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HOUSE MUSEUM News

“Idiots, criminals and women cannot vote.”

Quote from a suffragist's picket sign at the 1910 Labor Day parade in Spokane, WA; meant to demonstrate the absurdity of inequality.

The year 2010 marks the centennial of Women's Suffrage in Washington State. This movement helped establish Washington State as a progressive member of the Union, becoming the fifth state to grant equal rights to both men and women. Kirkman House Museum has an entire year of exciting activities planned to honor this avant-garde anniversary beginning with an exhibit titled **Catharine Paine Blaine: Seneca Falls and the Women's Rights Movement in the State of Washington**. Opening January 13, 2010, the Catharine Paine Blaine exhibit tracks the women's rights movement from the 1848 meeting in Seneca Falls where the "Declaration of Sentiments" was drafted declaring women's independence from the "absolute tyranny" of men. This document, signed by an 18 year old Catharine Paine, was presented to the United States government asking that women be granted all the rights and privileges of white male citizens. Five years after signing this document Catharine Paine married David Blaine and moved with him in 1853 to Washington Territory, bringing the fight for women's rights along with her. The exhibit at Kirkman House Museum will detail the trials and tribulations faced by Catharine Paine Blaine and her contemporaries both back east and in the wild west.



Victorian Christmas Jubilee

Many contemporary Christmas traditions were developed during the Victorian era – over-the-top decorations, Christmas Trees, Christmas Cards and the ever-popular plum pudding! Join Kirkman House Museum on **Saturday, December 5 from 2:30 pm – 5:30 pm** for traditional Christmas activities and warming refreshments before you make your way downtown for the Parade of Lights at 6 pm.



Photo: cdkimaging.com

And the winner is... Tam Lennox!



Dedicated volunteer and friend of the Kirkman House finally wins the Shawl! Entering the drawing each year, Tam inevitably went home bare shouldered. Little did we know this year she was fated to win. The colors and texture, created by friend Susan Swayne, suit Tam perfectly.

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Garden Donations

Over the course of the summer Kirkman House Museum and the Crafty Cooks donated the surplus produce from the Victorian Kitchen Garden to local food bank Helpline. The over-flowing garden resulted in ten ample donations of tomatoes, cucumbers, lettuce, beans, watermelon and radishes! Yummy!



This year Kirkman House is a drop-off location for our local Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program. Bring new, non-gift wrapped toys, or a cash donation, to the museum during the months of November and December to benefit local needy children.

Local Toys for Tots program coordinator, Beth Swanson, has pledged that all cash donations will be used at locally owned toy stores and that all toys will be distributed within the Walla Walla Valley. This is truly an opportunity to directly benefit our community this holiday season.

Kirkman House Museum is honored to participate in the Toys for Tots program, the mission of the program aligns with the goal of the museum to connect with community youth of all backgrounds. Come visit the museum, bring a toy and share in the joys of giving this holiday season!

For more information visit walla-walla-wa.toysfortots.org or call Beth at 509-301-7471.

Event Rentals

As you plan your 2009 holiday festivities, remember that Kirkman House Museum is a wonderful venue for celebrations with your family, friends, co-workers and employees. Grand architecture, historic collections and flexible space make the museum a perfect site to host your party. Rental rates are affordable and include tables, chairs, exhibit space and private museum tours. For more information contact Greer Buchanan at gbuchanan@kirkmanhousemuseum.org.



Recent Zonta event at the Kirkman House

Thank You:

Harvest Foods and Super 1 Foods for providing the ingredients for the Ice Cream Grabbers which have become a signature Kirkman House Museum snack and helped raise money at the Centennial Bandstand and Sheep to Shawl.

Mary Jane Fehrenbacher and **Susan Swayne** for coordinating the 9th Annual Sheep to Shawl Festival! You two provide the brains and the brawn (and the sheep!) for this popular event.

Nick Nelson – the Super Sheep Shearer! Thank you for your shear genius - Sheep to Shawl would not be the same without you.

Whitman College Sigma Chi Fraternity, for your strength and smiles through the rain.

Whitman College Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, for your songs while hauling the heaviest furniture in the museum.

Haunted House: Thrillers! Sponsors: Gary's Paint & Decorating; Hot Poop; iHouse; DJL, LLC; Opp & Seibold General Construction, Inc.; ThyssenKrupp Safeway, Inc.; Walla Walla Electric; Walla Walla Foundry.

Haunted House: Thrillers!



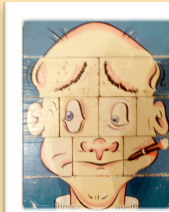
Kirkman House Museum partnered with ArtWalla to host the 2009 community Haunted House: Thrillers! A month of preparation led to four fabulous nights of fun and fright, serving over 1,500 visitors of all ages. The money raised will go toward the completion of the ArtWalla Windows on the Past heritage mural and Kirkman House Museum's 2010 summer children's programming Hands on History. The event would not have been possible without the support of our sponsors; thank you to these community leaders whose vision make community events possible for all. A large majority of the volunteers for set up and operating were Wa-Hi, Whitman, WWU and WWCC students; this event was made even more exciting by the enthusiasm and drive these students brought to their assignments.



Photos: timhallphoto.com

Child's Play

This temporary exhibit featured a century of toys, from 1850 - 1970. The exhibit was a ton of fun and brought over 100 local visitors to museum. Kids and adults alike enjoyed learning the histories of each toy and were actually able to entertain themselves with many of the items on display.



Calendar of Events

December 5

Victorian Christmas Jubilee

2:30 pm to 5:30 pm

The museum kicks off the holiday season and warms you up just in time for the Macy's Parade of Lights at 6 p.m.

January 13 through April 8

Catharine Paine Blaine: Seneca Falls & the Women's Rights Movement in the State of Washington

March 2010

Suffrage March

Date TBD

Honor National Women's History month and the centennial of women's suffrage in Washington State with a reenactment of a traditional suffrage march through the streets of downtown. Participants can choose sides - rallying for or against women's suffrage!

April 25, 2010

Sweet Home Walla Walla

Second annual showcase of historic Walla Walla homes.

Check out these fun events at the YWCA...

December 2, 2009

Gifts in a Jar - the perfect hostess gift!

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Enjoy an evening of fun, friendship and gift making! You will leave with 3 "Gifts in a Jar", wrapped and ready for holiday gift giving. Cost \$20.

December 9, 2009

Snowflakes, No Shoveling Required!

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Learn how to make the most exquisite six sided snowflakes. Materials provided, cost is \$5.00.

December 21, 2009

Build a Gingerbread House!

3 - 45 minute sessions 9:30 am to 11:45 am. All ages welcome, materials provided. Cost \$5 or \$7.50 which includes 1 p.m. "Cheap Skate" at the Ice Chalet.

Call 525-2570 to RSVP for any of these YWCA events.

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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

2009 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)

☐ 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 \$_____ to help:

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