

# Kirkman

## HOUSE MUSEUM NEWS

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### Sweet Home Walla Walla Historic Home Tour April 29, 2012



#### Tickets on Sale Now

The Kirkman House Museum is now selling tickets for the 4th Annual Sweet Home Walla Walla Historic Home Tour on Sunday, April 29 from 11AM to 4PM. Sweet Home Walla Walla is a rare opportunity to visit six of Walla Walla's historic homes that showcase a variety of approaches to preservation, restoration and adaptive reuse. This year promises to be the best yet with some of Walla Walla's most recognizable homes. As an added

complete personal tour by the owners along with a wine tasting and hors d'oeuvres.

Visitors will learn about the architecture and history of each home they tour as well as the people who built and lived in the structures that continue to influence the town's character. Advance tickets are \$25 per person and \$20 for museum members, which are available for purchase on the museum web site:

kirkmanhousemuseum.org or in person at the Kirkman House Museum, 214 N Colville St. Space is limited, and tickets may sell out. If tickets are still available on the day of April 29, they may be purchased at the museum for \$30 per person.

If you would like to be a special part of this event, volunteer as a docent for the home tour by helping greet visitors or provide brief background on the homes for two and a half hours. Then you can enjoy the rest of the tour with a free pass. For more information, contact the museum at 509-529-4373.



Baumeister house is our bonus house



bonus, a spectacular seventh home will be available for an additional \$50 for the first 50 visitors who purchase special tickets. This visit will include a

#### Historic Farm-to-Table Dinner



Come join us on **May 6, 5PM** for an evening from the past, with a classic 1800's menu in the beautiful historic Kirkman House Museum. Chef **Melissa Davis** will once again prepare this authentic meal which 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.

This is a benefit dinner. Proceeds go directly to Kirkman House Museum.

#### Menu:

- Cream of Watercress Soup
- Green Salad with Herbs and Radish
- Fresh Trout Meunière
- Roast Sirloin of Beef
- Blanched Asparagus with Lemon Sauce
- Baby Onions in Cream
- Lemon Buttermilk Cakes with Rhubarb Sauce
- Wine and non-alcoholic beverages





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### Museum Volunteers

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### Special thanks to -

Susan Monahan for all the great research on the Kirkman family and support on the new permanent exhibit panels.

Amy Liechty for helping out so much on Sweet Home Walla Walla and for modeling for our *Era of Elegance* poster.

### Experiencing History

**Hands on History**, our popular summer camp for kids ages 6-12, is happening again! This summer we are offering new and exciting camps like Gardening and Creature Feature. Returning are popular favorites such as Find Your Marbles and our Weaving Week.

Monday, July 16 we will have a camp day to go along with our Play Ball exhibit (running through the summer). We will play some baseball and learn about how many of the rules have changed through the years.

Camp days start June 18 and run through mid-August. You can register through Walla Walla Parks & Recreation Department.

We look forward to seeing you this summer!

### 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.



### Garage Sale

The Kirkman House Museum's annual garage sale will be held April 27 and 28 at the museum from 8AM until 1PM both days. There is something for everyone except, no clothing items. Community members have donated items for the sale with proceeds benefiting the museum. If you have good items you would like to donate to the sale please bring them the morning of April 27.

### Rent the Museum for your next event

The museum played host to Bunco parties in December, January and February and everyone had a great time playing in the unusual location. If you are in a Bunco group, consider having your next game at the museum. We have a reasonable rate that includes tables and chairs. The Kirkman House is also open to weddings, receptions and other special events. Just call to reserve your special date. We have packages for small intimate gatherings inside the museum and for larger events on the lawn.

### Kitchen Wall Repointed

March 12 through 14, the exposed brick wall in the original kitchen was repointed by MacRoberts Construction and board member Rick Tuttle. It took another three days to clean up the mess and put the room back together but it was all worth the effort. An interesting side note is that a few tufts of some sort of hair was found in the old mortar and was kept or stuck back into the new mortar. The job came in slightly under budget, and Mr. MacRoberts estimated he could plaster the remaining kitchen walls and ceiling for around \$1000. So far that is the best estimate we have had, and we are making progress towards meeting that goal. If you would like to see the wall or donate to help complete the project, please stop by.



Adam MacRoberts and board member Rick Tuttle

### Heating System

Unfortunately we have to report the failure of our old boiler for the heating system amongst all the good news and exciting activity. On April 6 it was very cold in the museum and upon investigation, we found the boiler to be leaking. Subsequent inspection by a HVAC professional confirmed that the system was kaput. We are currently looking at options and will be getting bids. Luckily this happened in early spring and we have some time to raise funds for a new system before it is really needed again. But this also means that some projects that looked attainable this year may not be unless major funding is found. This project is now the priority, and your generous donations would be greatly appreciated.



