



Benjamin Banneker
Historical Park and Museum

Programs and Events
Summer 2017



**Let's Explore Nature with the
 Cat in the Hat:**

Miles and Miles of Reptiles

Saturday, May 6; 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Bring the little ones for some Seussian Science fun! May's featured book will be *Miles and Miles of Reptiles!* We'll read the book, look at some live animals, and go on an outdoor adventure.
Children ages 3 - 8; \$3 per child / \$10 family rate



**Rain Garden Workshop with the Patapsco
 Heritage Greenway**

Saturday, May 6; 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Come learn about rain gardens from Lauren Turner of Lauren's Garden Service and do some spring clean-up at our rain garden under her tutelage. We will meet at the garden for an introductory talk and Q & A session on rain gardens and their importance to the environment. Afterwards we will do some weeding, planting, and mulching. Wear appropriate shoes and clothing, bring water, sun protection, and your own garden tools and work gloves, or borrow ours.

Adults and teens; FREE

Advance registration required through the Patapsco Heritage Greenway at www.patapscoheritagegreenway.org/events



**The Secret Life of the Desert Box
 Turtle: Adaptations and
 Associations**

Saturday, May 6; 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Join the Mid-Atlantic Turtle and Tortoise Society in welcoming Sandy Barnett, who will discuss the behavioral and physiological adaptations that allow this turtle that loves moisture, high humidity, and moderate temperatures to thrive in the harsh deserts of the southwestern United States and Mexico. She also will give her insights into the species' captive husbandry.

Adults and teens; FREE

Oella House and Garden Tour

Saturday May 13; 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Join us for a delightful day exploring Oella, and learn about the village that grew up around Banneker and the Ellicotts. Travel by mini-bus and explore 16 sites in Oella including the Banneker Museum, our Molly Bannaky House, Mt. Gilboa AME Church, the George Ellicott House, B&O Railroad Museum, historic mill homes and modern residences. Proceeds to benefit historical interpretation in the park and Oella community. More information and tickets available at <http://www.mhgp.org/>

Adults and teens; \$35 in advance / \$40 at-door

What's Cookin', Mr. Banneker?

Saturday, May 13; 1 - 3 p.m.

A late spring meal will be prepared in Mr. Banneker's cabin this afternoon. Drop by, chat with costumed interpreters and witness 18th century cooking techniques at the hearth.

All ages; FREE No registration necessary

**Helping Butterflies and Bees: Get
 Going on a Native Garden**

Friday, May 19; 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Our bees and butterflies are in trouble - find out how you can help as we explore the Banneker pollinator garden to learn how to create a native butterfly garden or pollinator patch in your yard. Find out what plants will survive deer and Catonsville clay and still look great. While in the garden we will also look for early season pollinators and butterflies. Take home a personalized garden design and a plant to get you started.

Adults and children 10+

\$3 per person/\$10 family rate



*Advance registration is required for all
 programs unless otherwise specified.*

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Nature Journaling Hike

Saturday, May 27;
10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Benjamin Banneker's nature journals recorded observations that are still consulted today. Now it's your turn to learn the joys of nature journaling. As you hike with a Naturalist you will discover how nature journaling can help you to slow down and connect with nature, improve your observation and meditation skills, all while working your muscles, breathing fresh air and having fun. This is a skill you can turn into a hobby, enjoy any time of the year, and for the rest of your life, maybe even leaving a legacy to be enjoyed by generations! Dress for a long unhurried hike with sturdy shoes. Journal provided; bring several pencils.

Ages 12 - Adult; \$5 per person



"The First Americans Were Africans"

Saturday, June 3; 1 - 3:30 p.m.

Join the Friends of Banneker Museum as award winning author Dr. David Imhotep takes us on a journey in time over the span of 56,000 years. He will provide the audience with multiple sources of documented evidence supporting his book, *The First Americans Were Africans*. Following this thought provoking presentation there will be an interactive question and answer period.

Adults and teens

\$10.00 members / \$15.00 non-members

Colonial Market Fair

Saturday, June 10; 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 11; 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Travel back in time to life in the eighteenth century and enjoy an interactive visit with costumed crafters, tradesmen, sutlers and musicians. Stop by Mr. Banneker's cabin, hike his farmstead trails, and learn the story of this amazing African American writer, astronomer, mathematician and surveyor of our nation's capital. Lots of hands-on activities including colonial crafts and games for children.

