PERSON PLACE

invites you to a

19th Century Christmas Open House

~ Open to the public free of charge ~

The Person Place (circa 1789)

605 North Main Street, Louisburg, NC

Friday, December 8, 2017

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

*Hosted by Louisburg Historic District Neighborhood Association
& Person Place Preservation Society.*

The Victorian Carolers ~ 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

A 19th Century Parlor Tableau ~ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm



**A FEELING OF OLD CHRISTMAS SURROUNDS YOU AS YOU ENJOY CIDER AND
TOUR THE HOUSE ADORNED WITH FRESH GREENERY, FRUIT, NUTS, BERRIES AND CANDLES.**

Letter to editor

State's sales tax scheme is hurting public schools

Dear editor:

Nothing is more important to families than the education of their children.

Over 30 percent of Franklin County property taxes go towards funding public education.

Additionally, state funding for education exceeds 40 percent of its total expenditures.

Ordinary people view public schools as an important function of government.

Why then are public schools in NC treated unfairly by the NCDOR (NC Department of Revenue)?

Why does NC remain one of only five states in the USA that impose sales tax on public school purchases?

Let me cite three glaring examples of what I am talking about:

1) Why are public schools taxed differently than local governments?

Local government purchases are taxed; however, unlike public schools, local government can get a refund of both the local and state portion of sales tax. In Franklin County, that's 2 percent local and 4-3/4 percent state. Public schools are only refunded the 2 percent local tax, and must pay the 4-3/4 percent state tax portion for purchases like books and computers for example. Statewide, these revenues account for over \$30,000,000 per year.

2) Why are public schools taxed differently than non-profit, private charter schools?

The dramatic expansion of private charter schools, organized as 501(c)(3) non-profits, have a distinct tax advantage over public schools. Like public schools, non-profit charter schools pay sales tax; however, they can apply for a full refund, whereas public schools must still pay 4-3/4 percent.

3) Why are public schools taxed differently than for-profit, private charter schools?

The recent introduction of for-profit, private charter schools in NC still have the same tax advantages over public schools as non-profit, private charter schools. Although organized as a 501(c)(3) non-profit, they have an operating agreement with a for-profit charter management company. For all practical purposes, aren't these entities just shell companies?

Why not eliminate the sales tax for both local government and public schools altogether?

The costs incurred by NC to collect, record, audit and then refund taxes paid to over 300 such entities statewide can no longer be justified.

It has been since 2005 that public school purchases have been taxed as described.

At the time, budget shortfalls justified imposing sales tax on both local government and public schools.

State population and economic growth since then have supplanted the need to continue this tax policy.

Perhaps these unfair taxes are the source of monies used by the legislature to create and expand the school voucher program to over \$30,000,000 next year.

I thought the cornerstone of all tax policy was "FAIRNESS"?

Bob Radcliffe
Kittrell, NC



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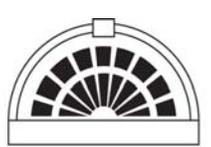
 **American Wine Society**
www.NorthWakeAWS.org

WINE 101
www.WineandBeer101.com


Wake Forest Camera Club
www.wfccnc.org

Capital City Camera Club
Raleigh, NC
www.capcitycameraclub.com

The Tar River Center
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