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June 2016 Newsletter

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June Special Events

Yoga in the Garden

In keeping with the spirit of First Lady Michelle Obama's *Let's Move* initiative, the Museum is pleased to host Yoga in the Garden from 8:30-9:30 AM every Saturday in June. Instructors from Dragonfly Studio lead class in the shade of our lovely crepe myrtle tree: \$12 per person/\$10 Friends of JMM. Class is open to all levels and walk-ins are welcome!



Becca Childress of Dragonfly Studio

First Friday History Trivia Night June 10

OK, we know that June 10 is the *second* Friday of the month, but that doesn't have the same ring to it. JMM Director Scott Harris takes the helm this month. Make sure your Independence Day weekend includes the JMM tradition of celebrating the occasion with James Monroe (Jay Harrison) on Friday, July 1. Cash bar, prizes, 50/50 raffle, 6:00-8:00PM.

Elizabeth Kortright Monroe Tea Sunday, June 26 2:00-4:00 PM

Celebrate the birthday of First Lady Elizabeth Kortright Monroe with an elegant afternoon tea. Living history interpreters bring the Federal period alive through stories and music. \$25 per person/\$20

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Friends of JMM. Reservations required.

Major Monroe's History Camp July 11-12, 2016 9:00 AM-Noon



*Hands-on history camp for
boys and girls ages 7-12!*

Games, crafts, demonstrations
and tours introduce children to
life during the late 18th and early
19th centuries, including the
American Revolution and the
War of 1812.

James Monroe Museum and Memorial Library
908 Charles Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

\$45 per child (\$35 for Friends of the James Monroe Museum).

Light refreshments served (no lunch).

Space is limited to 15 children, so **reservations are required.**

To RSVP, call 540-654-1043 or
email jkearney@umw.edu by July 8, 2016.



Artifact Spotlight



This amethyst tiara belonging to Elizabeth Monroe was acquired in Paris, France during James Monroe's diplomatic service in France, Great Britain, and Spain 1803-1807. It has two crescents of stones held in a pierced oval setting with a rope-twist yellow-gold decorated border. The top crescent holds twenty-one graduated, prong-held, oval, pale-to-medium transparent amethysts ranging in size from approximately two carats to eight carats. This row of amethysts is supported by a slightly tapered and pierced band of carved gold trailing leaf decorations, with one off-center floral medallion.

Museum Assists with Monroe Tomb Restoration

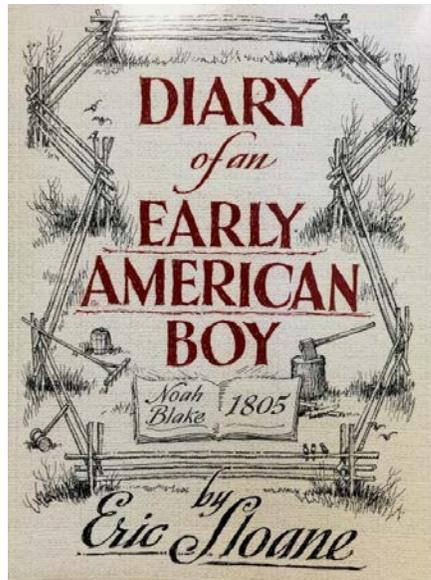


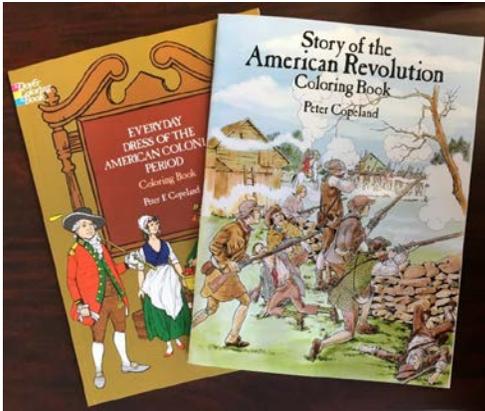
The Virginia Department of General Services is undertaking a \$900,000 restoration of James Monroe's tomb. A landmark of Richmond's famous Hollywood Cemetery, Monroe's tomb will be returned to its original tan patina. As part of the restoration process, the museum was pleased to loan a fragment of the iron canopy over the tomb which provided invaluable information to Abigail Mack Conservation LLC, the institution in charge of the restoration. The completion of the tomb's restoration is set to coincide this fall with the 200th anniversary of Monroe's election to the presidency.

What's in Store?

The sun has finally returned to Fredericksburg! When you are out wandering through downtown enjoying the sunshine, please stop by the James Monroe Museum.

There's a fascinating new book in the Store this month titled *Diary of an Early American Boy* (\$12.95). It would make a perfect gift for Father's Day on June 19th! The book features brief diary entries from a young boy in 1805, but the true focus of the book is on how people lived during that time, what tools they used, and how things were designed so that they could survive with what they had on hand. It includes many detailed drawings and diagrams of tools, buildings, foldable ladders, loft sleeping spaces, bridges, and many others. It is a wonderful book for those interested in the day-to-day details of how people lived during James Monroe's lifetime.





If you're preparing for summer travels with children we have just what you need to keep them entertained. There are two new coloring books in the Store, the *Story of the American Revolution* coloring book (\$4.99) and the *Everyday Dress of the American Colonial Period* coloring book (\$4.99). If

you're looking for a game to play on family vacations try **Nine Men's Morris** (\$8.40), a strategy game possibly dating back to the time of the Egyptians and popular throughout history since then. Or pick up a **compass** (\$8.75-\$15.00) for your family camping trips or hikes, and practice orienteering together! For holiday picnics or playing in the yard, the game of **Graces** (\$19.00) is fun for children of all ages, and is excellent practice for hand-eye coordination

We wish all the dads in our lives a wonderful Father's Day!

Meet Our New Bowley Scholar

The James Monroe Museum welcomes our summer Bowley Scholar, Jacquelyn Downes. Ms. Downes is a senior majoring in historic preservation. She is enthusiastic about joining us this summer and we look forward to working with her.



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The James Monroe Museum and Memorial Library, located in historic downtown Fredericksburg, Virginia, is the largest repository in the country for artifacts and documents related to the fifth president of the United States. The museum was first opened in 1927 by Monroe descendants as a place to house their own personal collections, which had been handed down through generations of the family. Eventually, the museum and its extensive collections were turned over to the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the museum is now administered by the University of Mary Washington.

The museum belongs to the American Association of Museums, the American Association for State and Local History, and the Virginia Association of Museums. It is also on the National Register of Historic Places and is a National Historic Landmark.

