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Kirkman

HOUSE MUSEUM News



Strawberry Regale and Vintage Fashion Show

June 26, 2 P.M.

The popular Strawberry Regale and Vintage Fashion Show is back after a 5 year break. This event will feature delightful strawberry desserts, ice cream and vintage fashions from 1880 to 1920. Most of the historic fashions are from the collection of Maejul Gannon, The Collectors Gallery of Pendleton, Sage Brush Old West of Kennewick and other individuals. The collections encompass both vintage clothing and reproductions and will be presenting with historical context. Also on-site will be several period cars from the Antique car club.

Some of the clothing from Maejul's collection cannot be worn by a modern built person and will be on display in the museum. The Kirkman House will also take this opportunity to display several pieces that have never been shown before. One of which is a beautiful, parrot blue dress worn by Mrs. Kirkman.

Tickets are \$10 per person and may be purchased in person at the museum, Earthlight Books and Sagebrush Old West in Kennewick or online from the museum web site.

Farewell to Kirsten



As many of you know, Kirsten Schober, Executive Director of Kirkman House Museum since 2004, recently became the new manager of the Liberty Theater in Dayton.

With much sadness for our loss of Kirsten, we are excited and supportive of her new adventure at the Liberty. As a former manager of a theater in Ellensburg and her involvement with Walla Walla High School drama productions, Kirsten brings many skills and experiences to her new role.

We will miss Kirsten's leadership and her broad range of talents and abilities. Under her direction a number of accomplishments critical to the successful operation of the museum were realized:

- She presided over the large number of important renovation and restoration projects.
- She developed and/or nurtured many new programs, events and exhibits of extraordinary quality.
- She initiated an array of formal, written governance and policy procedure manuals covering all phases of non-profit and museum operations.
- She brought professionalism to the organization and instilled that same ethic in board members and staff.
- Her efforts earned an unprecedented level of peer and community respect for the museum.

Special thanks and appreciation to Kirsten for all she has done for the Kirkman House Museum and for her generosity in continuing to serve as a volunteer. We applaud Kirsten's success here and wish her all the best in her new position at the Liberty Theater.

2011 Board of Directors

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Museum Volunteers

Sarah Canepa
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 Amelia Righi

Special thanks to -

Best Western Walla Walla Suites Inn for partnering with us to provide educational tours to local schools.
Coffey Communications for supporting our 2011 programs.

Newsletter policy

Initially our printed newsletter was intended to be a benefit of membership but over the years the list has grown to include anyone who requested it or we thought should have it. Because printing and mailing are so expensive we have decided to return to that policy following this newsletter and to increase efficiency even more we are requesting that members with email consider receiving it in their email or download it off our web site instead of print. Therefore if you are a member and you would rather get it via email please send an email with "email newsletter only" or "I'll download newsletter" in the subject line to: rt@kirkmanhousemuseum.org
 Non-members whom we have an email address for will get the eNewsletter .pdf version automatically.

Summer Interns and Volunteers

This summer we are extremely lucky to have three college students helping out with all manner of activity. Find out more about these great Volunteers and Interns on our site.



Amelia Righi is a student from Whitman College and will be with us all summer. She is most interested in Programing but is helping out with Hands on History and learning all about small nonprofit operations.



Julia Matschukat will be arriving soon from Western Washington University and will be here for the summer helping Kirsten catalog and assess our current collections and process recently donated items. Look for new collection pieces to be worked into the permanent displays in the coming months.



Sarah Canepa is also a student from Whitman College and has a background in publishing, art and graphic design. She is most interested in working to improve our permanent exhibit signage and overall presentation. She will be taking a break from us for July and August but will be back in September to continue to help throughout the school year.

Amy Liechty is actually an intern for one of our board members Josh Van Donge. She is studying Architecture and part of her internship is to complete architectural drawings of both the inside and outside of the museum. Although she is not officially ours she has volunteered to help out to model in the Vintage Fashion Show and another fun secret project.



Rose Garden

It's taking a while but construction of the Rose Garden near the Carriage House is underway. The plan is to attach a wood fence to the existing chain link fence to hide the neighbors garbage cans and to assist the climbing roses that will be planted. Gravel and sand have been placed in preparation to lay new pavers for a patio and path. And depending on the remaining budget an arbor or bench is being considered. This project is made possible by the College Place Garden Club.

