June 2014 E-Newsletter

First Friday History Trivia Night!

Join us for Trivia Night on **Friday, June 6**, from 6 to 8 p.m. Our Celebrity Quizmaster this month is Karen Hedelt, director of Economic Development and Tourism for the City of Fredericksburg.

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, and a 50/50 raffle will also make this a perfect way to wind down from long summer weeks!

The Fredericksburg Art Commission's new free First Friday Trolley stops at the corner of William and Charles Streets, right across the street from us! See the Trolley map.

Trivia Night will repeat July 4, August 1, and September 5. More here.

Afternoon Tea in honor of Elizabeth Monroe

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Upcoming Events

Friday, 6 June: History Trivia Night. 6 to 8 p.m., JMM garden. Free.

Saturday, 7 June: Yoga in the Garden. 9 to 10 a.m., JMM garden. $8.
We will celebrate the June birthday of Elizabeth Kortright Monroe, known in France as "la belle americaine," with an elegant afternoon tea in the museum garden on Sunday, June 8, at 2 p.m.

Enjoy tea, finger sandwiches, and sweets served by costumed interpreters while listening to a performance of 18th-century songs and stories by harpist and storyteller Eve Watters.

Cost is $20/person ($15/Friends of JMM). RSVP to 540/654-1123 or click to send e-mail.

Visit Eve’s website.

Raise It Up! "The Star Spangled Banner" National Sing-along at JMM.

In honor of the 200th anniversary of the American Flag, the National Museum of American History is organizing a nation-wide sing-along of "The Star Spangled Banner" on Flag Day - Saturday, June 14th. "Raise It Up!" parties will be held across the country at 4 p.m. that day.

JMM is getting in on the action, but we'll be putting our own spin on it - we will perform our version of the anthem on kazoons! We'll gather in front of the museum at 3:45 p.m. for a quick rehearsal before showtime at 4 p.m. The museum will provide the kazoons as well as an ice-cream social following the performance. So join us to raise your voice in celebration of the Star-Spangled Banner!

Read the UMW press release about the event.

Send us an e-mail to RSVP for the party!

More about "Raise It Up!"

What's in Store?

If you haven't been to the James Monroe Museum Store in a while, come on by to visit and take a look at all the new items in stock!
We have three beautiful postcards, all with the new museum logo. One postcard features artifacts specific to James Monroe, one pictures artifacts specific to Elizabeth Monroe, and one is more general.

There are many new items in the Store for the young people in your life. Be sure to take a look at the lovely illustrations in *The American Revolution from A to Z*, an alphabet book with a variety of facts about the Revolution. It features well-known figures such as Ben Franklin and George Washington, as well as those you might not know about like Betty Zane (a Virginian and Revolutionary War heroine!). We also now have spyglasses, compasses and cypher wheels for our young adventurers (and fans of the AMC series "Turn!").

In honor of all the trivia buffs, we have the Fandex Family Field Guides for both the Presidents and the First Ladies back in the store. Who knows, they might even be able to help you answer a few questions at our History Trivia Nights on First Fridays!

So don’t forget to check out the Store when you’re visiting this summer with your out-of-town family and friends!

**JMM is now on Pinterest!**

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[Visit our website.](http://www.jmm.org)
Become a Friend of the James Monroe Museum!

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.