



Kirkman

HOUSE MUSEUM NEWS

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MUSEUM OPENS FOR THE SEASON MARCH 1

Era of Elegance



March 1 to May 13

The Kirkman House Museum will open March 1 with an exhibit of dresses donated by pioneer Walla Walla families. Many of these families came by wagon train to Walla Walla in the 1850's - 1860's and after making their fortune with cattle, wheat or in the gold fields of California or Idaho were able to enjoy the opulent period of 1880's to 1910's. These dresses exemplify that period of time with their 18-inch waist and abundance of lace, velvet and silk. The Stine Hotel and the Keylor-Grand Opera House were just two places in Walla Walla to wear these outfits. The Kirkmans, who

moved into their grand house in 1880, were part of this era of elegance.

The museum is proud to display our collection of over 20 dresses and other accoutrements most of which have never been on display before. Join us Friday, March 2 from 5pm to 7pm for the opening reception of this exhibit.

Play Ball

One Hundred Twenty Years of Baseball in Walla Walla
May 25 to September 2

Take a step back in time and visit the history of Baseball in Walla Walla. "Play Ball" will open May 25th with hot dogs, popcorn and peanuts.

Come out and enjoy the exhibit, learn the history of baseball and how the rules and the game have changed over the decades. Hear the stories of many former players and become a part of the rich baseball history of Walla Walla. Bring the kids throughout the summer for many of the baseball camps.

We are looking for loans of any and all memorabilia you have of Baseball in Walla Walla. We need uniforms, bats, balls, mitts, stories, baseball cards and pictures. You can drop these off at the Kirkman House Museum during the hours we are open or call Pam Myers at the museum 509-529-4373 or at her home number 509-522-1631.

Founders Luncheon

We invite you to be our guest as we celebrate the annual Kirkman House

Museum Founders Luncheon from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm on Tuesday, March 6 in the YWCA Community Room at 213 South First Avenue.

A program on the 120 years of baseball in the Walla Walla will be presented by Dr. Terry Gottschall, Professor of History at Walla Walla University. Professor Gottschall's talk will be the inaugural event to promote Play Ball: an upcoming exhibit on display at Kirkman House Museum from May 25 through September 2, 2012.

Please RSVP to 509-529-4373 or khm@kirkmanhousemuseum.org by February 29.

We hope you can join us in celebrating the women and men responsible for getting the Kirkman House elected to the National Historic Register in 1974 and for establishing Kirkman House Museum as a non-profit organization in 1981.

Historic Farm-to-Table Dinner

Come join us on **May 13** for an evening from the past, with a classic 1800's menu in the beautiful historic Kirkman House Museum. Chef **Pam Myers** will prepare this authentic meal which will be served on fine china in elegant style.

Tickets: \$50 per person on sale May 2. Limited number of seats available. Pre-sale tickets only. Call, stop in or mail payments directly to the Kirkman House.

This is a benefit dinner. Proceeds go directly to Kirkman House Museum.



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Special thanks to -

Colonial Motel for donating desks for our collection processing room.

R.L. McFarland for the working wood cookstove.

Whitman College and Walla Walla University Students for help on many projects



Tickets on sale April 1

Watch your email and our web site for the latest on this event.

2012 Board and Officers

Donna Cook Gardner, President; Josh VanDonge, Vice-President; Pam Myers, Treasurer; Rick Tuttle, Secretary. Thank you to our officers and all board members for the time they dedicate to the museum. A big thanks to two of our retiring long-time directors, Sally Kearsley and Sue Gillespie, as we welcome four new members: Maejul, Mona, Kent and Kristen.

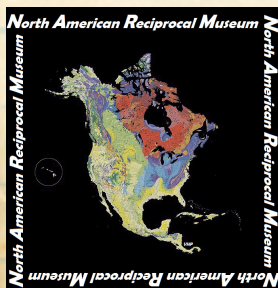
What's been going on over the winter

While the museum has been closed in January and February, the house has undergone a thorough cleaning from top to bottom. Treasures, including a transom and two Kirkman family items, originally thought to have been lost, were located. Boxes, closets and drawers have been organized; silver and brass polished; curtains cleaned; floors waxed and an unrestored bedroom/storage room has been cleaned out and painted to be used as a dedicated gallery/exhibit space. Even the basement has been part of this process and is now presentable for tours. The collections processing room was the recipient of five desks which add much needed flat surface and drawer space for supplies. Thanks to a grant from the Blue Mountain Community Foundation for permanent collections interpretation, we now have interpretive signs and pictures that will allow visitors to take a self-guided tour if they wish. An updated version of our video program on the life of William Kirkman is in production in England and we expect to see that sometime this Spring. Stop in and see all the changes... you will be surprised.

