Journey Stories through April 30

The Smithsonian Institution’s Journey Stories exhibit is here for just 4 more weeks. Learn how and why Americans have kept traveling, exploring and pioneering ever since the long and treacherous journeys of the very first immigrants.

This multimedia exhibit weaves photographs, recordings, artifacts and firsthand accounts into a compelling narrative that spans our country’s whole history. This is a family-friendly exhibit, suited to curious minds of all ages. Don’t miss it.

Field trip to Millwork, Inc. for woodworking workshop, May 21

Despite common misperceptions, historic wood windows can be energy efficient and retain their beauty for lifetimes. In a workshop at Millwork, Inc., master carpenters will demonstrate how to repair, rebuild and reproduce residential wood windows. The day-long event will also include lectures and demonstrations on door and sash joinery, line shaft blacksmithing, the manufacture and use of vintage woodworking machinery and research on wood window performance.

Millwork, Inc. is in Zillah, WA, so we’ll be meeting at the museum to caravan. Tickets are $55, and lunch is included. You can get more information and register by May 14 at the museum or at our Web site, www.kirkmanhousemuseum.org.
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Best Western Walla Walla Suites Inn for partnering with us to provide educational tours to local schools.
Coffey Communications for supporting our 2011 programs.

Recent Grants
MDU Resources, parent company of Cascade Natural Gas, awarded the Kirkman House $2,000 for its 2011 programs. The Clara & Art Bald Trust also gave $4,000 to help fund the museum’s activities this year.

Family Heirlooms Return
James Reynolds, and his daughter Ann, recently donated several Kirkman family pieces to the museum, including Fanny Ann Kirkman Reynolds silver service. The set was purchased in the early 1900s from Falkenberg jewelers. The museum will have the service on display at the June 26 Strawberry Regale. Thank you to the Reynolds family for sharing their history with Walla Walla.

Kirkman House Cookbook
Board secretary Pam Myers has taken the lead on producing a cookbook for the museum. The cookbook will include recipes from Kirkman House board members, museum patrons and Kirkman family descendants. Look for it soon at the museum.

2011 Officers
Donna Cook Gardner, President; Wendy Cheng, Vice-President; Rick Tuttle, Treasurer; Pam Myers continues as Secretary. Thank you to our officers and all board members for the time they dedicate to the museum.

Farewell to Susan Roberts
Susan Roberts recently completed her 3rd consecutive term on the Kirkman House Museum Board of Directors. A longtime supporter of arts and heritage in our valley, Susan helped the museum implement the Sweet Home Walla Walla historic home tour and provided goodies for various events. We would say we will miss her, but we know that she will continue to be one of the museum’s leading advocates.

Kirkman House Welcomes New Board Member – Ted Koehler
Ted is a fourth generation Walla Wallan, has lived here for 40 years and is currently the Housing Services Director for Blue Mountain Action Council (BMAC). He serves on the City of Walla Walla Ad Hoc Sustainability Committee, and recently was appointed to the city’s Planning Commission.

A trained lead-based paint risk assessor and inspector, Koehler also is an advanced energy auditor and educator and serves on the Lead and Environmental Hazards Association. He graduated from the local Citizen Early Response Team (CERT), Walla Walla Citizens’ Academy, and the Crime-Free Rental Housing programs.

Program Coordinator
The museum recently welcomed Kristen Wilson to our staff. After earning her BA in Anthropology at University of Oregon and an MA in Folk Studies at Western Kentucky University, Kristen Wilson completed a three month internship at the Melbourne Museum in Australia, and fieldwork in Chapala, Mexico. As the current Program Coordinator, she organizes school tours and develops engaging interactive learning opportunities for students. She will be with us through August managing the Hands on History summer camp series.

2nd Sunday Spin-Ins Return
The first of the Kirkman House Textile Center’s 2011 Second Sunday spin-ins was held on March 13. From 1 pm to 4 pm, participants from Tri-Cities and beyond joined Walla Walla Valley Textile Artists to spin, weave and knit.

At the upcoming April 9th spin-in Textile Center coordinator Susan Swayne will demonstrate paper yarn spinning. While it may sound impractical, paper yarns have been spun in Japan for centuries. The clothing and household items woven from them could be dyed and washed. The strongest yarns came from recycled paper made with long fibers like mulberry bark, recycled linen or abaca. Paper fabric was woven for both peasant clothing and accessories for the nobility.

The yarns may be plied or used as singles depending on whether the item is to be knitted or woven. Paper yarn may be plied with a strand of another fiber such as silk, wool or cotton. Paper yarns could be used in table runners, place mats or baskets.

Second Sunday spin-ins continue through November, excluding the months of May and September. Visit the website for the most up-to-date information.
**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.

So far we have 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. We’ll let you know as more concerts are scheduled. All concerts are free, and 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 as well as the famous Kirkman House Ice Cream Grabbers. 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.

Come enjoy good food and music at this beautiful historical site, and help this event continue to grow.

**A Day of Lace Making**

Local lace makers, committed to preserving their tradition, will host a day of lace-making at the Kirkman House on Saturday, April 23 from 10 am to 4 pm. Drop in and watch textile artists create lace using a variety of traditional methods.

Bobbin Lace is made with bobbins and a pillow. The bobbins, turned from wood, bone or plastic, hold threads which are woven together and held in place with pins stuck in the pattern on the pillow.

Tatting produces an especially durable lace constructed of a series of knots and loops. Tatting dates to the early 19th century, and can be used to make lace edging as well as doilies, collars and other decorative pieces. The term for tatting in most European languages is derived from the French word frivolité, which refers to the purely decorative nature of the textiles produced by this technique.

Knitted lace includes Shetland lace, an elaborate lace that is often made for wedding shawls.

Crocheted lace includes Irish crochet, a type of lace that originated in 19th century Ireland. Women were taught the method by charity groups so they would have a source of income during the potato famines that devastated Ireland.

Lace pieces that belonged to Isabella Kirkman and her daughter, Fanny Ann Reynolds, will be on display along with other pieces, both historic and contemporary.

**2011 Events**

**Journey Stories**
January 29 - April 30
An exhibit that explores the mobile nature of Americans – why we move, how we move and what that says about us.

**Second Sunday Spin-Ins**
March – November
Sweet Home Walla Walla
April 17
A tour of 6 Historic homes

**Museum will be closed**
May 1 – May 6

**First Friday ArtWalk**
May – December

**Hands on History**
June – August
Day & weeklong camps for kids ages 6-12

**Pioneer Park Bandstand Concert Series**
June – August

**Strawberry Regale & Fashion Show**
June 26
An afternoon of delectable desserts and vintage fashions

**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
Our family-friendly Halloween event

**Heritage Events in the Valley**

**Fort Walla Walla Museum**
Enjoy their first special exhibit of the season in the Entry Hall, **Honoring the Red, White and Blue: Patriotic Beadwork of the Plateau People** (from the Fred L. Mitchell Collection) through August 14 and **Norman Adams: A Retrospective**, an art exhibit featuring the works of a Walla Walla native son through June 12.

April 17 **Open House** sponsored by Best Western Walla Walla Suites Inn and College Place Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc.
An admission-free day dedicated to the wonderful community supporting the Museum!
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
- Knowledge that you are helping to save the Kirkman House for future generations

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