

EXHIBITS

NEW & COMING SOON

Ben Franklin: In Search of a Better World

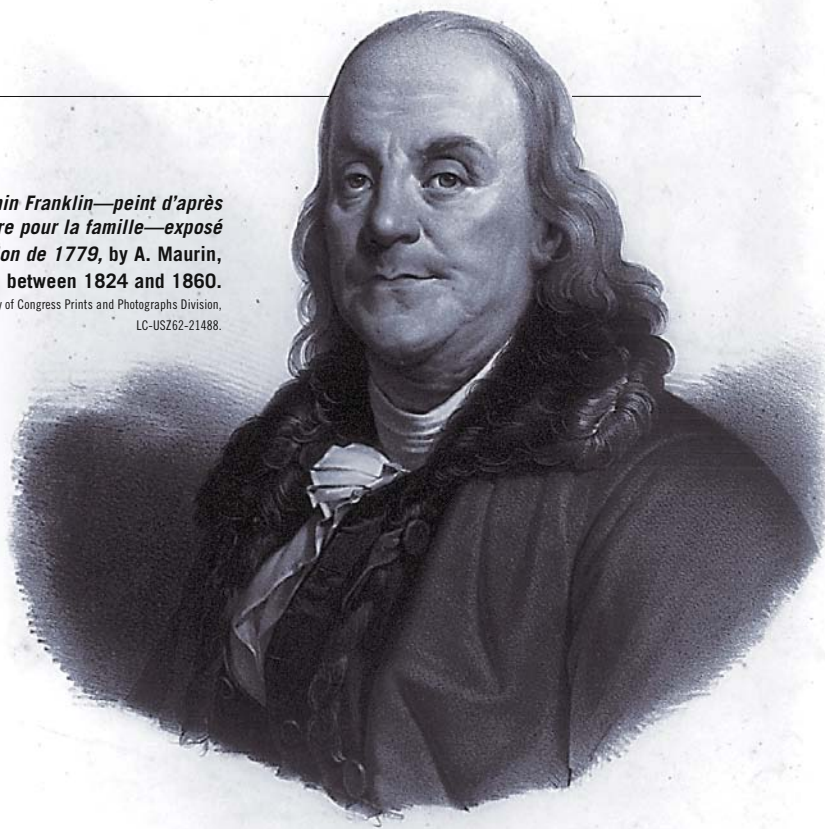
April 16 - July 31, 2011

An award-winning exhibition, *Ben Franklin: In Search of a Better World*, explores the personal side of America's greatest inventor—nearly everything he set his hand to, he made better. Through one-of-a-kind artifacts and more than 25 hands-on interactive stations, visitors will gain a personal understanding of Franklin's extraordinary legacy.

The 6,000-square-foot exhibition looks at Franklin's achievements, from an aspiring printer in Boston to a successful statesman and diplomat in Philadelphia. Visitors will discover an unexpected Western Pennsylvania connection, and learn how ambition, curiosity, and reflection inspired Franklin to better himself and improve the world around him, and how his views and incredible inventions three centuries ago impact our world today.

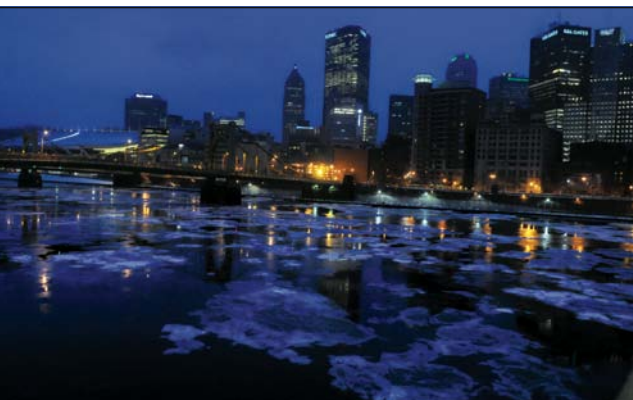
*Benjamin Franklin—peint d'après
nature pour la famille—exposé
au Salon de 1779, by A. Maurin,
lithograph between 1824 and 1860.*

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Floating Snow: A layer of snow highlights the thin layer of ice on the Allegheny River, floating toward the Clemente Memorial Bridge. From *The Stories That Touch Our Lives*.

Photo by Darrell Sapp, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

The Stories That Touch Our Lives:
Images from the Post-Gazette 2010
Closes August 2011

America's Best Weekly:
A Century of The Pittsburgh Courier
Closes October 2, 2011

Angels of Mercy:
*Sisters in Healthcare in
Western Pennsylvania*
Closes October 1, 2011

***Western Pennsylvania
Sports Museum***

***Pittsburgh:
A Tradition of Innovation***

Special Collections Gallery
*Treasures that celebrate our ethnicity,
industry, innovation, and lifestyle.*

Glass:
Shattering Notions

Heinz 57

Rediscovering Lewis & Clark:
A Journey with the Rooney Family

Prine Collection
of Woodworking Planes

Wrought Metal Treasures
from the Blum Collection

Clash of Empires:
*The British, French & Indian War,
1754-1763*

Opening at Meadowcroft in May:
***A work-in-progress 1770s
Frontier Farm is being launched.***

Opening at Fort Pitt Museum on April 30
and running through August 2011:
***The American Frontier Rifleman:
Tall Tales and Truth***

See the Information pages in back
for site details.