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July 2015 E-Newsletter

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First Friday Trivia Night: Friday, July 3



Col. James Monroe

July's Celebrity Quizmaster is none other than James Monroe himself (portrayed by Jay Harrison)! Join us to test your knowledge of local and Virginia history!

Admission and participation are **free!** Light snacks will be available as well as a **cash bar**. Prizes are awarded for first, second, and last place. We look forward to seeing you there.

[Download](#) the 2015 Trivia Night Flyer.

Spotlight Exhibit: "Best Foot Forward: The Footwear of the Monroes"

The Museum has a new exhibit, located in the changing exhibit space in the "Making of a Revolutionary" Gallery. "Best Foot Forward" features a beautiful collection of shoes and shoe accessories. Highlights include slip-on shoes with three-inch heels that belonged to Hannah Kortright, Elizabeth Monroe's mother; Maria Hester Monroe's baby shoes, worn during her father's term as minister to France; a fine collection of shoe buckles belonging to James Monroe; and variety of Regency-era slippers.



These pink silk boots, ca. 1845, belonged to younger Monroe daughter, Maria Hester.

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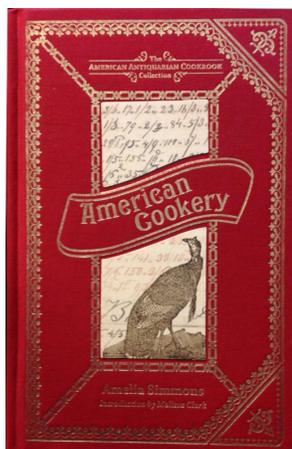
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If you're looking for some authentic American cuisine to cook up for the Fourth of July, our featured book for this month is just what you're looking for. We are excited to have *American Cookery* (\$19.99) by Amelia Simmons in our Store! It is a facsimile edition of a volume in the collection of the American Antiquarian Society, featuring a copy of each page of the original book, accompanied by a text version on the facing page. It is widely recognized to be "the first cookbook written by an American for American kitchens" and was named by the Library of Congress as

one of the 88 "books that shaped America." Prior to *American Cookery* "American women had to figure out how to substitute these new-world ingredients into their familiar old-world recipes. Amelia spells it out, guiding cooks away from their colonial past and into their independent future." It is a fascinating glimpse into the era following the American Revolution and Amelia is quite a character! There is a limited number of copies available, so be sure to pick yours up soon!

We now have paper dolls in The James Monroe Museum Store! Each book features clothing from the Colonial Era and includes detailed information about the clothing. There are three different choices, all only \$6.95 each. *American Family of the Colonial Era* features 32 authentic costumes for a family of eight, spanning three generations. *Colonial Fashions* depicts clothing worn by the diverse group of nationalities that settled in the colonies. Finally, *Four Colonial Girls* focuses on the wardrobes of young ladies of colonial America, featuring reusable stickers rather than the traditional paper clothing.

We hope to see you soon at The James Monroe Museum Store!

Passing of Former Board Member

Robert Selle, former chaplain of the James Monroe Memorial Foundation and a past member of the Museum's Board of Regents, died on June 17. All of us at JMM express our condolences to Mr. Selle's family and our gratitude for his services to the Museum.



Mr. Selle's obituary can be read [here](#).

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Upcoming Events

Fri, 3 July: First Friday History Trivia Night.

Trivia, cash bar, light refreshments, & 50/50 raffle. 6-8 p.m. Free.

Mon-Tue, 6-7 July: Major Monroe's History Camp.

Two-day, hands on history camp for children ages 7-12. 9 a.m. to noon. \$40/child.

Sat, 29 August: Regency-Era Fashion Show.

View and learn about the women's and men's fashions of the Regency Era. 11 am. Free with cost of Museum admission.

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.



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