THE JAMES MONROE MUSEUM

JAMES MONROE PRESIDENTIAL BICENTENNIAL
1817 — 1825

The 2017 Fredericksburg Welsh Festival!

On September 16th we celebrated the Welsh heritage of James Monroe with the 28th Annual Fredericksburg Welsh Festival. The crowds came out to help us celebrate; enjoying music, dancing, shopping, and presentations in The James Monroe Museum garden. A festive time was had by all! Thank you to the Welsh Society of Fredericksburg, and to all the volunteers who helped make the event possible.

Hurricane Irma Relief
Monroe County, Florida Fundraiser

The staff of The James Monroe Museum invites you to join us in reaching out to help some of those most severely impacted by Hurricane Irma. As we considered how we could help those in need, we naturally thought of focusing our efforts on Monroe County, Florida, established on July 2, 1823, and named after then-president James Monroe.

We spoke with a colleague in Key West who informed us that the Middle Keys were one of the hardest hit areas in Monroe County. Many homes and businesses were completely destroyed by the storm. In order to help most effectively with the rebuilding, our fundraising efforts will be focused on donations for Habitat for Humanity of the Middle Keys and Lower Keys.

On Friday, October 6 we invite you to drop by The James Monroe Museum to make a donation! We will also be accepting donations at our First Friday event that evening from 6:00-8:00 PM. **Checks can be made payable to Habitat for Humanity Middle Keys.** Everyone making a donation at the Museum on October 6 will receive a coupon for free admission for four as our way of saying thank you! Online donations can also be made directly using the Donate button on the website for Habitat for Humanity of the Middle Keys. There will also be a link to Habitat for Humanity of the Middle Keys at www.jamesmonroemuseum.org for the month of October.

We hope you will join us in reaching out to the people of Monroe County, Florida.

New Exhibit!
Dynamic Ceramics: Selections from The James Monroe Museum Collection

We are pleased to invite you to the opening of our new exhibit "Dynamic Ceramics: Selections from The James Monroe Museum Collection" on **Friday, October 6 at 4:00 PM**. Featuring a spectrum of pottery artifacts from James Monroe and his family, the exhibit is an in-depth examination of ceramic wares including American stoneware, earthenware, and porcelain.

Join us for a clay-throwing demonstration and discussion by curator Jarod Kearney from 4:00-6:00 PM on October 6.

Upcoming Events

Friday, October 6, 6:00-8:00 PM,
First Friday Tavern Night
Location: James Monroe Museum
The Ship's Company Chanteymen will lead us in a boisterous night of merriment and songs of yore. All will be invited to join in the chorus or even lead a chantey or two! It will be a great treat to see this jolly band of merrymakers who have been seen and heard up and down the east coast of the United States.

Admission and participation are free. There will be a variety of Virginia beers available for purchase at the cash bar, including Fredericksburg's own Fred Red!

This event is also a fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity of the Middle Keys in Monroe County, Florida. So join us for an evening of song, and make a donation to help those recovering from Hurricane Irma! (See the article above.)

Friday, November 2, 6:00-8:00 PM,
First Friday Monroe Conversations
Location: James Monroe Museum
Daniel Preston, Editor of The Papers of James Monroe, will discuss James Monroe's time in Paris. A Q&A and light refreshments will follow.

Thursday, November 9, 7:00-9:00 PM,
30th Annual James Monroe Lecture,
Monroe Hall, room 116, University of Mary Washington
Speaker David Head, lecturer at the University of Central Florida, will discuss "James Monroe Versus the Spanish American Pirates." A reception will follow.
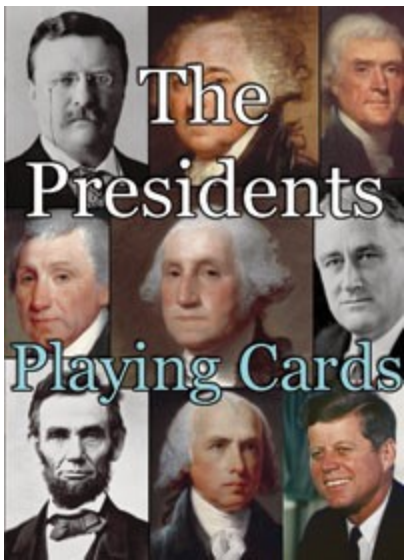