Rent the Museum for your next event

The museum played host to Bunco party's in December, January and February and everyone had a great time playing in the unusual location. If you are in a Bunco group consider having your next game at the museum. We have a reasonable rate and tables and chairs. The Kirkman House is open to weddings, receptions and other special events, just call to reserve your special date. We have packages for small intimate gatherings inside the museum, and for larger events on the lawn.

North American Reciprocal Museum Program



The Kirkman House Museum is now a participant in the North American Reciprocal Museum (NARM) program. NARM is an association of arts and cultural institutions in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Bermuda and El Salvador which offers select benefits of membership to each member institution's premier members. Premier membership is \$100 annually or above. NARM currently has 534 member institutions and these are increasing weekly. The Seattle Science Center and Experience Music Project are just two examples.

Upon presentation of a Kirkman House membership card with the gold NARM sticker our members will receive:

- Free/member admission from all NARM museums.
- Member discounts on gift store purchases, concert and lecture tickets.

New KHM membership cards with the NARM stickers have been issued to our members at the \$100 Supporter level and above. Visit the NARM page on our web site to download a list of participating museums.

We believe that NARM participation greatly enhances the value of our premier memberships and gives everyone in our community even more reason to be one of our Sponsor members.

A big thanks to all our members who have upgraded their membership as these additional dollars help us continue offering great programming to the community and visitors alike.

2012 Kirkman House Events

Museum opens	March 1
Era of Elegance	March 1 to May 13
Founders Luncheon	March 6
Sweet Home Walla Walla	April 29
Farm to Table Historic Dinner	May 13
Play Ball Exhibit	May 25 to Sept. 2
Chamber Music Festival Rehearsal	June TBA
Bandstand Concert	June 24
<i>Air Force Band and Ken Hanson Band</i>	
Closed for exhibit teardown	September 3-6
Sheep to Shawl	September 15
Victorian Ball Reception	September 21
Victorian Ball	September 22
Whispered Memories	October 27 (unconfirmed)
Pumpkin Party	October 28
Holiday Bazaar	November 29, 30 & Dec. 1
Victorian Christmas Open House	December 1
Museum Closes for winter	December 2

Heritage Events in the Valley

Fort Walla Walla Museum

April 1 - September 9

Floral Beadwork of the Plateau Indian People exhibit.

Experience the complexity and beauty of scores of antique examples of this traditional art form of the Homeland Tribes.

June 9 - 10

Fort Walla Walla Days

In this annual event, historic interpreters represent the people of the past, 19th century US Military encampments, fur trade. Area Indian people present their stories with exhibits.

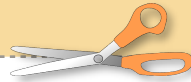
June 26

Explorers Kids Camp - For kids ages 9-11

July 17

Pioneer Kids Camp - For kids ages 9-11

Call 509-525-7703 for all Fort Walla Walla Activities



Kitchen Window Restoration Report

By Dave Kuns, Owner of Millwork Custom Woodworking



The work consisted of restoration of 2 openings of the double hung type windows. The sashes are made of very tight grain Western Red Cedar and were of good joinery methods. The joinery was pegged with 1- 1/4" round

dowel at each corner. Sashes were very dry but restorable. The Sashes were stripped of all paint in a Steam Unit, clamped square and re-pegged. No glue was used on the joinery originally or in the restoration process. Epoxy was added as needed in several areas and some new cedar material was used also. Any glass that was period was re-used and any modern annealed glass was replaced with Period Reproduction or Salvaged Glass. Sashes were sanded, oil primed and glass installed with glazing points and oil type glazing putty. The pulleys were completely cleaned of paint, sealed with a clear polyurethane sealer and oiled. The pulleys are in fair condition and are of a non-ball bearing type. The exterior trim, sills, jambs were stripped of paint, sanded and 1 coat of oil primer was applied. The southwest sill was in very bad condition so all decayed material was removed and epoxy applied. The southeast sill was in good condition with minimal epoxy work required. New parting stop was installed to match existing. No weatherstripping was installed but left as original construction.

