

# KIRKMAN HOUSE MUSEUM

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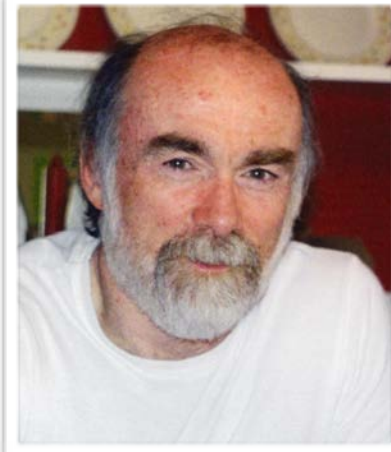
*Classic Christmas*

Noah Brenner and Phoebe Gildea



## A Generous Gift

We lost our long-time friend and Kirkman House supporter, **Dan Dunn** in May. Dan loved history and had a special place in his heart for our museum. His own home was decorated with Victorian furniture and artwork



Dan Dunn

and he specified that some lovely pieces would come to Kirkman House. Two elegant red velvet chairs are a welcome addition to the Music Room, as are several

marble-topped tables in the Parlor and Dining Room. Isabella has needed a washstand in her bedroom for some time and now she has a lovely one. A dramatic gift is perhaps the large roll top desk and it comes with an interesting history. "Henry Baker" is written on the tag attached to the desk's keys. The son of local legend Dr. Dorsey Baker, Henry Clay Baker was an important Walla Wallan in his own right. Henry Baker listed his profession as "capitalist" in the 1892 territorial census and one of his most ambitious ventures was the development of the Langdon Baker 600 acre apple orchard in the early 1900s. Henry's office for Baker and Baker Investments was located at the corner of Alder and 2<sup>nd</sup> and it is from that building his roll top comes. The desk should be right at home at Kirkman House Museum, as in the past we have been gifted several other Baker family pieces, including his Henry Baker's daughter Henrietta's bedroom furniture and a special velvet chair that came from the Anderson mansion and belonged to Mabel Baker Anderson, Henry's sister. William Kirkman had numerous business dealings with the Baker family and it is fitting that so many items with the Baker provenance now reside in Kirkman House.

## Lunch with Isabella

You are invited to the museum to join museum board members for a free lunch from Graze. Visitation records show that our members rarely visit the museum and too many of our community members don't even know we exist. The lunch is designed to update current supporters and



introduce newbies to our programs and activities. The board of directors works hard to ensure the museum is very dynamic. The lunch is typically held the second Tuesday of the month from noon to 1pm but attendees have been so interested in our program it has been going until 1:30pm. We will hold the lunch occasionally on a Monday to accommodate those that can't attend on a Tuesday. Because you are reading this newsletter you are already a supporter of the museum so we would like you to invite a friend to lunch with us.

You will NOT be asked for a contribution or to pay for the meal. Our seating is limited to 10 plus board members so if you are interested please email us to reserve your place.

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## How can you help

Because you are reading this we know you realize the value of having a museum like the Kirkman House in the community.

You can help in any of three ways.



1. Make a contribution to our capital projects which will be multiplied by grants.
2. Invite a friend to visit the museum, with you or a or Lunch with Isabella. Many community members don't even know the museum even exists so the more people we can educate about what we do the more support can be garnered.
3. Volunteer some time. There are many tasks that need to be done. Things as simple as grounds maintenance, helping with an event, or joining the Board. The time commitment is up to you.
4. Donate construction materials or professional services. Many of our upcoming projects will require construction material of all types and the more that is donated the further cash contributions will go.





## Kirkmans go to the Fair

There was a steady stream of fairgoers circling Kirkman House Museum's special display in the center of the Pavilion. Mannequins in Victorian garb stood amongst display cases filled with Fair memorabilia. Posters retold the Fair's history during the Kirkman Family era with old photos and text. Carolyn created an elaborate fruit and vegetable display inspired by those created in the early 1900s. Her home canning exhibit featured a huge antique pressure cooker, antique canning jars and all the implements necessary to "put up" fruits and vegetables for the winter months. We displayed a 4ft wide 1889 bird's eye view map of Walla Walla and it attracted many visitors. Young and old alike were fascinated by the changes the map showed from 1889 until now and spent time looking for buildings on Main that still exist and tracing streets until they disappeared into farmers' fields. This is the second year Kirkman House Museum has been invited to create a special exhibit in the Pavilion and we are already looking forward to next year! Some of the exhibits will find their way into our permanent exhibit and be used for our Kids First education initiative.

