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FESTIVAL OF Converging Histories

A Fusion of Steampunk and Victoriana

November 8 & 9, 2013, Walla Walla, Wash.

The festival brings the traditional Victorian era face to face with the whimsical alternate-reality world of 19th century science fiction. Think Mary Poppins meets 1930's Buck Rogers.

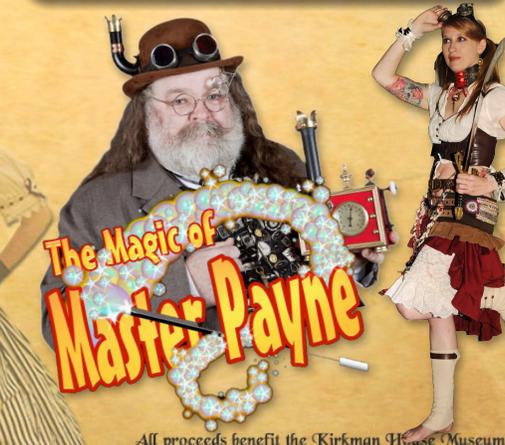
This two day event kicks off Friday with The Amazing Professor Beebe's Emphatically Spectacular Variety Show at the Gesa Power House Theater. You will be astounded and amazed by NerdProv Comedy, Master Payne's Steampunk Sorcery, Belly Dancing by Troupe Azure and a Steampunk Fashion Show by Miss Haley's Boutique and Designer Eliza Van De Rostyne.

On Saturday, the Kirkman House Museum will host a Psychic Fair followed by an evening of elegant dress and dancing at the Grand Victorian Ball held at the historic Sharpstein School.

To purchase tickets and get all the details on this event see:
www.converginghistories.org

THE AMAZING PROFESSOR BEEBE'S EMPHATICALLY SPECTACULAR VARIETY SHOW

Gesa Power House Theater
November 8, 7:30PM



All proceeds benefit the Kirkman House Museum

We are in need of lodging for the Variety Show performers. If you can share your home contact Rick - 386-8447 or rt@kirkmanhousemuseum.org

Psychic Fair

This year we have folded Whispered Memories into the Festival of Converging Histories weekend and expanded it into a whole Psychic Fair. The Fair will be held at the Kirkman House Museum, November 8 and 9. In addition to Whispered Memories, six other Readers working in various disciplines will be available for private consultations.

Whispered Memories,
Friday November 8, 2 pm,
Saturday, November 9, 10 am and 2 pm
Advance Tickets Required, \$25

The Medium will use her intuitive ability as a means of connecting individuals with their ancestors. There will be three group sessions of 20 people each, one on Friday and two on Saturday. These sessions are the same as those you have seen on the John Edwards show of about 10 years ago and what you will see on the Long Island Medium today. Friday's session will be lead by Shirley Scott and will focus on, but not be limited to, communication with pets that have passed on. Saturday's sessions will be lead by Janice Lynch who will help you contact your loved ones.

Private Sessions
Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm
\$25 for a 20 minute session
Available on a first come first serve basis.

Whispered Memories
Tickets available at
www.converginghistories.org/tickets

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Help preserve our heritage

2013 has been one our busiest years ever with interesting exhibits, programs and projects. But no matter how hard the board and volunteers work, we can't be successful without support from the community. Please help us make the Kirkman House the jewel it deserves to be.

All contributions are tax deductible and go directly to the projects you designate or the general fund. Donations designated to Restoration and Education Programs can usually be matched with grants that multiply your donation up to 4 times. Donate by mail or online through our web site.

Can't make a financial contribution? Then volunteer an hour a week. We have many projects that could use your muscle or skill.

Hands on History

Nearly 150 children participated in this years Hands on History program thanks to a partnership with Campfire.

The "dig" was just one of many activities the Camp Fire kids enjoyed at the first day of Kirkman House's three-day "Hands on History" program. The theme of the Monday, July 8 event was "Discovering the Past." On July 15, the theme was "Victorian Pastimes." The final event on August 5 was "Weaving."



The goal of "Hands on History" is to bring the Victorian Era to life for local children through three days of activities including an archaeological dig, introduction to the historic games of hopscotch and marbles, readings from a Victorian author, and an examination of Victorian inventions. In keeping with the event's "hands-on" theme, the children make Victorian postage stamps, chalk, marbles, and keepsake scrapbooks.

"Hands on History' is a great opportunity for kids to get a glimpse of the history of their community and to learn about what kids did, including games that they played, in another era," said Camp Fire executive director Joshua Gonzales. "It gives our Camp Fire kids the chance to experience something new and learn while they get their hands dirty. The whole idea is to make history fun, engaging, and accessible. It is a perfect fit for our kids and a lot of fun to have them get excited about the Victorian history of Walla Walla."