All ages; FREE, \$5 donation for parking

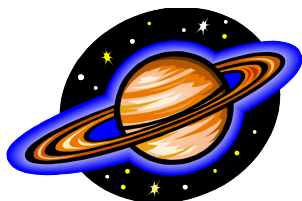
Time Keepers: Planets and Stars

Friday, June 16; 8:30 - 10 p.m.

Have you ever wondered how the ancients determined the time of the day and night without electrical devices, or how they divided the day

into the periods of afternoon and evening? Just as spectacularly, Benjamin Banneker used the planets and almanacs to verify a timeframe. Join us as we learn about the amazements and wonders of the skies. Guests are welcome to stay after sunset and, weather permitting, enjoy views of the night sky through telescopes.

Adults and Teens; FREE



10th Annual Juneteenth Celebration

Saturday, June 17; 12 - 3 p.m.

Come and go with us on our annual journey of songs and stories as Master Griots share with us stories of past Heroes and Sheroes. Follow segments of the Underground Railroad with Harriet Tubman and listen as these master storytellers unweave amazing stories of strength, honor and hope relevant to all cultures. This will take place on the front lawn of the Molly Bannaky House near the Compass Pavilion.

All ages

FREE *No registration necessary*

Nature's Night Lights

Saturday, July 1; 8 - 9:30 p.m.

Light up your life and make some memories as you get to know one of the joys of a Maryland summer.

We'll be getting to know our lightning bugs, fireflies and glowworms up close and personal.

Dress for the weather. Bring a flashlight and bug box.

Adults and children 5+

\$3 per person/\$10 family rate



Basket Making Workshop: Comb Basket

Saturday, July 22; 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Every colonial home had this small attractive basket, made especially to hold combs. Combs were very expensive, difficult to make and important grooming tools used to comb hair and remove lice. Expert basket weaver Joan Betzold will walk us through its construction. Basket materials supplied. Bring lunch, pencil, scissors, tape measure, bucket, towel, 12 clothespins or clamps.

Adults and teens

\$40 per person

Trace Your Roots: Find a Benjamin Banneker in Your Family Tree Genealogy Workshops

Saturdays; July 8, August 19, or September 9;

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Led by Master Genealogist, Angela Y. Walton-Raji, for beginning and seasoned family historians. Participants will learn the basic steps from exploring family artifacts and documents to standard records such as census, vital records, military records and other public records. Bring your lunch and laptop.

Adults and older teens

\$15 Members / \$18.00 Non-Members



Groovin' with Ben and his Friends in 2017:

Sterling Silver Jazz:

Saturday, June 24; 6 - 8:30 p.m.

Fruition Experience:

Saturday, July 15; 6 - 8:30 p.m.

Todd Marcus:

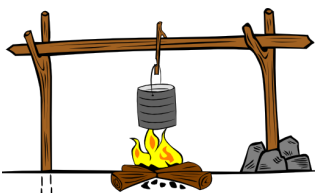
Saturday, July 29; 6 - 8:30 p.m.

The Friends of Benjamin Banneker Historical Park and Museum, Inc. present their first, second and third fundraisers in the 2017 annual jazz concert series. Monies raised from these concerts provide support for ongoing educational, historical and cultural programs at the Banneker Park and Museum. This is a great venue for an adult birthday, retirement or anniversary celebration. While you are here, enjoy the museum and grounds.

All ages; \$20.00 per person, children under 12 are free. Advance registration required: Call 443-212-8026 for tickets and other information.

What's Cookin' Mr. Banneker?

Saturday, July 22; 1 - 3 p.m.



Summer delights will be on the hearth in Mr. Banneker's cabin this afternoon. Come visit with our costumed interpreters and see what's cookin'.

All ages

FREE No registration necessary

Banneker and Space Travel: Hidden Figures

Friday, July 28; 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Banneker was one of the first African Americans who enjoyed math and studied the stars, but he certainly wasn't the last. Enjoy the recent movie *Hidden Figures* that sheds light on the role of three African American female mathematicians involved in our effort to get an American into space in the 1960s, followed by a discussion connecting Banneker's work to recent advancements in space exploration. *Adults and children 7+; FREE*

MOSS WORKSHOP

Join the Natural History Society of Maryland for an in-depth study of selected mosses at Banneker Park.