## Whispered Memories and Psychic Fair

Be sure and join us for our annual Psychic event. It is always well attended and provides a variety of opportunities for visitors to work with psychics and readers. Psychics were an important part of Victorian life and it is fitting that Kirkman House should host this kind of event. Victorian ladies would invite a psychic and a small circle of friends to drink tea, take refreshments and spend the afternoon or evening with a psychic who may have analyzed tarot cards, read palms, or conducted seances. Kirkman House's Psychic Fair will be held **Saturday November 5**. Individual readings will go from 10 until 4. The Whispered Memories group event will begin at 2:00 with Shirley Scott conducting the group session. Ms. Scott, who is an internationally known psychic, has been featured before at KHM. Reservations must be made for the group session and the cost is \$20 per person. Visitors can avail themselves of tarot card readers, crystal ball interpreters, mediums and palmistry experts in the individual sessions. Individual sessions do not require a reservation but are first-come first-served and the cost is \$25 per person.

## Great Progress on Grants

Below is a picture of our President, Kent Settle, holding a \$100,000 check from the Sherwood Trust. This represents a huge step forward to funding the foundation and soffits restoration. Additionally we



recently received our ranking for a state grant for \$90,000 for the same project. In order to meet all of our matching requirements to begin spending these

funds we must raise an additional \$45,000 by next July. Please consider making a donation for this important restoration project.

## Victorian Christmas Open House and Holiday Bazaar

The first week in December will feature one of our most popular event. Thursday and **Friday, December 1 and 2** are the days to visit over a dozen vendors and do one's Christmas shopping all in one place. There will be handcrafted jewelry, homemade ornaments, candies, note cards, gourmet foods, apparel for children and adults, and many other lovely gift items.

Our Victorian Christmas Open House will be held Saturday **December 3 from 11 am to 5:30 pm**. Bring the family to our free admission Victorian Christmas celebration. Carols will be played on our Kirkman family piano, board members will dress up in Victorian finery, and cookies and beverages will be served. Visitors can enjoy our festive decorations, look around the house, warm up with hot chocolate and then stroll downtown to the Parade of Lights.



## 2016 Events

October 1 – Sheep to Shawl

October 22 – Victorian Ball

November 5 – Whispered Memories & Psychic  
Fair

December 1, 2 – Holiday Bazaar

December 3, 4 – Kirkman House Live, Concert

December 3 – Victorian Christmas Open House

December 11 – Winter Maintenance Closing

December 17 – Kirkman House Live, Concert

Second Sundays - Spin-Ins

**Tickets to events will go on sale about 30  
days before the event.**

Make a donation or renew  
your membership today at:  
<http://tinyurl.com/ooy2qpb>

## Kirkman House Live December Concerts

### *A Winter's Tale*

Sally Singer-Tuttle, Bethany Evans, Benjamin Gish

*December 3 at 7:30 pm, \$40*

**Doors open at 7 pm for hors d'oeuvres and wine.**

*December 4 at 2:00 pm, \$25*

Experience the captivating sound of two cellos and harp performing selections from the newly released album "A Tale of Two Cellos", vocal works by eminent composers such as Dvorak and Rachmaninov arranged by British Cellist Julian Lloyd Webber. Amongst other solo pieces, "Variations Pastorales sur un Vieux Noel" for harp will serve as the first harbinger of the Christmas season.

We are looking for two more houses for the home tour so please keep your feelers out for us. We will also need lots of volunteers to help with the event. Volunteers get to see the houses for free so let us know if you would like to help out.

### *Christmas Classics*

Noah Brenner and Phoebe Gildea

**December 17, 7:30pm \$25**

In an exciting new collaboration, soprano Phoebe Gildea and harper Noah Brenner tour the Pacific Northwest to introduce their first joint album! This collection of classic Christmas music includes traditional carols like "The Holly and the Ivy" and "Carol of the Bells," sweet childhood memories like "Walking in the Air" from The Snowman, and thrilling virtuosity as in "Cantique de Noel." Old favorites come to life with new, original arrangements. Come join us for a night of holiday fun! If you can't get enough in just one night, this is a chance to buy a CD directly from the artists and keep the celebration going for the rest of the holiday season (or longer, if you keep playing holiday music after Christmas. We're not judging.)