



Walla Walla Memorabilia Exhibit

Displayed until May 26
 Ever wonder what Walla Walla used to look like "back in the day"? Or perhaps you want to take a trip down memory lane. The Kirkman House Museum presents our new exhibit "Walla Walla Memorabilia." While the Kirkman House typically gives visitors a window into the Victorian past, this exhibit reaches beyond that era to show you not only Walla Walla in its Victorian days, but also how it changed and grew through the years after. Come see a dessert bowl given as a prize in the popular poultry show or a colorful cigar box emblazoned with "Walla Walla Club" on its sides. The exhibit shows off many businesses and souvenirs from Walla Walla's past.

Thanks to Joe Drazan for many of the photographs used in the exhibit.

Sweet Home Walla Walla

The Kirkman House Museum is now selling tickets for the 5th annual Sweet Home Walla Walla Historic Home Tour which is on Sunday, April 28 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sweet Home Walla Walla is a rare opportunity to visit six of Walla Walla's historic and unique homes and an



interesting bonus building. This year we will showcase a variety of approaches to preservation, restoration, adaptive reuse, and sustainable building practices. This includes two ultra modern homes built with a focus on sustainability

and energy efficiency. Watch our web site and Facebook page for teaser photos of all the structures on the tour. This is truly a unique opportunity to see a wide variety of the town's unique architecture.

If you would like to see the tour for free then volunteer to help out at one of the houses during the event for 3 hours. It's fun and easy. Contact the museum for details.

- Tickets available at the museum
- or on our web site
- \$25 Pre-event
- \$30 Day of event
- \$20 Museum Members
- \$20 Students

Kirkman House to partner with Campfire Walla Walla



Details are still being worked out but as of this printing, the museum will host around 100 children this summer and take our Hands on

History program to another 100 in conjunction with the Campfire's summer kid's program. The original number of visits to the museum had to be reduced due to the increase in transportation costs for Campfire. If enough sponsorship can be found our programing could bring up to 600 more kids to the museum.



The Kirkman House Museum is now listed on the search site GoodSearch. When you sign up with GoodSearch and use it, the museum will receive one penny for every search you do. Signing up to use GoodSearch is free and easy. Just go to GoodSearch.com and click on the "sign up" button on the upper right and choose us as your preferred cause. Changing your search engine will cost you nothing and will help us maintain our services.





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Kirkman House Museum members who join at the \$100 level or above receive an additional membership in the North American Reciprocal Museums program. In addition to covering the whole family at the Kirkman House, the membership also entitles every family member to free entrance at over 660 participating museums and counting. Here are just a few participating institutions in our region: Bellevue Arts Museum, Maryhill Museum of Art, Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture, Experience Music Project, Henry Art Gallery, Museum of History and Industry, Museum of Glass, Museum of Contemporary Craft and the Boise Art Museum.



By Chris Shepley

Artist Day

We had 9 artists come in to create original pieces about the museum. Rick Tuttle and Aimee Standard were dressed in period costume and were available to model. Most of the artists took hundreds of photographs as references which they will then use to create their final pieces. Everyone had a great time and Rick got a lot of great images himself. The purpose of this event is to create a database of original art that the museum can then utilize as needed. This could be for calendars, cards, event logos and reproductions for sale. We will also eventually have a show featuring much of the work that has been created over the years. See our Facebook page and web site for more images.



By Rick Tuttle



By Elizabeth Harris



By Diana Schmidt

Help preserve our heritage

2013 is shaping up to be our busiest year ever with interesting exhibits, programs and projects. But no matter how hard the board and volunteers work we can't be successful without support from the community. Please help us make the Kirkman House the jewel of Walla Walla it deserves to be.

All contributions are tax deductible and go directly to the projects you designate or the general fund. Donations designated to Restoration and Education Programs can usually be matched with grants to multiply your donation up to 4 times. Donate in person or online through our web site using this button:



Can't make a financial contribution? Then volunteer an hour a week. We have many projects that could use your muscle or skill.