Adults and teens

\$10 donation to NHSM

Saturdays; May 27, June 24, July 29, or August 26
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

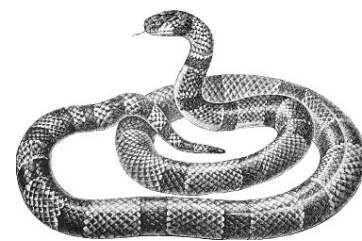
Super Snakes

Saturday, August 5;

1:30 - 3 p.m.

What has no legs, no arms and climbs trees on its belly? If you know, or want to know, visit us this afternoon as Dr. Ray Bosmans shows us his critters and tells us all about Maryland's snakes.

All ages; FREE

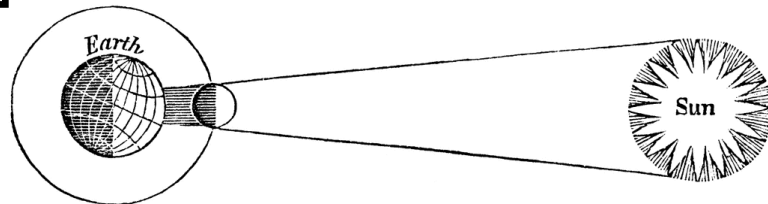


Get Ready for the Great American Eclipse of 2017

Friday, August 11, 7 - 8 p.m.

Are you ready? In just a few days we'll witness a total eclipse of the Sun. Join us this evening as Jim O'Leary from the Maryland Science Center helps us understand what to expect in Maryland, how and when to safely see the eclipse, and how eclipses were viewed through history.

Adults and children 8+; FREE



Whooo's Up for Owls?

Saturday, August 12; 1:30 - 3 p.m.

Mr. Banneker undoubtedly enjoyed the comforting hoot of our native barred owl, just as we do today in the park. Join us for an up-close look at the live owls from Caitlin Dunbar Nature Center (Girl Scout Camp Ilchester). Learn about the adaptations that make them stealthy hunters and fascinating critters.

All ages; \$2 per person

Eclipse Watch: View the Solar Eclipse

Monday, August 21; 1 - 4 p.m.

Banneker predicted and experienced the solar eclipse of 1791. Join us at the museum this afternoon for informal learning and viewing throughout the afternoon as we watch this memorable phenomenon unfold.

All ages; FREE

Don't miss out! Drop us an email at BannekerMuseum@BaltimoreCountyMD.gov and we'll put you on our list to receive a program update once a month!

Banneker Discovery Camp 2017



Registration Now Open!

3 Sessions; 2 Age Groups!

Ages 6 - 8

July 24 - 28 or

July 31 - August 4

9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Ages 8 - 10

August 7 - 11

9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.



\$120 Members / \$150 Non-Members

Details and Registration Forms can be found under our Facebook Notes tab or by emailing us at BannekerMuseum@BaltimoreCountyMD.gov

Program Registration Information

Advance registration is required for all programs. Payment must be made within 5 business days of your registration, or your spot will be yielded to the waiting list. All payments are donations and non-refundable unless Banneker cancels the program. All programs and events are rain or shine unless a rain date is specified. Program leaders will call registered participants ONLY in the event of cancellation no less than 1 hour before the program start.

These programs are designed for individuals and families, not groups. They are not designed to provide childcare. Therefore, parents should discuss attendance expectations with their child. Park staff cannot detain youth wishing to leave at any time. If you would like to arrange a program for a group or an organization, please contact the Park Office Tuesday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Children under 13 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Should you require special accommodations (i.e. language interpreter, large print, etc.) please give as much notice as possible by calling the Park Office, or the Therapeutic Office at 410-887-5370.

Please register early - it helps us plan.

Some programs may fill, in which case walk-ins cannot be accepted.

How to register:

Call us at 410-887-1081 (Tuesday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.) TDD 410-887-5319 or

Email us at BannekerMuseum@BaltimoreCountyMD.gov

Make checks payable to: Friends of BBHPM

Mail to: Benjamin Banneker Historical Park and Museum, 300 Oella Avenue, Catonsville, MD 21228

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