

Meeting Notice November 2017

Of the Rittenhouse Astronomical Society

The Society invites members, guests and the interested public to our upcoming meeting (students encouraged to attend.) FREE / Open to the general public, no admit fee. Membership not required.

GUEST PRESENTER:

Bunnie Riedel

RittenhouseTown: Board of Directors

Topic Titles:

Curiosity, Exploration and Discovery: A Journey to Historic RittenhouseTown

WHERE:

**THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE
222 20TH STREET & THE PARKWAY
PHILADELPHIA PA**

WHAT: *A Journey to Historic RittenhouseTown:* The first permanent home for the Rittenhouse family, the 1707 Rittenhouse Homestead is located across the Paper Mill Run from the site of the ca. 1702 Mill. Built not long after a flood destroyed the original 1690 mill and log home, this structure housed eight generations of the Rittenhouse family. Today the 1707 Rittenhouse Homestead serves as the focal point for our public tours and has been carefully restored to look as it did in the 18th century. Currently, an exhibit on the second floor highlights the life and accomplishments of David Rittenhouse (1732-1796), astronomer, surveyor, first Director of the US Mint and second President of the American Philosophical Society, who was born in the Homestead.

WHEN: **Wednesday November 9, 2016**

7:00 PM - Doors Open // 7:15 - Call to Order
7:20 PM - Planet Report D. Vacca // 7:30- Transition to Winter Skies ~ T. Williams
7:50 PM - President's Address // 7:55- Spaced Out ~ Celestial Soundscapes
8:05 PM- Guest Presenter ~ Bunnie Riedel
9:00 PM- Observatory Viewing ~ (Weather Permitting, Directed Mixer Poor Weather)

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Bunnie Riedel: President of Reidel Communications, brings twenty-seven years of nonprofit management and start up experience to us and has also advised regulators at the state and federal level on best practices in communications policy. Bunnie has delivered speeches on media and regulatory policy in Seoul, Paris and Barranquilla as well as throughout the United States. Ms. Riedel received her graduate degree from California State University: Los Angeles. Ms. Riedel. She is a descendent of William Rittenhouse who established the first paper mill in this country in 1690 She is a distant cousin of D. Rittenhouse and serves on the RittenhouseTown board of directors.



Homestead at RittenhouseTown



Bunnie Riedel

DATES TO REMEMBER:

November 10, 2016

Observing Opportunity: Centennial School District. Members who volunteer with telescopes or binoculars get free planetarium admission. Details on our [Members Site.st](#)

November 22, 2016

Observing Opportunity: Methacton School District. Members who volunteer with telescopes or binoculars get free planetarium admission. Details on our [Members Site.](#)

December 21, 2016

Muddy Run Observatory Winter Solstice Volunteers needed to assist with telescope views. Solar Viewing 1:00-5:00 PM