



Victorian Ball and Reception September 21, 22



Tickets on Sale Now

Would you like to dress up and attend an old-fashioned ball? Would you enjoy dancing to music that may not have been played in this area for the past 150 years? The Kirkman House Museum, as a part of the Walla Walla Sesquicentennial Celebration, is hosting a Victorian-themed ball on September 22 at the Walla Walla Armory. They invite you to join them for an evening of dancing to music played by the New Columbia Cotillion Band, with Dance Master Mitchell Frey calling the dances. Do you fear left-foot syndrome or haven't lived long enough to remember Victorian-era dances? Don't let that keep you home! Earlier in the day, there will be a workshop for novices and those who wish to brush up on their historic dancing skills. The workshop will be from 1 to 3pm, leaving you plenty of time to go home and put on your best face before returning for the ball at 6pm. With a break for refreshments in the middle, dancing will conclude at 10pm.

Victorian dress is encouraged, but not mandatory. **Tickets for this event are \$25 and \$15 for children under 18.**

Is this not enough Victorian historical revival for you? On September 21, the Friday before, there will be a formal reception at the Kirkman House from 7PM to 9PM. This event includes wine, hors d'oeuvres and chamber music. **Tickets are \$10**, but are limited to 40 people. At this event, Victorian dress is mandatory.

Visit the museum web site to find out where to acquire proper clothing for the event. To purchase tickets, please call or stop by the Kirkman House Museum during normal museum hours. For more information on Victorian Balls try this web site: www.victoriana.com/Etiquette/ballroomdancing.htm

Sheep to Shawl September 15 10AM to 3PM



Serving BBQ Lunch 11:30AM to 2:30PM
Sheep Shearing begins about 12:30PM

The event encapsulates traditional wool processing into one afternoon. Sheep are

shorn on the side lawn; their wool is cleaned, dyed and spun by local spinners.

The Festival promises hours of fun, free activities and demonstrations to celebrate our community's rural heritage. The event will take place on September 15, from 11AM to 3PM on the museum grounds.

As in past years one lucky drawing winner will take home a beautiful hand woven shawl created by textile artist Val Calley. The wool was shorn from the sheep at last year's festival then spun and dyed to create a one of a kind piece valued at over \$200. Tickets are available for a suggested donation of \$1.00 per ticket. Proceeds from the drawing and food sales help fund the museum's programs.

The museum and exhibits will also be open to the public throughout the event.

Farm-to-Table Historic Dinner

Come join us and Chef **Melissa Davis** on **November 4**, 5PM for an evening from the past, with a classic 1800's menu in the beautiful historic Kirkman House Museum. The authentic meal will be served on fine china in elegant style.

Tickets: \$50 per person

Limited number of seats available. Pre-sale tickets only. Call with credit card, stop in or mail payments directly to the Kirkman House.

See these other stories on our web site:

- New/Old garage window installed and Garage Annex reorganized
- Gardens Report
- Marketing Efforts



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 Kristen Sayers of AmeriCorps for sending all the great help.

Recent Donations

The Jim Reynolds family who are descendants of Fanny Ann Kirkman Reynolds recently donated a beautiful crib and double bed used by Fanny's family next door. Although they could not confirm it they speculate that the bed may have been used by Isabelle in her room at the Kirkman House. How exciting is that! They also report that Fanny's original bedroom set used in the museum is up for grabs for free but it's in Ohio. This would be a wonderful addition to the museum and we are looking for a cash donation of at least \$1000 to get it here. Or maybe you know of a truck coming from Ohio that we could put it on?

Oriental Rug Blind Auction

A beautiful 9' x 12' oriental "Dragon" rug has been donated to the museum to raise funds for operations. The original price tag is on the rug and reads \$6400. It is in near perfect condition and is now in our new Gallery for inspection during business hours. The minimum bid is \$1500 and all you have to do is come by the museum and fill out a bid



form with an amount that you are willing to pay for it. Forms and conditions will also be available for download on the museum web site. The auction runs to September 8 with the announcement of the highest bidder at Sheep to Shawl on September 15. Any mail bids must be postmarked on or by September 8.

Kirkman House Cookbook

The long awaited cookbook has been ordered and should be arriving by September 15th. You can pick up the cookbook at Kirkman House Museum for \$15.00 or we can ship the cookbook to you for \$20.00. The cookbook is also available on CD for \$10.00 if picked up at the museum or \$15.00 shipped. Order before September 15th and save 20%.

Fun with a Wedding Anniversary

In early July, we had a gentleman stop by the museum who said he had been married at the museum 10 years ago on July 13 and he wanted to have a picnic to surprise his wife on the grounds of the museum for their anniversary. We thought that was quite romantic, therefore, we sprung into action and made some creative suggestions to make it special for them. He came back the following Wednesday for a consultation and while we were talking, his wife called. It was pretty funny listening to him make excuses as to where he was and what he was doing. We schemed and plotted and as you can see from the photo, we made their anniversary extra special and the wife was completely surprised and delighted with the whole event.



