May 2014 E-Newsletter

First Friday History Trivia Night!

Please join us for the premiere First Friday History Trivia Night at the James Monroe Museum on **Friday, May 2**, from 6 to 8 p.m.!

Each month, we'll feature a different Celebrity Quizmaster. In May, we feature **Ted Schubel** of B101.5 and NewsTalk 1230.

Questions this month will test your knowledge of Presidential trivia. 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 June 6, July 4, August 1, and September 5. [More here.](#)

**Yoga in the Garden starts May 3!**

Staff from Fredericksburg's Healing Arts Yoga will offer Saturday morning outdoor classes for all ages and skill levels in our garden.

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Upcoming Events

**Friday, 2 May:**

**History Trivia Night.** 6 to 8 p.m., JMM garden. Free.

**Saturday, 3 May:**
The first class of the spring series is Saturday, May 3, from 9 to 10 a.m. Get energized for your weekend, connect with nature, and support the museum at the same time! We recommend bringing a yoga mat. Classes are $8 and are drop-in - no reservation required!

This program qualifies the museum to participate in First Lady Michelle Obama’s "Let’s Move! Museums & Gardens Initiative."

On May 6, be part of the Community Give!

Make your donation to JMM count the most by participating in the first-ever Community Give on Tuesday, May 6! This 24-hour giving marathon will enable local residents to come together on one exciting day to donate to the nonprofits that keep our area thriving.

On Tuesday, May 6, visit www.bit.ly/MonroeGive4 between 12 a.m. and 11:59 p.m., and select "James Monroe Museum."

Your gift will help us conserve our priceless collection and plan new exhibits and public programs to educate the public about the life and times of James Monroe.

We are excited to be a part of this exciting and unique community-wide giving opportunity!

Find our more about the Community Give and the Community Foundation of Fredericksburg.

May 24 Program on "Medical Practice in the Colonial and Early National Eras"

Enjoy a colorful first-person tour of the reconstructed Hugh Mercer Apothecary Shop, a museum of medicine, pharmacy, and military and political affairs. Dr. Mercer served the citizens of Fredericksburg with medicines and treatments of the time, including leeches, lancets, snakeroot, and crab claws, treatments James and Elizabeth Monroe would have received.

A reception hosted by President Monroe follows at the James Monroe Museum, during which curator Jarod Kearney will show
some of the medical artifacts from the museum's collection - including some instruments that were used to treat Elizabeth Monroe's mysterious illness. Cosponsored with the Washington Heritage Museums (WHM).

Program: 6:30 p.m., Hugh Mercer Apothecary Shop (1020 Caroline Street, Fredericksburg). Reception: 7:30 p.m., JMM garden. $10/person (free for Friends of JMM or members of WHM). Reservations required; RSVP to 540/654-1123 or auphaus@umw.edu.

UMW Students Complete Projects with the Museum

UMW students in two courses this semester undertook projects to benefit the James Monroe Museum while also teaching valuable career skills.

In Dr. Jeff McClurken's "Adventures in Digital History" class, students like Copperthite, Victoria Skaggs, Eric Greenlaw, and Amanda Vercruysse did 3-D scans of artifacts in the museum's collection.

They created an online exhibit and printed 3-D copies of James Monroe's telescope and a wooden bust of Monroe (above), carved in 1962 by sculptor G.M. Hutchenson. While the final product is smaller and less detailed than the original, owing to the limitations of UMW's current equipment, the goal of the project was learning the processes and possibilities of 3-D printing technology.

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What's in Store?

New on the shelves in May will be the fun and instructive Hotch Potch Dolls. As you may have seen in our children's corner at the Museum, the dolls can be used to help children learn the letters of the alphabet (right). Help make learning the alphabet fun for the young ones in your life!

In keeping with our program theme for May, "Medical Practice in the
Colonial and Early National Eras," (see article above) we will also have some new books on the shelves.

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**Visit our website.**

**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.

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