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November 2016 E-Newsletter



The 29th Annual James Monroe Lecture: *The Evolution of the Two-Party Political System in the Early American Republic*

Thursday, November 10, 7:00 PM

Digital Auditorium, Hurley Convergence Center, UMW

We are glad to welcome Dr. James Broussard, Professor of History at Lebanon Valley College in Annville, Pennsylvania, as our featured speaker this year. Dr. Broussard's research and publications concentrate on the Jefferson-Jackson era, the South, and American politics.

The men who met at the end of 1815 in the first postwar session of Congress had the sense that they were legislating a foundation for the American future. There were two opinions about the proper path to follow - Alexander Hamilton's vision of a vigorous federal government designing a diverse economy, and Thomas Jefferson's hope for an agrarian society of independent farmers imbued with civic virtue with little need for government oversight.

This heated argument at the dawn of James Monroe's presidency reflects one of the most fundamental and long-lasting issues of government in America, from the prior party battles of the 1790s down to the clash of liberal Democrats and conservative Republicans today.

A reception will follow the lecture. The event is free and open to the public. Dr. Broussard's book *The Southern Federalists, 1800-1816* will be available for sale.

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Upcoming Events

**Thurs., 10 Nov.:
29th James Monroe
Lecture *The
Evolution of the
Two-Party System
in the Early
American Republic.*
7 PM, Digital
Auditorium Hurley
Convergence
Center, UMW.
Free.**

**Fri, 2 Dec: A
Monroe Christmas
Holiday Open
House**
Join us for cookies,
hot cider, Colonial
hot chocolate,



Election Day at the State House 1815 by John Lewis Krimmel
(Historical Society of Pennsylvania)

James Monroe Museum Holiday Events!

A Monroe Christmas Friday, December 2, 6:00-8:00 PM

Join us at The James Monroe Museum for our annual Holiday Open House! We will celebrate with cider, Colonial hot chocolate, and cookies, plus seasonal music played on the harp and the Monroe family's Astor pianoforte. Free and open to the public.

Deck the Halls 2016 Saturday, December 3, 9:30 AM-Noon Monroe Hall, Room 116, UMW

Let celebrated floral consultant Jan Williams of Jan Williams Florals inspire you with ideas for dressing your home for the holidays! Ms. Williams will demonstrate how to craft unique decorations using local evergreens and flora in this entertaining and inspiring annual presentation, which has become a mainstay of Fredericksburg's holiday celebrations. You may be one of the lucky participants chosen to take home one of the designer's beautiful natural decorations created at the event. Join us as we "Deck the Halls" for the holiday season!

Tickets are now available for this much anticipated annual event. Tickets are \$30/person or \$25/person for Friends of the James Monroe Museum. Tickets can be purchased using brochures that have been mailed out, by phone 540/654-1043, or e-mail lallen2@umw.edu. Get yours today!

festive music and decorations. 6 to 8 PM, JMM. Free.

Sat., 3 Dec.: Deck the Halls with Jan Williams

Annual holiday decorating presentation by Jan Williams. 9:30 AM to noon, Monroe Hall, Room 116, UMW. \$30/\$25 Friends of JMM.

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A Visit from Staff of the White House Historical Association

On October 26 we had the pleasure of welcoming to the James Monroe Museum our distinguished colleagues from the White House Historical Association: Stewart McLaurin, President of WHHA; William Seale, author, historian, and editor of the journal "White House History;" and Marcia Anderson, Vice President of Publishing and Executive Editor of the journal. It was a delightful afternoon!



JMM Curator Jarod Kearney shares items from our collection that were used by the Monroes in the White House.



Director Scott Harris introduces our Rembrandt Peale portrait of James Monroe to Marcia Anderson, William Seale, and Stewart McLaurin of the White House Historical Association.

