



THE JAMES  
MONROE  
MUSEUM

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## 2018 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

*Unless otherwise noted,  
events are open to the  
public and are free  
of charge. Events are  
subject to change.*

### JANUARY

FRI

#### **5 6 to 8 p.m. — Winter Fireside Songs and Tales with Eve Watters.**

Enjoy an all-ages evening of traditional Virginia stories, music, games, and riddles, with harp, dulcimer, and pennywhistle.

SAT

#### **6 10 to 11:30 a.m. — The James Monroe Cipher**

Learn to write coded messages! Heidi Stello, editorial assistant for the Papers of James Monroe, shares the secrets of the Monroe Cipher and discusses how ciphers were an essential element of diplomacy in Monroe's time. Family-friendly.

### FEBRUARY

FRI

#### **2 6 to 8 p.m. — First Friday — Threads of History: Elizabeth Monroe's Wedding Dress**



Textile historian Colleen Callahan discusses the dress Elizabeth Kortright wore on Feb. 16, 1786, the day she married future president James Monroe.

MON

#### **19 6 to 8 p.m. — Presidents' Day Press Conference With James Monroe and James Madison**

Annual event featuring discussions between James Monroe and other historical figures. This year's conversation is between presidents Monroe and Madison (James "Jay" G. Harrison III and John Douglas Hall), reflecting on their longtime friendship and roles in the founding of our nation. Room 116, Monroe Hall, UMW campus.

THU

#### **22 7 to 9 p.m. — Gabriel's Rebellion**

In observance of Black History Month, Douglas Egerton, author of *Gabriel's Rebellion: The Virginia Slave Conspiracies of 1800 and 1802*, discusses the slave rebellion led by Gabriel Prosser while James Monroe was governor of Virginia. Room 116, Monroe Hall, UMW campus.

# MARCH

FRI

## **2 6 to 8 p.m. — First Friday — Monroe Conversations: First Ladies Elizabeth Monroe and Dolley Madison**



In observance of Women's History Month, Elizabeth Monroe and Dolley Madison (Heidi Stello and Katherine Spivey) discuss women's roles in the early 1800s, including their respective experiences as first lady. Room 116, Monroe Hall, UMW campus.

THU

## **15 7 to 9 p.m. — Revolutionary Rift: George Washington and James Monroe**

JMM Director Scott Harris examines the complex relationship in war, politics, and diplomacy between America's first and fifth presidents. Room 116, Monroe Hall, UMW campus.

# APRIL

FRI

## **6 6 to 8 p.m. — First Friday — Pots and Palettes**

Enjoy an evening of pottery painting in the garden of the James Monroe Museum. Pottery pieces available to paint will reflect items in the museum's exhibit *Dynamic Ceramics*. Registration required, \$15/person, \$10/person for Friends of JMM.

SAT

## **28 2 to 5 p.m. — James Monroe's 260th Birthday Celebration**

Join the fifth president of the United States on his birthday for photo opportunities, music, and cake. Visitors will also have a chance to sit for a silhouette portrait.

# MAY

FRI

## **4 6 to 8 p.m. — First Friday — Sketchy History**



Join the fun at JMM's family-friendly version of Win, Lose or Draw™. Categories are historic people; historic objects or documents; historic events; and historic places. Bring along a team or join one when you arrive. Cash bar. Snacks provided.

# JUNE

FRI

## **8 6 to 8 p.m. — History Trivia Night — Please note this is the second Friday**



Sara Poore, CEO, Fredericksburg Area Museum, is our celebrity quizmaster for this perennial favorite! Bring along a team or join one when you arrive. Questions cover a wide range of historical topics. Cash bar and a 50/50 raffle. Snacks provided.

SAT

## **30 2 to 5 p.m. — Elizabeth Monroe's 250th Birthday Celebration**

Join First Lady Elizabeth Monroe for cake and music, and try your hand at the game of Whist!

# JULY

FRI

**6 6 to 8 p.m. — First Friday — History Trivia Night**  
With celebrity quizmaster James Monroe. See June 1 description.

# AUGUST

FRI

**3 6 to 8 p.m. — First Friday — Sketchy History**  
See May 4 description.

# SEPTEMBER

FRI

**7 6 to 8 p.m. — First Friday — History Trivia Night**  
With celebrity quizmaster UMW President Troy Paino. See June 1 description.

SAT

**15 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. — 29th Annual Fredericksburg Welsh Festival**

Popular family-friendly street festival honors James Monroe's Welsh ancestry with arts and crafts vendors, music, dancing, and storytelling. Suggested donation \$5/adult, \$1/child.

# OCTOBER

FRI

**5 6 to 8 p.m. — First Friday — Tavern Night**  
An evening of songs of yore led by the Ship's Company Chanteymen. Cash bar with a selection of craft beers. Snacks provided.



THU

**11 6 to 8 p.m. — Discovering James Monroe: Archeology at Highland**

Virginia Archaeology Month provides the context for this program on discoveries under the soil at James Monroe's Albemarle County farm, by Highland executive director Sara Bon-Harper.

# NOVEMBER

FRI

**2 6 to 8 p.m. — First Friday — Wine Tasting**  
The Monroe family lived in Paris during James Monroe's two missions as American Minister to France, and he developed an appreciation for French wine and cuisine. Join us for an exploration of French wines with City Vino from downtown Fredericksburg (and toast the 228th anniversary of Monroe's success in securing Thomas Paine's release from a Paris prison). Registration required. \$25/person, \$20/person for Friends of JMM.

THU

**8 7 to 9 p.m. — 31st Annual James Monroe Lecture**  
Room 116, Monroe Hall, UMW campus, with Dr. Joanne Freeman, Professor of History and American Studies at Yale University.

SAT

**10 9 a.m. to noon — JMM Veterans Service Day**  
JMM will team up with students from James Monroe High School and the University of Mary Washington to do a service project through a local veterans' charitable organization.

# NOVEMBER

FRI

## **30 6 to 8 p.m. — A Monroe Christmas Holiday Open House**

Annual open house featuring James and Elizabeth Monroe; seasonal music played on the harp and the Monroe family's Astor pianoforte; and a reception with holiday beverages and treats. Museum Store holiday specials!

# DECEMBER

SAT

## **1 9:30 a.m. to noon — Deck the Halls**

Jan Williams, Fredericksburg's best-known decorator, demonstrates how to craft beautiful holiday arrangements from local evergreens and flora in this treasured annual presentation. Refreshments are served, and attendees are entered in a drawing to win the decorations created during the event. Advance registration is required. \$30/person, \$25/person for Friends of JMM. Room 116, Monroe Hall, UMW campus.



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