

Second Sunday Speaker Series
Sunday January 9th

The Franklin Historical Museum is happy to welcome **Dennis J. Sardella, PhD**, as our guest speaker on Sunday January 9th for his presentation on **Byzantine and Russian Icons**. Dennis has been a docent at the Museum of Russian Icons in Clinton, Massachusetts since 2012, where he leads gallery tours and introduces visitors to the world of Russian icons. He also writes and speaks regularly to area groups on the topics of religious icons and the role they play in Eastern Christian spirituality. He was a professor at Boston College from 1967 until 2012. In 1990 he became the founding director of the Boston College Presidential Scholars Program, which he directed until his retirement in 2010. For 17 years he and his wife led groups of Boston College Presidential Scholars on month-long study trips to France, and they have continued to travel extensively throughout Western Europe.

Please join us for this informative talk as our Second Sunday Speaker Series continues in 2022. Doors open at 1:00PM, presentation starts at 1:15PM.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BEN! On Sunday January 16th we celebrate **Benjamin Franklin's Birthday**. The man whose name inspired the naming of our town was born January 17th, 1706. Come learn about Ben and how Franklin came to be named for him. Hear about the story of a Toad and its tail, how 'sense is preferable to sound' and how his donation started the first public lending library in America. Join us for birthday cake from 1:30-3:00 in the research room of the museum. All are welcome.

Admission is always free. We are ADA compliant with an elevator access in the back of the building. Our gift shop is open year round.