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December 2015 E-Newsletter

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Widow of Museum's Founding Director Dies



Camilla Hoes Pope
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Camilla Hoes Pope, a caring and principled lady who lived the last four decades of her life in Fredericksburg and Stafford County, passed away on November 14, 2015.

Camilla was born the second of five children in Berlin, Germany, on January 27, 1928. She grew up in a happy, well-to-do family, until the Second World War tore the family apart. Her father was an important banker in Berlin, but no friend of the Nazi government. Camilla and her younger siblings fled to Silesia to escape the bombing of Berlin, and from there fled again from the Russian invasion back to Berlin shortly before the end of the war in 1945. From 1946 on she studied German and English in Berlin and became a teacher at the secondary level.

Under a teacher exchange program between the U.S. and Germany, Camilla came to Scranton, Pennsylvania on a Fulbright Scholarship. She met her first husband, Laurence Gouverneur Hoes, when she was visiting Fredericksburg one weekend. She encountered Laurence, the

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great-great grandson of President James Monroe and founding director of the James Monroe Museum, as he was closing the building for the night. He reopened the building to give Camilla a personal tour, and then asked her to dinner!

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History for the Holidays!

Start the season with these exceptional programs from the James Monroe Museum!

Friday, December 4, 6:00-8:00 PM
"A Monroe Christmas" Holiday Open House
James Monroe Museum, 908 Charles Street
Enjoy cider and cookies and view a special exhibit about Christmas during Monroe's era. Features new children's book, *Let's Visit James Monroe*, and CD of seasonal music played on the Monroe family's Astor pianoforte. FREE!

Saturday, December 5, 9:30 AM-Noon
"Deck the Halls" Holiday Decorating Workshop
Monroe Hall, Room 116, UMW Fredericksburg Campus
Decorator Jan Williams demonstrates how to craft unique decorations from local evergreens and flora in this entertaining and inspiring annual presentation. Enter raffle to take home one of Jan's beautiful creations! Coffee and seasonal breads served. \$30/person (\$25/Friends of JMM). Advance registration required at 540/654-1123 or email mwebb2@umw.edu. SEATING IS LIMITED AND GOING FAST!

Sunday, December 6, 2:00 PM
Concert, "Music for Mr. Monroe"
Monroe Hall, Room 116, UMW Fredericksburg Campus
The Colonial Musical Institute performs music from James Monroe's era, featuring instruments of the period. A reception follows. FREE, advance registration required at 540/654-1123 or mwebb2@umw.edu.



Welcome Melissa B. Webb, Membership & Special Events Coordinator

The Museum is pleased to announce that Melissa B. Webb, one of our Guides since April, is our new Membership and Special Events Coordinator. This position is the principle staff contact for the Friends of the James Monroe Museum. Duties include recruitment, renewals, financial accounting, and related administrative tasks. The Coordinator also handles promotion of Museum-sponsored events and facility rentals. Friends' contributions, events,



Melissa B. Webb



and rentals comprise a significant portion of the annual revenue generated by the Museum.

A graduate of the University of Mary Washington and the University of South Dakota, Melissa possesses diverse experience in government and nonprofit organizations. Prior to joining the JMM staff, she worked on membership development and grant writing at the Fredericksburg Area Museum and Cultural Center.

Congratulations to Melissa on her selection!

What's In Store?

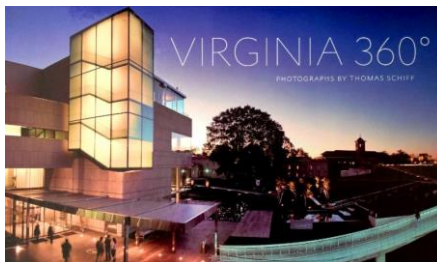


Custom James Monroe
Museum T-shirts

There's always something new in the James Monroe Museum Store! We just received a shipment of our James Monroe Museum t-shirt in an array of new colors. We have a variety of sizes in red, sapphire blue, olive green, orange, and gold. The shirts are 100% preshrunk cotton. They are \$14.00 for sizes youth large through adult XL, and \$16.00 for adult XXL. They would make a wonderful gift for someone on your list!

There are also two new books in the Store. *Virginia 360* (\$34.95) is a book of stunning panoramic photographs by Thomas R. Schiff. The photographs feature a variety of historic sites, museums, public spaces, churches, and colleges. It makes a lovely gift for out-of-town visitors and Virginians alike. Another book that's new to the Store is

Brandywine (\$34.95) by Michael C. Harris. The book is an in-depth military history of the Battle of Brandywine, one of the pivotal battles of the Revolutionary War.



New book available

Look for our special What's In Store? holiday edition with details about all the wonderful gifts for the loved ones on your holiday shopping lists! Don't forget, if you are a Friend of the James Monroe Museum you receive a 20% discount on all store purchases!

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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.

