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**The Mercer Museum Celebrates African American History Month with the Program:
*An Afternoon with Benjamin Banneker***

DOYLESTOWN, PA: (January 22, 2016) – In celebration of African-American History Month, the Mercer Museum will present the program, *An Afternoon with Benjamin Banneker*, a look at the life of the remarkable man who was a noted surveyor, mathematician, astronomer and farmer. The program will take place on Saturday, February 6 at 1 p.m.

Guest will be invited to “meet” Banneker, as portrayed by actor and storyteller Bob Smith of Baltimore, Maryland. Smith, a member of the Griot’s Circle of Maryland, and the National Association of Black Storytellers, relates the story of Banneker from the “first person” perspective. Also participating in the program will be Gwen Marable, a retired Baltimore area educator and Griot’s Circle storyteller who is a direct descendant of Benjamin Banneker’s sister, Jemima. Local collector and authority on early mathematical and surveying instruments, Jim Hill will be on-hand to answer questions and show examples of the types of surveying and mathematical instruments that formed the basis of Banneker’s work. Light refreshments and conversation will conclude the program.

An Afternoon with Benjamin Banneker is presented in collaboration with the African-American Museum of Bucks County. The program is included with museum admission. Mercer Museum admission is \$14 for adults, \$12 for seniors (65+) and \$8 for youth (6-17).

About the Mercer Museum

The Mercer Museum, one of Bucks County’s premier tourist attractions, offers visitors a unique window into pre-Industrial America as seen through the implements used in everyday life. The Museum’s collection includes more than 40,000 objects exhibiting the tools of more than 60 different crafts and trades, providing one of the world’s most comprehensive portraits of material culture in America. The Mercer Museum celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2016. On view in the museum’s Martin & Warwick Foundation Galleries from January 30 – June 12: *American Adventure*. The Mercer Museum is located at Pine Street & Scout Way in Doylestown and is open for self-guided exploration 7 days a week. For more information, call 215-345-0210, or visit: www.mercermuseum.org.

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