## 2012 Kirkman House Events

Era of Elegance	Closes May 13
Sweet Home Walla Walla	April 29
Farm to Table Historic Dinner	May 6
Play Ball Exhibit	May 25 to Sept. 2
Chamber Music Festival Rehearsal	June 12
Hands on History kids camp	June - August
Closed for exhibit teardown	September 3-6
Sheep to Shawl	September 15
Victorian Ball Reception	September 21
Victorian Ball	September 22
Whispered Memories	October 27 (unconfirmed)
Pumpkin Party	October 28
Holiday Bazaar	November 29, 30 & Dec. 1
Victorian Christmas Open House	December 1
Museum Closes for winter	December 2

## Heritage Events in the Valley

### Fort Walla Walla Museum

**April 1 - September 9**

**Floral Beadwork of the Plateau Indian People exhibit.**

Experience the complexity and beauty of scores of antique examples of this traditional art form of the Homeland Tribes.

**June 9 - 10**

**Fort Walla Walla Days**

In this annual event, historic interpreters represent the people of the past, 19th century US Military encampments, fur trade. Area Indian people present their stories with exhibits.

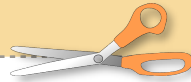
**June 26**

Explorers Kids Camp - For kids ages 9-11

**July 17**

Pioneer Kids Camp - For kids ages 9-11

Call 509-525-7703 for all Fort Walla Walla Activities



## "PLAY BALL"

*One Hundred Twenty Years of Walla Walla's Favorite Pastime*  
May 25th to September 2nd

What team in Walla Walla only played home games?  
When did the King and His Court first play ball?  
On what team that traveled to Walla Walla to play baseball did John Tucker play?

These questions and more will be on our baseball trivia game when you visit the Kirkman House Museum's "Play Ball" exhibit. Come and play our baseball trivia game for an opportunity to win tickets to the Walla Walla Sweet's baseball games this summer. Each week we will have a new trivia game with a chance to win tickets, a baseball, or a new baseball cap.



Just think Baseball, our "National Pastime", is a game that is played in almost every community and has been played by most everyone in the United States today. Take a trip down memory lane and remember when you played baseball in the neighborhood or at school. Remember when you attended your first professional or semi-pro game.

Remember when you or your children played little league or softball. We have it all here, at the Kirkman House Museum.

Come and learn and laugh as you visit the "Play Ball" exhibit. Read about the early days of baseball, the rivalries, the right to play baseball on Sundays and how one local citizen tried to stop Sunday baseball.

Come and check out the pictures of local players and see if you can spot your parents, your children and even yourselves, as you played ball here in Walla Walla. Make sure you schedule at least one visit to the museum this summer and take that trip down memory lane!

Baseball has always been exciting here in Walla Walla and the exhibit will change a little as the 2012 season progresses over summer.

We are still looking for loans of any memorabilia you have of Baseball in Walla Walla. We would like uniforms, bats, balls, mitts, baseball cards and pictures. We would also like your stories of when you played Baseball. You can drop these off at the Kirkman House Museum during museum hours, or call Pam Myers at the museum 509-529-4737 or at her home number 509-522-1631. You can also send your stories to Pam Myers at her e-mail: [pjmyers39@msn.com](mailto:pjmyers39@msn.com) or to Kirkman House Museum, 214 N. Colville Street, Walla Walla, WA 99362.

## Sunday Spin-Ins Return

The Kirkman House Textile Center's 2012 Second Sunday Spin-Ins will be held on: **June 10, July 8, August 12, October 14 and November 11**. Specific topics for the Spin-Ins will be announced at a later date and all times are from 1 pm to 4 pm.

## Concert in the park

The summer concert date has been canceled but we are working on a very special concert for the fall.

## Summer Intern or Volunteers

We are looking for an intern or volunteer to help out with Collections Processing, Hands on History Kids Camp and Docent duties. Please contact the museum if you are interested.

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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
- ☐ Membership in NARM (\$100 level and up)
- ☐ Knowledge that you are helping to save the Kirkman House for future generations

### 2012 KIRKMAN HOUSE MUSEUM MEMBERSHIP AND RENEWAL

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)  
☐ 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: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form with your check payable to: **Kirkman House Museum**

Mail to: Kirkman House Museum 214 N. Colville Walla Walla, WA 99362