By Rick Tuttle, Board of Directors

It's nice to have these windows repaired and at least as tight as original and they look great. Once Spring rolls around we can finish the sills and apply paint to the exterior. Interior millwork still needs to be done to replace missing and damaged pieces and funding will have to be found to complete that work but at least the structural portion of the job is done. All of the

windows in the museum need to have this process applied to bring them back to original condition which will not only look nice but also provide much better

protection from cold air infiltration. If you would like to Adopt a window to have repaired please call the museum to learn how you can help. See our web site News page for more photos of the project.

We recently received a donation of a working wood burning kitchen cook stove from R.L. McFarland that will be the centerpiece of the new kitchen display. Even though the kitchen has not been plastered we are going to rebuild the exhibit for visitors to enjoy while we raise money to complete the restoration. If you would like to contribute to the project please stop by or call the museum.



Sunday Spin-Ins Return

The first of the Kirkman House Textile Center's 2012 Second Sunday Spin-Ins will be held on **March 11**. Spin-Ins will continue on: **April 15, June 10, July 8, August 12, October 14** and **November 11**. Specific topics for the Spin-Ins will be announced at a later date and all times are from 1 pm to 4 pm.

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Go to www.kirkmanhousemuseum.org and enter your email in the "Subscribe to our E-mailing List" box in the upper right-hand corner.

The Kirkman House Museum is committed to preserving our past and providing a setting for understanding our local history. There are many ways you can help; your support is what makes great things happen at the Kirkman House!

Become a Museum Member

Members' benefits include a subscription to the museum's newsletter, discounts on program on class fees, and invitations to "Members Only" events. Your membership dues help pay for special exhibits and programs at the museum that enhance the cultural spirit of our community.

Join the Bricks and Mortar Society

These generous members commit to donating \$200 a year for three years to ensure the preservation work at the museum continues.

Include the Kirkman House Museum in your planned giving

From its origin as a museum 1978, the Kirkman House has preserved an important piece of Walla Walla's architectural and cultural heritage. Today, the museum continues to provide education about daily family life in Victorian-era Walla Walla. A gift to the Kirkman House Museum's endowment fund is an investment in the cultural heritage of our valley for future generations.

Support the annual fund

Contributions to the museum's annual fund provide important support for the care and maintenance of the museum, the conservation of our collections and our ability to continue providing dynamic programming.

Donate in-kind items or services

Contributions of material goods or professional services help reduce the operating costs of the museum.

Volunteer

Whether leading tours, assisting with collection management and exhibits, or helping at our special events our volunteers are invaluable to the museum's successful operations.

Kirkman House Mission

The Kirkman House Museum enriches the Walla Walla community with exhibits, events and programs that bring our valley's history to life.

Membership Benefits

- ☐ Kirkman House Museum Newsletter
- ☐ Advance notice for Kirkman House programs
- ☐ Invitation to "Members Only" events
- ☐ Recognition in the Kirkman House News
- ☐ Tax deduction on dues
- ☐ Membership in NARM (\$100 level and up)
- ☐ Knowledge that you are helping to save the Kirkman House for future generations

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Name: _____

Address: _____

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☐ Please contact me about volunteer opportunities.

☐ I would prefer not to have my name listed in museum publications.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

- ☐ Upgrade to: _____ ☐ Individual (\$25) ☐ Family (\$50)
☐ Supporter (\$100) ☐ Friend (\$250) ☐ Donor (\$500) ☐ Patron (\$1,000+)

☐ Bricks & Mortar Society (\$200 commitment per year for three years)

In addition to my membership, I am enclosing a gift of \$ _____

Credit Card #: _____

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Please return this form with your check payable to: **Kirkman House Museum**

Mail to: Kirkman House Museum 214 N. Colville Walla Walla, WA 99362