September 2014 E-Newsletter

September Trivia Night

Join us for a Trivia Night this **Friday, September 5**, from 6 to 8 p.m.! Our Celebrity Quizzmaster this month is University of Mary Washington President Richard V. Hurley.

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!

Our Trivia Nights have been so successful that we are adding another on **Friday, October 3**. This special final evening will bring together all the preceding Celebrity Quizzmasters! Be sure to join us then!

25th Annual Fredericksburg Welsh Festival

Wed, 3 Sep.: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., JMM Farm.
It's hard to believe, but the **Fredericksburg Welsh Festival** is a quarter-of-a-century old! What started out as the "Little Welsh Festival" has become a fixture of late September in downtown Fredericksburg, and it remains one of the very few festivals dedicated specifically to the culture and history of Wales.

The Festival, which honors the Welsh ancestry of James Monroe (through his mother, Elizabeth Jones) will be held this year on Saturday, September 20. Highlights include traditional music, dancing, arts, and crafts. The event is co-sponsored by the **Welsh Society of Fredericksburg** and will take place from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the 900 block of Charles Street, in front of the museum. A suggested donation of $5/adult or $1/child helps defray expenses.

**Fall Yoga in the Garden Starts September 5**

The Fall series of Yoga-in-the-Garden will start on **Saturday, September 6 at 9 a.m.**! Teachers from Healing Arts & Yoga Center will lead classes for all ages and skill levels Saturdays through October. Join us to get energized for your weekend and connect with nature! We recommend bringing a yoga mat.

Classes are drop-in; no reservations required! $8/person.

**Public Forum, "From Monroe to McAuliffe: The Evolution of the Office of Governor of Virginia"**

Mark your calendars to join us on **Wednesday, October 22**, for a special free public forum exploring the evolution of the office of Governor from the era of James Monroe (who served four terms as governor) to the present.

Participants include The Honorable Gerald Baliles, 65th Governor of Virginia; Dr. Stephen J. Farnsworth, Professor of Political Science and International Affairs.

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and Director of the UMW Center for Leadership and Media Studies; Dr. Daniel Preston, Editor of the Papers of James Monroe; and Scott Harris, director of the James Monroe Museum. A reception follows.

**What's in Store?**

There are lots of new items available in the James Monroe Museum Store! One that we are particularly excited to share is a custom designed magnet ($4.99 - pictured at left) featuring a portrait of James Monroe along with a quote that is reflective of not only the personal values of our fifth president, but also the mission of the University of Mary Washington. We also have a number of new decorative, historical reproduction items such as delicate glass inkwells, a tea caddie and a wooden canteen.

The much anticipated issue of the White House History journal featuring "Articles of the Best Kind: James Monroe Furnishes the Rebuilt White House," written by James Monroe Museum Director Scott Harris and Curator Jarod Kearney is now available for purchase in the store ($9.95). Pick up your copy today!

**Pirate Program a Great Success!**

Our pirate programming on Saturday, August 23 was very successful! The puppet shows and other daytime family activities were well-attended, and we welcomed a full house to the Rising Sun Tavern in the evening for "Pirates and Punch!"

*Carson Hudson presents "The Death of Blackbeard the Pirate"*

Dr. Daniel Preston's talk on James Monroe and the fight against piracy in Spanish Florida was filmed, so if you missed the program, you can watch it [here](https://ui.constantcontact.com/visualeditor/visual_editor_preview.jsp?agent.uid=1118346895598&format=html&print=true).
Welsh Festival, Yoga-in-the-Garden, & More: September at JMM!

Gathered to learn about James Monroe’s fight against piracy.
Watching “Blackbeard the Pirate”

See more pictures at our Facebook page!

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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.