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## PRESS RELEASE

The staff at Benjamin Banneker Historical Park and Museum would appreciate it if you would include our programs in your calendar of events. If you have any questions or would like accompanying graphics for any of the programs please contact Kathy Kadow at 410-887-1081 (Tuesday - Friday; 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.) or via email at [KKadow@BaltimoreCountyMD.gov](mailto:KKadow@BaltimoreCountyMD.gov).

### **What's Cookin' at Banneker's Cabin Saturday, September 5; 1 – 3 p.m.**

Drop in this afternoon to chat with costumed interpreters preparing dinner in the cabin's hearth. What sorts of things did Banneker and his family eat and grow in their garden? How did they cook their food? Come to the Banneker Farmstead to find out!

*All Ages*

FREE

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### **Up in Smoke Saturday, September 12; 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.**

What grows in our garden, but you wouldn't want to eat it? What was used instead of money to purchase Mr. Banneker's property? Get an up-close, hands-on look at tobacco and learn about the cultivation and uses of this plant so important in colonial America.

*Adults and children 5+*

\$2 members / \$4 non-members

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### **Nature, Mom and Me Series Thursdays, September 17, October 1, 15 and 29, November 5 and 19; 10:30 – 11:30 p.m.**

You and your preschooler will enjoy a different nature topic in each class with hands-on activities, stories, crafts and hikes.

*Children ages 3 – 6 with an adult*

\$15 members / \$20 non-members (for the series)

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### **Meet the Artists Saturday, September 19; 2 – 4 p.m.**

Meet the artists and hear about their recreated artifacts and reproduced textiles for the museum's new exhibit *Reconstructing the Daily Narrative: Fragment by Fragment*. Most of these artworks are based on the Banneker Archaeological Collection. Afterward, explore the exhibit and see fragments of excavated objects once used by the Banneker family as well as newly created ceramics, textiles, drawings and a sculpture.

*Adults and teens*

\$4 per person; \$10 per family

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**International Observe the Moon Night**  
**Saturday, September 19; 7:30 - 9 p.m.**

Join us for this annual global event that encourages observation, appreciation, and understanding of Earth's nearest neighbor, the Moon. We'll have telescopes and kid-friendly activities.

*Adults and children 5+*

\$3 members / \$5 non-members

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**Banneker Homeschool Day**

**Thursday, September 24; 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

Calling all homeschooling families! Travel back in time at the Banneker Farmstead to learn about Mr. Banneker's accomplishments and daily life during colonial times. Hands-on activities and engaging stories. Colonial attire welcomed. *Optional – Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy after the program.*

*Homeschool Families*

\$5 per person (no charge for children 3 and under)

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**Moss Workshop**

**Saturday, September 26; 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

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

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**Nature Quest Hike**

**Saturday, September 26; 1 - 3 p.m.**

Join a naturalist and hike to the two Baltimore County Nature Quest Trail markers at Banneker Park. Visit 3 more markers throughout Baltimore County and receive free admission to QuestFest at Robert E. Lee Park on October 17<sup>th</sup> and a chance to win great prizes.

*Adults and children 7+*

FREE

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**All Things Apple**

**Saturday, October 3; 1 - 3 p.m.**

Celebrate the harvest in Mr. Banneker's orchard colonial style with hands-on activities, cooking and crafting with apples. Come learn about a favorite colonial treat and taste the magic inside a simple fruit.

*All Ages*

\$4 members / \$6 non-members

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**The Work of the Susquehannock Wildlife Society**

**Saturday, October 3; 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

Scott McDaniel, president of the Susquehannock Wildlife Society will discuss the organization's work and use of video production in supporting their mission. This follows the 6 – 7:30 p.m. quarterly meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Turtle and Tortoise Society.

*Adults and teens*

FREE

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**Scholarly Lecture Series: African-American Mariners from 18<sup>th</sup> Century to Contemporary Times**

**Saturday, October 10; 2 – 3:30 p.m.**

Come and learn about the lives of African-American Mariners from the 1700's to present day through their own experiences.

*Adults and children 12+*

Free for members / \$2 non-members

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### **Trees for Scouts!**

**Friday, October 16; 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

A School's Out opportunity for scouts to come learn about the native trees on Banneker's property, how to identify them, why they are important to wildlife, humans and our ecosystem. We'll cover the requirements for the Webelos Into the Woods Adventure and Junior Girl Scout Forest Explorer Badge.

