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January 2015 E-Newsletter



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Chocolate and Silver Event



Monroe family chocolate pot

On **Saturday, January 24**, warm up on a cold winter afternoon by tasting colonial hot chocolate and other delicious treats at the James Monroe Museum!

Enjoy a display of silver pieces - including a hot chocolate pot - from the Monroes' silver collection, which has recently been conserved. Chat with the staff of the **Papers of James Monroe**, which recently published Volume 5 of Monroe's papers, covering the years 1803 through 1811. A cozy and festive event to usher in 2015!

3 p.m. at the James Monroe Museum. Free!

3rd Annual Black History Month Lecture, "The Enslaved Community of James Monroe"

We're proud to be presenting our 3rd annual lecture in honor of Black History Month on **Thursday, February 12**. Loudoun County historians Lori

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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.

Kimball and Wynne Saffer will discuss their ongoing research into identifying and tracing the genealogy of the enslaved community of James Monroe. A reception will follow.

7 p.m. in Lee Hall, room 411, UMW Fredericksburg campus.



Slave quarters at Monroe's Ash Lawn-Highland

Watch Ms. Kimball & Mr. Saffer present at the 2012 James Monroe Symposium.

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



American Heritage Chocolate products

You are always welcome at the Store, so stop by the James Monroe Museum to warm up on a cold winter's day!

In celebration of our January 24th Chocolate and Silver event, we have products in

stock from American Heritage Chocolates (pictured above)! These treats are made from recipes from 1750, and are made only with ingredients that were available in the 18th century, including cinnamon, nutmeg, red pepper and vanilla. The mix for the rich, delicious hot chocolate we will be serving at the event is available now in the store in 12.72 oz. canisters (\$19.95). The finely-grated mix can also be used as a substitute for semi-sweet chocolate in your favorite recipes. To take your hot chocolate on the go, remember to pick up one of our James Monroe Museum travel mugs (\$11.95)! For those days when you don't have time to whip up a mug of hot chocolate, but still crave a chocolate treat, we also have individually-wrapped American Heritage Chocolate Sticks (\$1.50) and muslin bags of American Heritage Chocolate Bites (\$7.40).

We are excited to share a new item in our Store: the updated James Monroe Museum Cross Stitch graph (\$7.50)! The

Thur, 12 Feb: 3rd annual Black History Month Lecture, "The Enslaved Community of James Monroe." Presented by historians Lori Kimball & Wynne Saffer. 7 p.m., Lee Hall 411, UMW campus. Free.

Thur, 12 Feb: 3rd annual Women's History Month Lecture, "Ona Judge." Presented by Erica Armstrong Dunbar, associate professor at the University of Delaware. 7 p.m., Lee Hall 411, UMW campus. Free.

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pattern features the exterior of the Museum as well as our name across the bottom. The package includes the graph and complete instructions (it does not include the fabric, needle or floss). It will make a wonderful addition to anyone's needle arts collection!



James Monroe Museum Cross Stitch graph

If you are on Pinterest, check out the Store's board [here](#)!

We wish you a happy and peaceful 2015!

2015 Special Events



In addition to the winter and early spring events described here, we have exciting programming scheduled for the rest of the year! Here is a preview (also look for our events postcard, which will be published soon):

April 25: James Monroe's 257th Birthday Celebration
 TBD May: "James Monroe's Fredericksburg" Walking Tour
 June 28: Elizabeth Monroe Birthday Tea
 July 6-7: "Major Monroe's History Camp"
 TBD August: Wine event
 September 19: 26th Annual Fredericksburg Welsh Festival
 October 3: Concert, "Music for Mr. Monroe"
 TBD November: 28th Annual James Monroe Lecture
 December 4: "A Monroe Christmas" Holiday Open House
 December 5: "Deck the Halls" 2015

[See details of these events on our website!](#)

Impromptu JMM Reunion

Current and former JMM staff and interns had an impromptu reunion at a recent Virginia Association of Museums workshop at the Gari Melchers Home & Studio!

L to R in the picture: Adele Uphaus-Conner (JMM Membership & Special Events Coordinator); Sarah Palenik (former JMM student aide,

current Membership & Office Manager at Gari Melchers Home & Studio); Bill Backus (former Bowley Scholar & current Historical Interpreter at Prince William County Historic Preservation Division); Christine Clements (former Bowley Scholar & current Curatorial Assistant at Fauquier History Museum at the Old Jail); JMM director Scott Harris; current Bowley Scholars Theresa Cramer & Gabrielle Lindemann; Candice Rolland (former Bowley Scholar & current Library Clerk at VA Historical Society).



[Read the UMW Newsletter article about this.](#)

Welcome, New Friends!



We'd like to extend a warm welcome to the following people, who joined the Friends of the James Monroe Museum in 2014. We hope you will stay with us for many years to come!

Ms. Danette Pisarcik
 Mr. Michael Whitford
 Ms. Janet West
 Dr. Patrick McManus and Mrs. Mary Elizabeth McManus
 Porter and Linda Blakemore
 Mr. Leslie Rosenbaum & Ms. Debra Derickson
 Robert and Julianne Dixon
 Lawrence and Janice Toperoff
 Sherri L. Curtis
 Patrick H. and Wendy Risher Filippone
 Michael and Cristine Lynch

[Learn more about the Friends of the James Monroe Museum!](#)

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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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