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March 2016 Newsletter



Documentary Screening March 7 at 7:00 PM



MONROE HILL

A new documentary by award-winning filmmaker Eduardo Montes-Bradley!

In 1788 James Monroe bought a farm that is today the University of Virginia. *Monroe Hill* explores the evolution of this iconic site, and the events that helped shape the destiny of the fifth President of the United States.



FREE PRESENTATION
Monday, March 7, 7:00 PM
Hurley Convergence Center, UMW Main Campus
Popcorn and other refreshments, Q & A with Mr. Montes-Bradley after the film.

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The James Monroe Museum is pleased to present a free screening of a new documentary film, "Monroe Hill," by acclaimed filmmaker Eduardo Montes-Bradley. Funded by an award from the Jefferson Trust, "Monroe Hill" traces the roots and historical context of James Monroe's first home in Albemarle County, and its transformation over a period of three decades until the laying of the cornerstone at the University of Virginia on October 6, 1817. Among contributors to the film are Dan Preston, editor of the

Papers of James Monroe; Sara Bon-Harper, executive director of Ash Lawn-Highland; and James Monroe Museum director Scott Harris.

The screening is Monday, March 7, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the Digital Auditorium of the Hurley Convergence Center, University of Mary Washington main campus. POPCORN WILL BE PROVIDED and a reception will follow the screening. Parking spaces will be reserved in the Faculty/Staff lot next to the Jepson Science Center. Follow directional signs from the parking area to the Hurley Convergence Center.

What's in Store?

Spring is approaching, along with a full slate of events at the James Monroe Museum. Don't forget to drop by and see what's new in the store when you're here!

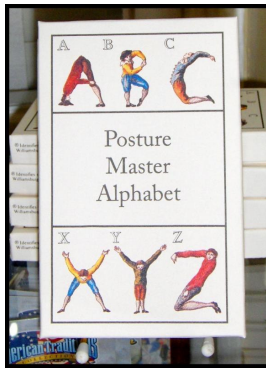


Do you ever feel the urge to write a good old-fashioned note instead of an email or an online comment? It's still awfully nice to receive a handwritten note in the mail! At the James Monroe Museum Store we have just what you need to make someone's day. Come by and pick up a set of eight notecards (\$7.50) featuring four sites related to our fifth President: The James Monroe Museum; Ash Lawn-Highland, the Monroes' home outside Charlottesville; Oak Hill, the Monroes' Loudoun County home; and The White House. Each site is depicted by the beautiful, watercolor images of artist David Hughes. The set includes two of each card plus envelopes.

The Store offers many educational options for children, including books and quiz decks. A fun Colonial Era instructive tool for little ones learning the alphabet is the **Hotch Potch Doll** (\$14.50).



It is a flexible, soft doll whose limbs can be used to form the letters of the alphabet! Demonstrations of how each letter is formed are found in the accompanying **Hotch Potch Alphabet Card Deck** (\$14.00), or the 250-piece **Hotch Potch Alphabet Puzzle** (\$16.00). Learning the alphabet this way is as much fun for the teacher as it is for the student!



We look forward to seeing you in the James Monroe Museum Store! Remember, Friends of JMM enjoy a 20% discount.

In Loving Memory: Donations from Camilla Hoes Pope

Exhibit Opens March 25

Preview Reception for Friends of the Museum March 24

Our upcoming exhibit, *In Loving Memory*, celebrates the legacy and commitment of one of the museum's great friends, Camilla Hoes Pope. Mrs. Pope was the widow of Laurence Gouverneur Hoes, founding director of the museum. The exhibit will present more than a dozen artifacts, most of which were bequeathed to the Museum in Mrs. Pope's will. Friends of the James Monroe Museum and their guests are invited to an opening reception on Thursday, March 24 from 6:00-8:00 PM. Please RSVP to Melissa Webb at mwebb2@umw.edu or call 540-654-1123.



Neoclassical Sheffield plate silver candlesticks, England, ca. 1800.

Mark Your Calendars

Warm weather heralds the arrival of some exciting public programs!

From trivia to yoga to an old fashioned birthday party, enjoy a walkabout, raise a glass, test your history knowledge, socialize, and maybe even win a prize!

Saturday, April 23, 2:00-4:00 PM: In the Footsteps of James Monroe Walking Tour. Explore Fredericksburg with G. Scott Walker, Director of Hallowed Ground Tours. Starts from the sidewalk in front of 301 Caroline Street (where the Monroe family lived), with stops at Fredericksburg Masonic Lodge #4 and Saint George's Episcopal Church. Tour concludes with a reception at the Museum. \$25 per person/\$15 Friends of JMM. **Advance registration required** at mwebb2@umw.edu or 540-654-1123

Saturday, April 30 1:00-3:00 PM: James Monroe Birthday Celebration. Mark the 258th anniversary of our fifth President's birth! Family friendly activities including live music, punch, and birthday cake. Museum open free all day.

Saturday Mornings in May & June, 8:30-9:30 AM: Yoga in the Garden. Get in the spirit of First Lady Michelle Obama's *Let's Move!* initiative in the Museum's lovely garden. Dragonfly Studio will provide instruction \$12 per person/\$10 Friends of JMM (walk-ins welcome).

2016 First Friday History Trivia Lineup!

We are very pleased to announce the local celebrity quizmasters for this year's First Friday History Trivia contests:

May 6: Karen Hedelt, Director of Economic Development & Tourism, City of Fredericksburg.

June 10: Cedric Rucker, Associate Vice President and Dean of Student Life, University of Mary Washington (**NOTE: Program is on second Friday this month only**).

July 1: James Monroe (aka Jay Harrison).

August 5: Dee Daniels & Ted Schubel, B101.5 FM morning hosts

September 2: John Hennessey, Chief Historian, Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania National Military Park.

October 7: Dr. David A. Sam, President, Germanna Community College.

First Friday History Trivia takes place from 6:00-8:00 PM on the first Friday of the month from May through October (with the exception of June this year).

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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.



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