Walla Walla, 1866 - 1920

Joe Drazen does it again with a new CD of Walla Walla History in images. Joe has compiled 1800 illustrated vintage advertisements and 300 selected historic photos in his latest offering. The Kirkman House is pleased to have contributed several images to the collection and is also the beneficiary of his efforts. The museum will be the exclusive purveyor of this collection with all proceeds from the sale of the CD going to the museum. The CD should be available for \$10 around July 1st at the museum. Check our web site for more information and sample images from this collection.

WWII B-25 Bomber Raffle

We are raffling one ride on the bomber coming to the airport June 21 to 26. 999 tickets will be sold for \$5 each to benefit museum operations. Tickets can be purchased near the bomber all day Saturday the 25th or at the museum during the week. The ride will be at a time to be determined on Sunday the 26th.



Pioneer Park Bandstand Concert Series



The Kirkman House Museum is excited to again partner with the City of Walla Walla to host a series of summer concerts at the Pioneer Park Bandstand. These concerts continue the more than 100-year old tradition of bringing our community together around the bandstand for evening entertainment.

There are two performances scheduled in July. Saturday, July 16 at 6:00 p.m. **The Table of Contents**

play Inland Northwest pop rock. Saturday, July 30 at 6:00 p.m. enjoy R & B from the **Ken Hanson Band** of Portland, OR. All concerts are free, but will be canceled or rescheduled in the event of bad weather.

This year we've also enlisted **West of the Blues BBQ** to be on site for the events, so dinner will be available for purchase along with Board Member, Pam Myers famous cookies. The Walla Walla Cruisers Car Club has been invited to make these events a regular stop on their Cruise-In schedule, and the Save the Aviary program will have representatives on site to take donations.

Come enjoy good food and music at this beautiful historical site.



Kirkman House Plays Host to the 2011 Washington Museums Association Annual Conference

Over 100 museum professionals from around the state were in Walla Walla from June 15 to 17 to attend this annual event. Our former Executive Director, Kirsten Schober, got the ball rolling to bring the convention to Walla Walla over a year ago. Kirsten is also on the WMA Board and will be its Treasurer for another two years. About 70 of the attendees came to the museum for the kickoff reception which garnered rave reviews throughout the conference. Special thanks to our board members and members of the museum who helped out by providing refreshments and treats and got the museum ready.

Kirsten's offer to host the conference and its successful completion gained the museum a great deal of credibility within our peer group and several important connections were made. Another huge thanks to Kirsten for completing the conference in the name of the Kirkman House even though she is no longer on staff. Two of our board members and three of our volunteers attended several of the sessions which will translate into much better interpretive displays for our permanent exhibit.

The sessions also generated many new ideas that we hope to implement in the months and years to come.

2011 Events

Second Sunday Spin-Ins

July 10: Preview of Kids' Weaving Class scheduled for first week of August

August 14: Kool-Aid and onion skin dyeing

October 9: Preparing wool to spin

November: Preview of Ribbon Weaving Christmas Stocking Class

Hands on History

June - August

Day & weeklong camps for kids ages 6-12

There is still time to register

Strawberry Regale & Fashion Show

June 26

An afternoon of delectable desserts and vintage fashions

Pioneer Park Bandstand Concert Series

July 16 and 30

Sheep to Shawl Fall Festival

September 10

The museum's fall festival with sheep shearing, spinning & weaving and lamb BBQ

Whispered Memories Psychic Tea

October 29

Halloween Party

October 30

Heritage Events in the Valley

Fort Walla Walla Museum

July 19 Pioneer Kids Camp

A hands-on day camp for kids ages 9-11 to learn about life with the pioneers.

August 16 Northwest Sisters in Art Gallery Show Debuts

Enjoy a variety of genres and styles created by the Northwest Sisters in Art in the Grand Hall, on display through October 31.

More News

There simply isn't enough room in this newsletter for all the news from the museum. Check out the *News* page of our web site for these other articles.

- Field Trip to Millworks Inc. in Zillah
- Kitchen Remodel progress
- New video program about the life of William Kirkman
- What's in the Vegetable Garden
- New Web Site in progress
- Wish List
- Garage Sale at the KH

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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 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
- ☐ Knowledge that you are helping to save the Kirkman House for future generations

2011 KIRKMAN HOUSE MUSEUM MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State ZIP: _____

E-mail: _____

☐ Please contact me about volunteer opportunities.

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

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

☐ Students/ Seniors (\$15) ☐ 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 #: _____

☐ Visa, ☐ MC, Exp. Date: _____ Total amount enclosed: \$_____

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

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