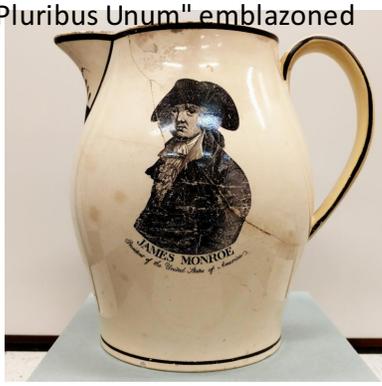
Curator's Corner

This month's featured artifact is a circa 1817-1824 black and white transfer-printed creamware commemorative pitcher. The front of the pitcher features a portrait of James Monroe with the words "James Monroe, President of the United States of America" beneath the image. The reverse side is decorated with an oval medallion, featuring the tomb of President George Washington. A figure in mourning and a "mourning eagle" stand beside the tomb, with a banner flying above them bearing the words "Washington in Glory." The spout of the jug has been hand painted with a black leaf motif, above a medallion bearing the image of an American eagle holding a

shield and banner with the words "E Pluribus Unum" emblazoned



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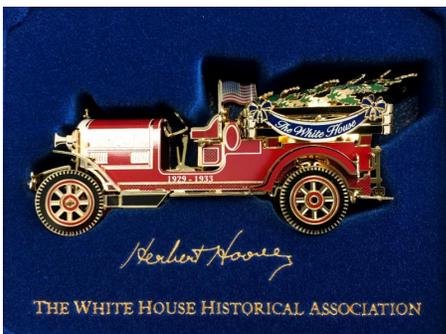
banner. Monroe's initials are on the handle of the jug, indicating that the piece may have been made expressly for him, either as a gift from the factory or from a British dignitary. Although the maker is unknown, Herculaneum pottery of Liverpool, England was producing similar pieces with American designs and emblems, and it is possible the pitcher was produced by Herculaneum.

The process of transfer-printing revolutionized English pottery production starting in the 1750s. A copper plate was meticulously engraved with a design, then ink was applied. The plate was heated, then a thin piece of paper placed over the plate. The ink was transferred to the paper, which in turn was placed over the ceramic and rubbed onto the surface. A second firing of the piece completed the process. A similar piece to the museum's pitcher appeared on an auction site in 2010 without the "JM" under the spout. The initials on our piece appear to be applied before the firing process, indicating the pitcher was a well-thought out gift, not just taken from the factory line and painted afterward.

Come see this pitcher and many other fantastic artifacts in our new exhibit - *Conduct in the Public Service: Artifacts of Politics and Government from the Collection of the James Monroe Museum.*

What's In Store?

The holidays are fast approaching! We know some of you have



already started your shopping. You're way ahead of us! Though we know that one of the items that brings delight to many on your lists is the **White House Historical Association's annual Christmas ornament** (\$24.95). This year's ornament will not disappoint! It is a festive fire engine hauling a large

Christmas tree. The ornament honors our thirty-first president Herbert Hoover. The design was inspired in part by the fire engines that responded to a fire in the White House on Christmas Eve 1929 amid a party being hosted by President and Mrs. Hoover for his staff and their families.

It seems that everyone will be relieved when the current election

season is over, but at The James Monroe Museum our presidential celebrations are just beginning as we commemorate the bicentennial of James Monroe's first term as the fifth President of the United States. If you haven't picked up your **Monroe is the Man** campaign button (\$2.75) yet, come by the store and get one soon! The slogan is borrowed from Monroe's campaign song of the same title. You can hear it playing as part of our new *Conduct in the Public Service* exhibit, along with a collection of other campaign songs from throughout our history.



Come by the Museum and help us celebrate the beginning of the Era of Good Feelings!

First Friday Trivia Night

Unfortunately, our final First Friday History Trivia Night of 2016 had to be postponed due to a power outage in downtown Fredericksburg. Fortunately, our Celebrity Quizmaster for the evening, Dr. David A. Sam, President of [Germana Community College](#), and the attendees were good sports! Dr. Sam will be back on Friday, January 6, 2017 to try out our new gallery space for our first indoor trivia night! We will update you on the details closer to the date. We hope you will be able to join us!

Contact 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.

