August 2014 E-Newsletter

First Friday History Trivia Night!

Join us for a Trivia Night this Friday, August 1, from 6 to 8 p.m.! Our Celebrity Quizzmaster this month is Fredericksburg Mayor Mary Katherine Greenlaw.

Questions focus on American history. Admission and participation are free! Prizes will be awarded for first, second, and last place. Light refreshments, a cash bar (beer and wine), and a 50/50 raffle will also make this a perfect way to wind down from long summer weeks!

Trivia Night will repeat on September 5. More here.

"'Every Species of Lawless Adventure': James Monroe and the Fight Against Piracy!"

Saturday, August 23 will be a day of all things Pirate for the James Monroe Museum, with both day and evening events! Piracy was a scourge of American commerce.

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Upcoming Events

Fri, 1 Aug.: History Trivia Night. 6 to 8 p.m., JMM Garden.

Sat, 23 August: "Every Species of Lawless Adventure:" James Monroe and the Fight Against
for nearly 300 years, and Monroe did his best to combat it. It also contributed to the folklore of the east coast and the Caribbean.

**Daytime events** (11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the James Monroe Museum) include puppet shows about the pirate Blackbeard, and other family-friendly games and crafts. Pirate costumes are welcome! Events are free with the price of museum admission. **No RSVP required.**

The **evening event, "Pirates and Punch,"** (co-sponsored by the Washington Heritage Museums; 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Rising Sun Tavern) will feature a talk by Dr. Daniel Preston, editor of the Papers of James Monroe, on President Monroe's efforts to combat piracy in Spanish Florida. This talk will be followed by a presentation from the A. Smith Bowman Distillery on the history of rum and a **tasting** of rum and the popular 18th century cocktail "Tavern Punch."

Evening event is $20/person ($15 for Friends of JMM & Members of WHM). **Reservations required.**

[RSVP now by e-mail](mailto:orcall 540/654-1123).

[Download the event flyer.](#)

**What's in Store?**

The first five Presidents are back in the Store. The collectable PEZ Presidents of the United States Volume 1, 1789-1825, featuring James Monroe, has been reissued and we have them in the store! Come on by and get yours before they're gone!

In keeping with the pirates theme for August's program (see above) we have new pirate items on the shelves! Pick up a pirate spyglass or a playful pirate bobblehead pen.

If you're looking for some stimulating summer reading, don't forget the selection of Monroe-related books we have in stock. You can learn more about James Monroe himself through books by Daniel Preston such as *James Monroe: An Illustrated History* or *A Narrative of the Life of James Monroe*. Discover more about the friendship...
between Monroe and Jefferson with *Jefferson and Monroe: Constant Friendship and Respect*. Or pick up a copy of *The Rockets' Red Glare* or *187 Things You Should Know About the War of 1812* and broaden your knowledge about this conflict.

Our James Monroe Museum t-shirts, featuring a silhouette of Monroe on the back, are on sale for $10.80 and make a great memento of your visit to the museum!

We look forward to seeing you in the Store!

**White House History Article**

The current edition of *White House History*, the official journal of the White House Historical Association, marks the bicentennial of the burning of the White House, which took place on August 24, 1814.

JMM director Scott Harris and curator Jarod Kearney contributed an article to this edition titled "'Articles of the Best Kind': James Monroe Furnishes the Rebuilt White House." Read more about the issue [here](#). Copies will soon be available for purchase in our Museum Store.

Photographer Bruce White took pictures for the article. The Monroe Doctrine desk looks mighty fine!

*Photo by Bruce White for the White House Historical Association*
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.