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Independence National Historical Park Programs

Philadelphia – Looking for something fun to do that’s outdoors, indoors, educational and entertaining? Enjoy the cooler weather by visiting Independence National Historical Park! Join a park ranger for our many fall programs. All programs are free and reservations are not required.

September & October 2010

Franklin Court

“The British Occupation of Philadelphia” Join a Park Ranger for this one- hour walking tour and explore what it was like when British forces occupied the city in late September for nine months. Meet at the entrance of the Franklin Court Underground Museum, **Saturdays and Sundays in September, 2:00pm.**

“Franklin’s Glass Armonica,” Thirty-minute Glass Armonica demonstration in the Franklin Court Underground Museum, **Saturdays and Sundays, noon & 2:30pm.**

Second Bank of the United States

“Our Constitution” Meet a Park Ranger for a 45-minute illustrated program about the Constitutional Convention, which George Washington later described as little short of a “miracle in Philadelphia.” **Friday, September 17th, Saturday, September 18th and Sunday, September 19th at 1:00pm.**

“Moses Williams: Cutter of Profiles” In this 15-minute program, hear the amazing story of Moses Williams who learned to operate the Physiognotrace to earn his freedom and a good living making silhouettes in Peale’s Museum. **Wednesday through Sunday, 11:30am and 1:30pm.**

“Stories of Struggle” As the nation began to develop, not all people achieved what Thomas Jefferson described as “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.” Enslaved Africans, women seeking equality and the right to vote, and Native Americans who were forcibly removed from their lands, decimated by war and disease are just some of these Stories of Struggle. Join a Park Ranger for a 30-minute illustrated program in the Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank. **Wednesday through Sunday at 3:00pm.**

EXPERIENCE YOUR AMERICA

The National Park Service cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.

“Lesser Known Stories of Independence Hall” Join a Park Ranger in the Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank to hear about little known events that took place in Independence Hall after the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Learn about the fugitive slave trials, the huge mastodon bones assembled in Peale’s gallery on the second floor, and more! **Wednesday through Sunday at 4:00pm.**

New Hall Military Museum

“Barnacles & Bullets” Enjoy a 15-minute program about life for the average sailor and soldier during the Revolution. **Saturdays and Sundays at 4:00pm.**

Germantown White House

“Oney Judge at the Germantown White House” Actress Alexandra Ford will portray Oney Judge, an enslaved African held by George Washington, who seized her freedom in 1796 while living in Philadelphia. **Saturday, September 18th, 1 - 3 pm.**

“Revolutionary Germantown Festival” Meet British Commanding General William Howe at the Germantown White House. **Saturday, October 2nd, 1- 3 pm.**

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