"Murder at the Kirkman House"

The working title of our live mystery game is "Murder at the Kirkman House." We want you to explore the creepier side of the Kirkman House Museum. In an ideal situation, a party of 6 would play this game at night with the museum dimly lit and shadowy. Like in Clue, players try to move their pieces on the game board to the different rooms of the house. However, when they reach a "sleuth spot," they must physically get up and visit the room to look for clues to determine who the murder is, in which room the murder was committed, and what weapon was used. The game can be geared toward children or adults and would be a fun way to end a night out on the town and support the museum at the same time. Along with play testing we are working on a fee structure that will allow us to give out a prize to the winner and possibly serve wine and chocolate. We hope the game will become popular enough that we have to play every weekend.



2013 Kirkman House Events

WW Memorabilia Exhibit	Through May 26
Garage Sale	April 19, 20
Sweet Home WW	April 28
The Roaring Twenties	July (TBA) - September 1
Sheep to Shawl	September 14
Whispered Memories	November 2
Festival of Converging Histories	November 8, 9
Holiday Bazaar	December 5, 6
Victorian Christmas Jubilee	December 7

Spin-Ins are on the second Sunday of the month, except none in May
Costume Sewing Class on the third Sunday of the month

Adventure on the West side

What do seagulls, otters, bald eagles, and beautiful Victorian outfits have in common? The Victorian Heritage Festival in Port Townsend. Your President Rick, his wife Patti, and our Americorps volunteer Kt attended the festival the weekend of March 23 and had a fabulous time. Our condo was located right on Discovery Bay and we got there early enough to spend an hour exploring the beach in front of the property. On view were the above mentioned wildlife along with the expected starfish and a variety of crabs. The weekend weather was cool but sunny and calm which was a real blessing and allowed us to wear our Victorian costumes without having to cover them up much.

After dining in, we proceeded the 15 miles to downtown Port Townsend and found the American Legion Hall where the Square and Contra Dance was to take place. We soon joined the festivities with 30 or so others and danced until 10pm. Intermission entertainment was provided by four Cancan Girls who enthusiastically showed their talent. Besides going there to have fun, our real mission was to meet people and promote our own Victorian event, the Festival of Converging Histories. Over the weekend we handed out a lot of promotional cards and made many new acquaintances and contacts who were interested in attending.

Saturday morning dawned a little cloudy but it burned off about the time we arrived downtown in full regalia once again. Our first stop was to join the large crowd of people dressed for the event's group photo. We found lots of photo opportunities in the historic town and attended lectures and demonstrations throughout the day on various Victorian topics including a sequence on how men dressed, myths and realities about corsets, and pugilism in the 1800's. We also attended a very nice fashion show in a historic church. Many of the models had made their own dresses and at least two of the dresses showcased were created from vintage patterns. If you are interested in creating your own vintage-looking garments, we are hosting a sewing workshop on the third Sunday of every month. After the fashion show, we had lunch with chocolate and vanilla phosphates at the 1950's diner called "Nifty Fifties". Kt wanted a new experience and took advantage of the free rides available on small natural gas fired steamboats.



Phosphates at "Nifty Fifties"



Victorian Ball

After another dinner in and a change of clothes, we headed back to town in all our finery to attend the formal Victorian Ball. Over the evening people trickled in until there were around 60 in the small hall. The dancing was spirited with most age groups represented. Rick exclaimed, "This is so much easier since we took the contra dancing class through the Community College!" That oh-so helpful class will be offered again in the fall in preparation for our own Victorian Ball. Over the weekend, we met a couple from Spokane and the wife told us that the gown and hat she had worn Saturday were period pieces purchased in England. This was absolutely spectacular and

I'm kicking myself for not taking any photos of her as all three outfits she wore that weekend were amazing.

Sunday morning offered another fun filled day, but unfortunately we had to leave bright and early at 7am. We are looking forward to attending the Steampunk based Brass Screw Confederacy's "Maiden Voyage" event in early June. If you would like to go with us let Rick know. For more information about it, visit their website: <http://brass-screw.org> To see more photos of our adventure visit our Facebook page or web site.

- By Rick Tuttle and Kt Sharkey

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

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