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December 2014 E-Newsletter

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JMM Holiday Events



JMM will host its annual holiday events on **Saturday, December 6.**

From 9 to 11:30 a.m., join us in Dodd Auditorium (in George Washington Hall on the UMW Fredericksburg campus) for "Deck the Halls 2014," the popular

holiday decorating presentation by local florist extraordinaire Jan Williams. Jan will demonstrate how to craft beautiful natural decorations from local evergreens and other materials. Registrants will be entered into a drawing to win one of Jan's stunning creations! A breakfast of seasonal breads and pastries will be served. Tickets are available in advance or at the door and are \$25/person (\$22 for Friends of the James Monroe Museum). Call 540/654-1043 or [e-mail us](#) for more information.

Then join us at the museum at 908 Charles Street for our annual free holiday Open House from 3 to 5 p.m. (before the downtown Fredericksburg holiday parade). The exterior of the museum will be decorated for the holidays by the Sunlight Garden Club, and inside will be cookies and hot cider and carols performed on the harp and on the Monroe family's Astor pianoforte.

Come celebrate with us!

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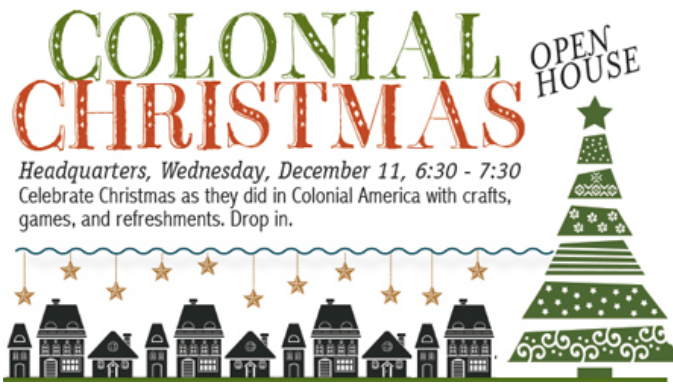


Sat, 6 Dec: Deck the Halls 2014

Annual holiday decorating presentation by Jan Williams. 9 am to noon, Dodd Auditorium, GW Hall, UMW.

Colonial Christmas Open House at Headquarters Library

JMM will participate in this free holiday event at the Headquarters Branch of the Central Rappahannock Regional Library for the 2nd year in a row!



Celebrate Christmas as they did in Colonial America with crafts, games, and refreshments from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Headquarters Library theater (1201 Caroline Street).

Other participants include George Washington's Young Friends, the Fredericksburg Area Museum and Cultural Center, the Washington Heritage Museums, the Patawomeck Indian Tribe, and the George Washington Foundation.

Visit librarypoint.org for more information.

\$25/\$22.

Sat, 6 Dec: Holiday Open House

Join us for cookies, hot cider, festive music and decorations. 3 to 5 p.m., JMM. Free.

Sat, 24 Jan: Chocolate and Silver

Sample colonial hot chocolate and view newly conserved pieces from the Monroe's silver collection. 3 p.m., JMM. Free.

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"What's in Store" at the James Monroe Museum?



The newly redesigned James Monroe Museum t-shirt is in the Store (*pictured left*)!

The shirt features the Museum's new logo on the front and on the back is still the silhouette of James Monroe, but with a new twist. The silhouette is filled with the many accomplishments of James Monroe during more than five decades of public service. The shirt is available in a variety of colors and sizes ranging from Adult XXL (\$16.00) to Adult XL

through Small and Youth Large (all \$14.00). Pick one up for yourself or as a gift and help us share the inspiring legacy of James Monroe!

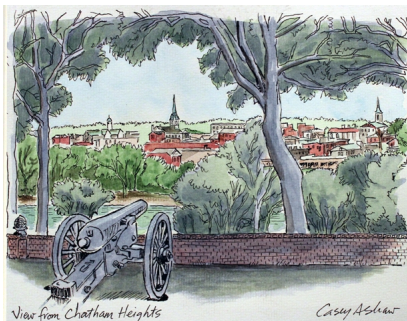
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Museum Participating in Fredericksburg Main Street Initiative's Gift Card Program

Those who receive an Experience Fredericksburg gift card this holiday season will be able to use it in the JMM Museum Store, in addition to more than 90 other downtown businesses!

Purchase cards [here](#).

Learn more about the Fredericksburg Main Street Initiative [here](#).



One of the 5 possible gift card designs, all by local artists. This is "View from Chatham" by Casey Shaw.

Museum Implements New Admission Rate Structure

In light of recent budget challenges facing the University of Mary Washington and the Commonwealth of Virginia generally, The James Monroe Museum will implement the following changes to admission rates and policies beginning January 1, 2015:

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All of us at the James Monroe Museum wish you the happiest of holidays! We'll see you in 2015!

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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.



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