

BreadWorks Newsletter

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BEN FRANKLIN SOCIETY
FUND-RAISING EVENTS

SUMMER 2017

BREADWORKS PATRONS

**AFTER NEARLY FIVE YEARS OF UNINTERRUPTED MONTHLY BREADWORKS EVENTS,
I MUST ANNOUNCE THE SUSPENSION OF SUMMER (JUNE - AUGUST) BREADWORKS EVENT ACTIVITY.
IT IS UNCOMFORTABLE FOR ME TO BRING YOU THIS NEWS. WE HOPE TO RESUME ACTIVITY IN SEPTEMBER.**

Sadly, staffing has become a crippling problem. For the past few years, BreadWorks delivered 20+ Advertised Events per year in addition to numerous unadvertised Private Group Events - that are usually Sold Out - meaning 30-34 patrons at Brunches and 55-60 at Tomato Pie Buffets. I would estimate that we have delivered 200+ Events - that require menu planning, quotation, food purchasing, preparation, cooking and wait service, as well as finding and hiring entertainment.

I sincerely thank all those who have worked with me to consistently provide an enjoyable dining and entertainment experience. For sure, without adequately trained supporting staff, the Quality of Service that we have consistently provided, is not possible, and I am unwilling to lower my service standards.

ALL OTHER SOCIETY ACTIVITIES CONTINUE UNAFFECTED

I started the Ben Franklin Society in 2009 to foster Research Projects like - Colonial Hearth Day, the Colonial Kitchen Garden, Franklin County Grist Mill Inventory, Recreational Bicycle Mapping and the Early College High School - that benefit our community. BreadWorks - an Administrative Project - focuses upon growing Society membership and revenues. In 2016, the Society became Business Partner to the Franklin County Early College High School (ECHS) and my personal involvement skyrocketed. The beneficial impacts of the ECHS Project upon our community are becoming remarkable (see PAGES 2-3). All Projects involve my participation to some degree for grant writing, public relations and presentations.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE SOCIETY. THANKS FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING!



BOB RADCLIFFE - CHAIRMAN/PRESIDENT

RESERVATIONS and CURRENT MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED

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

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SOCIETY HEADQUARTERS

Lynch Creek Farm Log Cabin

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Ben Franklin Society NEWS

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[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 expanded our commitment to ECHS "where we can have immediate impacts upon Student Instruction" and elevated our ECHS Project to "Signature Project" status for 2017.

On May 5th, we prepared and served Lunch for the Teachers and Staff during "Teacher Appreciation Week". On May 17th, Bob attended the FCEF's year-end "Business Partner" Meeting held at Wake Electric in Youngsville. On May 25th, Bob attended Commencement Exercises for ECHS held in the Auditorium at Louisburg High School and was given special recognition for the work BFS has done this school year. With all EOG Testing now completed, we anxiously await to hear if ECHS has earned an "A" Rating!

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 each of the 210 students in the upcoming Fall Term; each new fully equipped Teaching Cart is estimated to cost \$7800. We have been notified by Novozymes that a decision on our Grant Proposal will be announced soon.

While preparing the NOVOZYMES Proposal, Bob discovered that 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 on June 1st. Bob has met with State Senator Chad Barefoot, contacted Keith Poston with www.NCForum.org, and met with Franklin County Finance Director, Chuck Murray, on June 20th to document the County's Sales Tax Rebate Workflow.

JULY 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 Hordoeuvres are included. Contact Kerry Carter at 267-973-8143 to join.

Our next BOOK CLUB meeting is Tuesday, JULY 18TH, 2017 AT 3:30PM - Lynch Creek Farm Cabin

Our Book Club Selection is "Bob Dylan Chronicles, Vol. I"

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=gLTiSLj02A> 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/23655135031> Peggy's Kitchen (Open Hearth) - UNC-TV



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Fellow Society Members -

I am asking each of you again 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 wish-list 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

p.s. I will be forwarding you a copy of my Study (with Recommendations) about the Franklin County Sales Tax Rebate Process

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 glaring

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 school 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 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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 **Perry Memorial Library**
www.PerryLibrary.org

Cedar Cross Retreat Center
www.CedarCrossRetreatCenter.com

NCAASA
NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION
OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

 **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
for History and Culture

 **PERSON PLACE
Preservation
Society**
www.personplace.org

 **Franklin County
Volunteers
in Medicine**

 **American Wine Society**
www.AWStriangle.org

House & Garden Club
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**Friends of H. Leslie Perry
Memorial Library**
www.perrylibrary.org/friendsoflibrary.html


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Twilight Gardeners Club
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