In January, Whitman College gave the Kirkman House a very important New Year’s gift. Three Kirkman family dresses had been stored in the Whitman College and Northwest Archives at the Penrose Library. The oldest, Isabella Kirkman’s wedding dress, was made around 1867 in San Francisco. The other two pieces, an 1894 cream wedding gown and a purple and black beaded evening dress, belonged to Isabella and William’s daughter, Fannie Ann Kirkman Reynolds.

Ruth Reynolds, daughter of Fannie Ann and Allen Reynolds, served as Whitman College’s librarian for many years, and helped develop the important collection of records housed in the archives. Whitman Archivist, Colleen McFarland, believes that Ruth placed the dresses in the archives for safekeeping before the Kirkman House Museum was established, and is convinced that Ruth would be happy to know that the clothing is back home.

These beautiful dresses will be on display during the museum’s exhibit, The Art of Apparel, scheduled to open in June.
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Preserving the past for our future

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To get all of this hard work done, we'll be looking partly to the time and talents of our four new board members. We've already begun to see how their unique contributions can help make Kirkman house better. Numerous community members and organizations have also been stepping forward to support the preservation and education efforts here at the Kirkman House, whether by becoming a member, joining our team of volunteers or even attending a special event. Your support is what makes great things happen at the Kirkman House!

To visit recently, please consider stopping by. Many items from the Kirkman family have come back to the house in the past year, and restoration work is still coming steadily along. In short, the present and future of the Kirkman House Museum are looking very, very bright. To our members, supporters, volunteers and visitors: Thank You.

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Cain’s painting, Still Waters, has a new home
The Kirkman House is pleased to announce the winners of our “Still Waters” raffle. Martin and Andrea Thompson welcomed the painting into their home this past December after Saint Nicholas drew their raffle ticket at our annual Victorian Christmas Open House.

Leslie Williams Cain donated this delightful work to the museum to raise funds for our various programs, including those at the Kirkman House Museum Textile Center.

President’s Message

The future is bright
Jennifer Ross, President, Kirkman House Museum Board of Directors

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Supporting the Museum
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Historical museums play an important role in the development of their communities. By preserving the past, and providing settings for understanding regional history, museums make visible the unique characteristics of their environments, reinforcing local identity. And yet, museums also provide atmospheres of understanding that extend beyond the local, creating connections between populations based on shared characteristics.

How can you help the Kirkman House Museum as it cares for its material collections and develops substantive programming? There are many ways to support the preservation and education efforts here at the Kirkman House, whether by becoming a member, joining our team of volunteers or even attending a special event. Your support is what makes great things happen at the Kirkman House!

Become a museum member
Member benefits include a subscription to the museum’s quarterly newsletter, advance notice of events, and invitation to “Members Only” events. Membership dues help pay for special exhibits and programs at the museum that enable the cultural spirit of our community.

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 educate our community and visitors 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. It supports ongoing restoration, strengthens the museum’s programming and provides financial security for the future.

Support the annual fund
Contributions to the annual fund, during the fall phone-a-thon or at any time of year, provide important support for the ongoing care and maintenance of the museum, as well as for the conservation of our collections.

Donate Historic Artifacts to the Kirkman House Museum
A museum’s ability to tell a story that engages its audience is directly tied to the quality of its collections. Thank you for giving Victorian-era objects to the Kirkman House. As we expand our exhibits, we look for artifacts that will add depth to our presentations.

Volunteer
Volunteers are an invaluable part of the Kirkman House. Whether by leading tours, assisting with collection management and exhibits, helping at special events or providing support behind the scenes, our volunteers’ service helps ensure the Kirkman House Museum functions smoothly. From daily tasks to special exhibition openings, volunteers serve on a weekly, monthly or as-needed basis.

Contact Kirsten at 529-4373 or by email at khm@kirkmanhousemuseum.org if you are interested in more information on ways you can partner with the Kirkman House Museum.

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In January, Whitman College gave the Kirkman House a very important New Year's gift. Three Kirkman family dresses had been stored in the Whitman College and Northwest Archives at the Penrose Library. The oldest, Isabella Kirkman's wedding dress, was made around 1867 in San Francisco. The other two pieces, an 1894 cream wedding gown and a purple and black beaded evening dress, belonged to Isabella and William's daughter, Fannie Ann Kirkman Reynolds.

Ruth Reynolds, daughter of Fannie Ann and Allen Reynolds, served as Whitman College's librarian for many years, and helped develop the important collection of records housed in the archives. Whitman Archivist, Colleen McFarland, believes that Ruth placed the dresses in the archives for safekeeping before the Kirkman House Museum was established, and is convinced that Ruth would be happy to know that the clothing is back home.

These beautiful dresses will be on display during the museum's exhibit, The Art of Apparel, scheduled to open in June.