Deck the Halls!
We know so many are already looking forward to our beloved annual event Deck the Halls with Jan Williams! It will be on **Saturday, December 2nd** from 9:30 AM - noon. Look for information about purchasing tickets for the event in our newsletter next month, and in the mail at the beginning of November. If you would like to be added to our mailing list for the event, please contact our Public Programs Coordinator Lynda Allen.

Calendar of Events

What's In Store?

Virginia Presidential Trivia

Can you recognize and name the 45 presidents of the United States? James Monroe, our fifth president, served two consecutive terms from 1817 until 1825. He was one of eight presidents born in Virginia. Can you name the other seven who hailed from the Commonwealth? Would you like a fun and interesting way to learn about the presidents and teach the kids? The James Monroe Museum Store has several ways to help!

Presidents Playing Cards $7.90
All 45 of the US presidents are represented on these playing cards, along with interesting facts and quotes. Four out of the first five presidents were Virginians!

The Virginia Presidents: A Travel and History Guide $18.50
Here you will find an extensive table of contents so you can easily focus on certain presidents or sites and use it as a travel guide if you wish. The historical narrative linking these men together makes it easy to read straight through. Text boxes and images detail numerous sites associated with the eight Virginia presidents.

United States Presidents Puzzle $18.00
This U.S. presidents jigsaw puzzle vividly illustrates the USA's 45 chief executives. The image features cameos of each president along with related historical sites. U.S. Presidents Puzzle makes a great learning tool that provides for challenging fun.

The Presidency of James Monroe $4.00
For a closer look at James Monroe's two terms as president consider *The Presidency of James Monroe*. This book features a thorough look at specific events during Monroe's time as president from 1817-1825.

Remember, there is never an admission charge to visit the Museum Store. We are open from 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM Monday through Saturday, and 1:00 PM until 5:00 PM on Sunday. As always, Friends of the James Monroe Museum receive a 20% discount on all merchandise. Not yet a member? Visit our website **here** for information.

We hope to see you soon at The James Monroe Museum Store!

Curator's Corner

This month's featured artifact is a large ironstone punch bowl made by T. Furnival & Sons, a ceramics factory established in Staffordshire, England in 1851. Decorated with transfer print and gilding, the punch bowl was previously thought to have belonged to James Monroe. The 1850s manufacture date makes this an impossibility. However, it did belong to Monroe's descendants. The earliest record we have of the piece indicates it was passed down to James Monroe Museum and Memorial Library founding director and Monroe descendant Laurence Gouverneur Hoes through his aunt, Maud Campbell Gouverneur. Miss Gouverneur refers to it in her will as the "Monroe punch bowl," indicating it had been in the family for some time. This, along with the date of manufacture, suggests it belonged to James Monroe's grandson, Samuel Lawrence Gouverneur, Jr., who in turn gave it to his daughter Maud Campbell Gouverneur.

Produced as a less expensive alternative to porcelain, ironstone was first created in England by Charles James Mason in 1813. Named ironstone because of its strength, the ware was capable of supporting heavier weighted items, and was often employed in the mass production of larger vessels such as this punch bowl. Ironstone was not considered informal ware per se, but was not as esteemed as the higher-end ceramics such as Old Paris porcelain. Any ironstone pieces Monroe owned would have been reserved for less formal occasions such as casual dining or colloquial gatherings.

Come see the punch bowl and our wealth of ceramic artifacts in our new exhibit, "Dynamic Ceramics: Selections from the The James Monroe Museum Collection" opening on Friday, October 6 at 4:00 PM!

Visit the Museum!

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