



## THE JAMES MONROE MUSEUM

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## 2017 PUBLIC PROGRAMS

### FEBRUARY – JUNE

2017 marks the bicentennial of the beginning of James Monroe's first term as president. Join us throughout the year as we celebrate the beginning of the "Era of Good Feelings."

*Unless otherwise noted, events are open to the public and are free of charge. Events are subject to change.*

**First Fridays:** Throughout the year – with the exception of March and June – the James Monroe Museum (JMM) will host a variety of First Friday activities, from History Trivia Night, to author talks, to storytelling, and more.

## FEBRUARY

**FRI 3 First Friday Winter With the Presidents, 6-8 p.m., JMM.** An evening of storytelling, harp and dulcimer music, and songs with Eve Watters. Sponsored in part by the Virginia Commission for the Arts.

**MON 20 Presidents' Day Press Conference with James Monroe and Troy Paino, 6-7:30 p.m., Monroe Hall, Room 116, University of Mary Washington (UMW).** James Monroe was inaugurated as the fifth president of the United States on March 4, 1817. Dr. Troy D. Paino will be inaugurated as the 10th president of UMW on April 21, 2017. In celebration of Presidents' Day, JMM is hosting a unique discussion with both presidents as they look forward to their paths of leadership.

## MARCH

**SAT 4 Inauguration Reenactment, 11 a.m., steps of Monroe Hall, UMW.** Witness the inauguration of James Monroe as it happened on March 4, 1817, presided over



by Monroe's longtime friend and occasional political adversary, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court John Marshall. President Monroe will be welcomed by the United States Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps. Local and regional political representatives will join the celebration. Food, drink, and opportunities to interact with President Monroe will follow.

# APRIL

FRI

**7 First Friday Curator Talk, 6-8 p.m., JMM.** Join JMM Curator Jarod Kearney as he delves into the collections of the museum and showcases artifacts rarely seen by the public. Light refreshments.

WED

THU

**19 & 20 Colonial Academy, 9 a.m. - noon, JMM & Mary Washington House.** Presented in conjunction with the Washington Heritage Museums for students in 3rd-5th grades. There will be instruction on cursive writing, the reading of which is essential for any historian, and activities focused on archeology, colonial games, candle making, etiquette, architecture, and music. Students will spend one day at Mary Washington House and one day at JMM. **Cost: \$40/student for both days.** Advance registration required. Contact Michelle Hamilton at [mwhouse@washingtonheritagemuseums.org](mailto:mwhouse@washingtonheritagemuseums.org) or 540/373-1569.

THU

**27 University of Mary Washington Mary Talks, 7 p.m., Hurley Convergence Center Digital Auditorium, UMW.** Scott Harris, director of JMM, will present "Revolutionary Idealist: The Life and Legacy of James Monroe." Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Registration required and will open one month prior to the scheduled lecture. Call 540/654-1011 for more information.

SAT

**29 James Monroe's Birthday Celebration, noon - 4 p.m., JMM.** Celebrate the 259th anniversary of the birth of our fifth president with James Monroe! Join us for a book talk on the newly reissued *The Autobiography of James Monroe* with historian William Ferraro. There will also be family friendly activities, music, and refreshments.

# MAY

FRI

**5 First Friday Game Night, 6 - 8 p.m., JMM Garden.** Interactive and family-friendly team game night with a history theme. Light refreshments.



# JUNE

FRI

**9 Friday, June 9: History Trivia Night, 6 - 8 p.m., JMM Garden. Please note this is the second Friday.** With a celebrity quizmaster, a cash bar, and a 50/50 raffle. Light refreshments.

SAT

**24 Elizabeth Monroe Birthday Celebration, Era of Good Fashions, 1 - 4 p.m., JMM Garden.** Colleen Callahan, costume and textile historian, will speak about the changing clothing styles during Elizabeth Monroe's lifetime. Mrs. Monroe will be in attendance at the celebration. Light refreshments, tea, and cake. Free.



For information, contact 540/654-2111 or [lallen2@umw.edu](mailto:lallen2@umw.edu).

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