Hands on History offers kids a great opportunity to learn while having fun and we look forward to continuing and growing this partnership with Campfire. Wouldn't you like to help us provide more opportunity for these kids to experience a Hands on History day at the museum? Please let us know if you would like to sponsor a Hands on History day for 50 kids.

**Speakeasy Party Wrap-up**

If you didn't make it you missed quite a bash as the spirits from Batch 206 flowed freely at the Secret Speakeasy cleverly hidden in the basement of the museum. Spirits flowed upstairs as well when the carpet was rolled up for dancing in the main parlor. We had so much fun. Look for other similar events in the future. Please stop in and thank Karianna at Blue Window Vintage for contributing to the event and thanks to Lisa McDonald for bringing out the two Ford Model - T cars.

HAND CRAFTED
BATCH 206



2013 Kirkman House Events

The Roaring Twenties	July 19 - October 27
<i>Whispered Memories is part of the Festival of</i>	<i>Converging Histories</i>
Festival of Converging Histories	November 8, 9
Holiday Bazaar	December 5, 6
Victorian Christmas Jubilee	December 7

Spin-Ins are on the second Sunday of the month.
Last costume sewing class on October 20

Grand Victorian Ball

The third activity of our Festival of Converging Histories is the Grand Victorian Ball to be held Saturday, November 9 at 6 pm, in the Sharpstein School Gym.

Music will be provided by the 12 piece **Country Dance Orchestra** from La Grande with Dance Master Dan Clark. Formal wear required, and Victorian or formal Steampunk attire is encouraged. In an effort to recreate an authentic atmosphere, dance cards will be provided upon entry. Bring your white gloves.

Dance Workshop

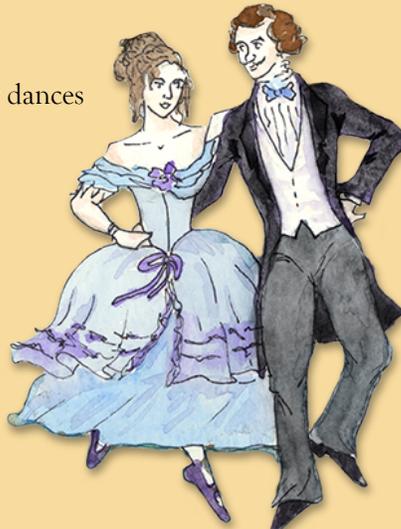
A dance workshop will be conducted on Saturday, November, 9 from 10 am to noon at Sharpstein School. During the workshop, you will learn the dances to be performed at the Grand Ball such as Contras, Circles, Squares, Waltz, Polka, and Schottische. There will also be a primer covering Victorian dance etiquette including dance cards that will be used at the Ball. Comfortable clothing recommended. The workshop is included with your admission to the Ball.

Ball Tickets can be purchased at www.converginghistories.org/tickets
\$25 Adult
\$15 Student

Ticket price covers the Dance Workshop, Grand Victorian Ball, and light hors d' oeuvres.

The Ball will include the following dances

1. Grand March
 2. Circassian Circle
 3. Washington Quickstep
 4. Sir Roger de Coverley
 5. A Couples Waltz
- Intermission
6. Lady of the Lake
 7. The Grand Square
 8. Virginia Reel
 9. Gay Gordon
 10. Spanish Circle Waltz.



Visit our friends at

Fort Walla Walla Museum

Opened September 13 . . . The Civil War

Back by popular demand, the Civil War exhibit features hundreds of original items from weapons to table ceramics to a bone handled tooth brush. Local connections include soldiers who served at or visited Fort Walla Walla and current residents with ancestors who fought in that war.

October . . . Archaeology Month

Experience a month-long variety of demonstrations, programs, and children's activities, as you learn about archaeological processes and discoveries. Visit the Museum each Monday at 7:00 p.m. for a special archaeology presentation.

October . . . A 19th Century Party

Join the Living History Company in a spirited discussion of the events of yesteryear that have shaped modern times.



Roaring 20's Exhibit closes October 27

Turn the clock 90 years to a time when some women were "flappers," gin was made in bathtubs, good times were enjoyed by many and few foresaw the Depression just around the corner.

The 1920's brought momentous change to our city as its borders and businesses grew rapidly. Even as other Washington cities grew, Walla Walla continued to be an important Northwest center of agriculture and culture. Vegetable farming expanded as canneries were established.

Washington women had been voting since 1910 and, in 1920, women throughout the US won this right. Jazz became a mainstream enthusiasm, even in Walla Walla. And at the end of the decade, the Walla Walla business community bankrolled the construction of one of the grandest hotels west of the Mississippi, the Marcus Whitman Hotel.

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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 and 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

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.

The Kirkman House Museum

Celebrating over 150 years of Walla Walla history and the Kirkman family saga through preservation, education, events and exhibits.

Membership Benefits

- Kirkman House Museum newsletter
- Advance notice of museum 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

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Please contact me about volunteer opportunities.

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

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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: \$ _____

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