*Junior Girl Scouts and Webelos Cub Scouts*

\$5 per person (One leader FREE per group of 8 scouts)

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### **Hand Sewing with EZ Stitch**

**Saturday, October 17; 1:30 – 3 p.m.**

Have you ever wondered how colonists constructed clothing without machinery? Mattie Hayes, developer of the EZ Stitch Sampler, will introduce the concept of hand sewing and teach the versatile running stitch. Enjoy using it as you sew over a design that has been printed onto a square of cloth, which you could later on fill with potpourri, attach to a garment or another sewing project.

Afterward, explore the museum's new exhibit, *Reconstructing the Daily Narrative: Fragment by Fragment*, and view Hayes' hand-sewn wholecloth infant quilt in the "Needlework" section.

*Adults and children 7+*

\$3 members / \$5 non-members

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### **Basket Making Workshop – Peanut Basket**

**Saturday, October 24; 9 - 3 p.m.**

Make a special basket for yourself or someone else as a gift! This peanut or pistachio basket is an OLD southern basket with a uniquely woven bottom and method of finishing. This basket allows the user to put nuts in shells on one side and as you eat them to put the empty shells on the other. If you are not a nut lover, it is useful for lots of other things! Bring lunch, plus a bucket or basin, old towel, pencil, 12 clip clothes pins and measuring tape (cloth preferred).

*Adults and children 10+*

\$25 members / \$30 non-members

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### **School's Out – Nature's Palette**

**Friday, October 30; 1:30 - 3 p.m.**

Be inspired by nature and create a variety of artworks using natural supplies including rocks, sticks, leaves, nuts and more.

*Children 6+ with an adult*

\$4 members / \$6 non-members

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### **Halloween Eve Campfire Stories and Night Hike**

**Friday, October 30; 7:30 - 9 p.m.**

Join us on the night before Halloween for s'mores and stories around the campfire, followed by a short hike through the woods.

*Adults and children 6+*

\$3 members / \$5 non-members

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### **Moss Workshop**

**Saturday, October 31; 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

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

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### **Tea Tasting**

**Wednesday, November 4; 6:30 - 8 p.m.**

Sample the flavors of China teas while learning about the uniqueness of their taste. Joyce White, food historian, will discuss their characteristics, history of use, and sale in colonial Maryland.

After the tasting, explore the museum's new exhibit, *Reconstructing the Daily Narrative: Fragment by Fragment*, and gain insight into the Bannekers' teaware as you view recreated artifacts that are based on the Banneker Archaeological Collection.

*Adults and teens*

\$3 members / \$5 non-members

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### **Happy Birthday, Mr. Banneker**

**Saturday, November 7; 1 – 3 p.m.**

Come celebrate Ben's birthday with us! Ben will be here to welcome us and tell us the story of his life. Then explore the Banneker Farmstead as it comes alive with colonial games, hearth cooking, colonial-era astronomy, guided hikes and hands-on family activities.

*All ages*

Free for members / \$2 non-members

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### **So, Sew Simple: A Quilting Introduction**

**Saturday, November 14; 1 – 3 p.m.**

Learn to sew a simple quilted holiday ornament and enjoy the brief story of quilting in the United States.

*Adults and children 7+*

\$3 members / \$5 non-members

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### **Moss Workshop**

**Saturday, November 28; 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

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

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### **Backcountry Hike**

**Saturday, November 28; 1 - 3 p.m.**

Enjoy the holiday weekend, and work off the extra turkey fixin's with a moderately strenuous, 4 mile hike to the far reaches of the land where Banneker lived and worked. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water and snacks.

*Adults and children 9+*

FREE

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### **Natural Ornaments**

**Saturday, December 12; 12 – 3 p.m. (drop-in)**

Drop in this afternoon and create one-of-a-kind natural ornaments. We'll have all the fixin's – seed pods, cones, twigs, etc. and you can bring some of your own to share. Create 2 ornaments, one to take home and one to decorate the Banneker Museum Christmas Tree.

*All ages*

\$2 per project (2 ornaments)

No registration necessary

### **Winter Solstice Campfire**

**Friday, December 19; 7 – 8 p.m.**

What will you do on the longest night of the year? We'll have a campfire, hot chocolate, short hike through the winter woods and the telescopes if it's clear. Join us!

*Adults and children 5+*

\$3 members / \$5 non-members

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### **Kwanzaa Celebration**

**Saturday, December 26; 1:30 - 3 p.m.**

Bring the whole family to learn about Kwanzaa and celebrate this holiday honoring family, community and culture.

*All Ages*

FREE

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### ***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.*