AmeriCorps

A Kirkman House Museum pleased to announce the return of a full time AmeriCorp volunteer to the museum. Catherine "Kt" Sharkey will be starting a 10 1/2 month term beginning the second week of September. Kt's primary focus will be to advance our educational outreach to schools in the area. Given that she is full time she will also be working with board members on all other aspects of the museum's operation. Stop in to meet Kt we think you will be impressed.

Whispered Memories

Saturday, November 3

Two sessions:

10am to 12pm and 1pm to 3pm

Psychometry - a term first coined in 1842 - is a form of extrasensory perception wherein a psychic connects to paranormal beings by making physical contact with an object formerly owned by deceased individuals. This practice was popularized in the Victorian era as they frequently lost family members prematurely.

In two sessions the psychic will use her psychometric medium as a means of connecting individuals with their ancestors. Tickets are \$25 per person and include a two hour session with a group of no more than 25 people, tea and snacks. Call the museum to reserve your seat. 529-4373

2012 Kirkman House Events

Play Ball Exhibit	May 25 to Sept. 2
Closed for exhibit teardown	September 3-6
Fiber Art of Peggy Hoyt Exhibit	September 7 to Oct. 28
Sheep to Shawl	September 15
Victorian Ball Reception	September 21
Victorian Ball	September 22
Whispered Memories	November 3
Farm to Table Historic Dinner	November 4
Holiday Bazaar	November 29, 30 & Dec. 1
Victorian Christmas Open House	December 1
High Tea	December 9
Museum Closes for winter	December 16
The museum decorated and is available in December for Christmas Party Rentals	

Fort Walla Walla Museum

April 1 - September 9

Floral Beadwork of the Plateau Indian People exhibit.

Fort Walla Walla Museum

Living History Performances

Sept. 2 Phillip & Bridgette Murphy: Fort Walla Walla soldier & his wife

Sept. 9 Alonzo T. Jones & Frances P. Jones: soldier & evangelist

Sept. 16 Town Meeting: 150th Anniversary of the completion of Mullen Road

Sept. 23 Caroline Maxson & Augusta Moorhouse: Adventist leaders

Sept. 30 Louis Tellier: Frenchtown pioneer

Oct. 7 Frank Orselli & Pasquale Saturno: Italian farmers & immigrants

Oct. 14 Robert Wolf: first professional fireman

Oct. 21 Yuso Shinbo: Japanese restaurateur & immigrant



Summer Activities



If you have driven by the museum summer you have seen a lot of activity and changes around our two cabins. The front one is our Textile center that was rehabilitated about 8 years ago through a generous donation of Peggy Hoyt. Peggy passed away in

2011 and we are going to rededicate the Textile Center as the Peggy Hoyt Textile Center at this year's Sheep to Shawl. We couldn't do that with it in the shape it was in so a facelift was in order. By chance in June we were contacted by the local AmeriCorps supervisor who offered a bunch of free labor for about four weeks. As it turned out we had one steady worker and a series of drop-in's over six weeks and they have done an incredible job! Board member Kent Settle and volunteer Howard Boggs came in and replaced the porch on the Textile Center which now slopes away from the building instead of toward it and lowered the front so we no longer need that extra step. It now has a nice coat of Cedar stain that is working well at keeping it protected.

Funding for the porch came from a generous donation by our own board member Kent Settle. The second cabin porch will be rebuilt soon with funds from the recently-disbanded Weavers Guild.

This cabin still needs to be rehabilitated inside and plans are in process to make it useful as a teaching facility and textile center annex.



You may also have seen some of us out working mowing the yard with our new manual push mower or trimming with a new string trimmer. For many years we have contracted with a lawn care service but in an effort to save money we decided to try doing it ourselves. The purchases will pay for themselves by the end of the season with the money saved.

Work has also begun on preserving the windowsills on the main museum building and cabins. Many of these have been the victim of deferred maintenance for too many years and have deteriorated significantly. Dave Kuns of Preservation Consulting and Design (formerly Millwork Inc.) who did the restoration on the kitchen windows used an epoxy product on those sills that seems to work well. This is being applied to all the sills on the house and the project should be complete by fall in time for the bad weather.

It's not just the sills that need work but all the windows need complete restoration so please consider adopting a window. Contact the museum for details.

See more photos on our web site...

Win the Play Ball Banner

We are holding a raffle to win the banner that has been hanging outside the museum all summer to promote the "Play Ball" exhibit. Stop by to buy your tickets.

High Tea

Join us for a formal High Tea December 9. Two seatings will be scheduled for \$20 per person. This event is co-sponsored by the Lioness Club. More details to follow.

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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.

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Name: _____

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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)

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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

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