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April 2016 Newsletter

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April Special Events

In the Footsteps of James Monroe Walking Tour

Saturday, April 23, 2:00-4:00 PM: Explore Fredericksburg with G. Scott Walker, Director of Hallowed Ground Tours. The tour starts from the sidewalk in front of 301 Caroline Street (where the Monroe family lived), with stops at Fredericksburg Masonic Lodge #4 and Saint George's Episcopal Church. Tour concludes with a reception at the Museum. \$25 per person/\$15 Friends of JMM. **Advance registration required** at mwebb2@umw.edu or 540-654-1123

Monroe Birthday Open House Saturday, April 30



Please join us for James Monroe's 258th birthday celebration on the last Saturday this month, complete with birthday cake and punch! The museum will be open free of charge, and activities throughout the day will include live music from 1:00-3:00 PM, a scavenger hunt, and interaction with James Monroe himself (portrayed by Jay Harrison). Julia Livi, author and illustrator of the Museum's children's book

Let's Visit James Monroe, will read the book aloud at 11:30 AM and 3:30 PM.

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What's in Store?

Happy spring from the James Monroe Museum Store! The Carolina jasmine is blooming in the museum's garden, so be sure to stop and enjoy a quiet moment on your way to the store.

If you're looking for a unique gift for a soon-to-be graduate, or need something for your own writing essentials, come by the store and take a look at the brand new writing sets we have in stock! We have a beautiful new collection of **quill pen and ink writing sets**, some of which include **wax seal stamps and wax**.



The stamps you can choose from include a **Welsh dragon**, an **American eagle**, and a **fleur-de-lys**. There are also writing sets featuring lovely Italian notecards, a journal, or sets with a quill and a variety of nibs. Also available are charming inkwells, letter openers, blotters, and parchment notecards. One visit to the James Monroe Museum Store and you'll be ready to sit at your desk and compose your correspondences just as James and Elizabeth Monroe would have!





Now that the weather is warming up and you're putting away those winter clothes, it's the perfect time to pick up one of our James Monroe Museum **t-shirts**! They are 100% cotton and available in an array of colors and sizes from youth large (\$14.00) to adult XXL (\$16.00). They are also very educational gifts, featuring the myriad accomplishments of James Monroe's career.

We look forward to seeing you in the James Monroe Museum Store!

In Loving Memory: Donations from Camilla Hoes Pope

March 25 through August 30, 2016



Silhouettes of James and Elizabeth Monroe, circa 1800

Our new exhibit celebrates the legacy and commitment of one of the museum's great friends, Camilla Hoes Pope. Mrs. Pope was the widow of Laurence Gouverneur Hoes, founding director of the

museum. The exhibit presents more than a dozen artifacts, most of which were bequeathed to the Museum in Mrs. Pope's will.



Elizabeth Monroe's bracelet and matching brooch made of gold with turquoise inlay and pearl adornments was likely purchased in France while James Monroe was an envoy (1803).

UMW Blue and Gray Shines at VAM Conference



At the Virginia Association of Museums annual conference held recently in Williamsburg, Director Scott Harris (class of 1983) joined 16 fellow University of Mary Washington alumni and currently-enrolled students for a group picture. Several other alumni attending the conference were not present for the photo. This strong showing by UMW reflects the utility of the University's degree programs in historic preservation, history, and museum studies. UMW alumni are employed in museums, historical societies, and related institutions throughout Virginia, across the United States, and in other countries.

Among those pictured with Harris are two former Bowley Scholars (Laura Gilchrist, front center row and Paige Gibbons Backus, back row, next to Harris) and one current Bowley Scholar (Katie Finch, back row, second from left).

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