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Kirkman

HOUSE MUSEUM News

Hands on History



As we approach summer vacation, the time of year when children look forward to days filled with fun and games, the museum is happy to announce the return of its popular Hands on History summer program. Made possible by a grant from the Yancey P. Winans Testamentary Trust, the program offers opportunities throughout the summer for children aged 6 - 13.

- **Mornings at the Museum** from 10 A.M. to noon on Wednesdays introduce children aged 6-9 to activities enjoyed by their Victorian-era counterparts.
- **Fun with Fibers** is a weeklong camp for children aged 9-13 that teaches a variety of weaving and dyeing techniques.

The camp runs from 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. from July 26-30. Class schedules and descriptions can be found at www.kirkmanhousemuseum.org. To register your child for any of the Hands on History classes please call

Pioneer Park Bandstand Concert Series

Kirkman House 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 tradition of bringing our community together around the bandstand for afternoon and evening entertainment

and fun! The concerts are free and open to the public of all ages. Concerts will be cancelled if weather is bad.

- Sunday, June 13 at 3:00 P.M. – Jazz from the **Walla Walla Valley Bands**
- Saturday, July 31 at 7:00 P.M. – R & B from the **Ken Hansen Band** of Portland, OR
- Saturday, August 28 at 3:00 P.M. – **The Table of Contents** play Inland Northwest Pop Rock.

Kirkman House will sell refreshments to benefit the museum's programs.

Eliza Barchus: the Majestic West

Eliza Barchus: the Majestic West is on view at the Kirkman House Museum through July 11. The exhibit features original oil paintings of the iconic Pacific Northwest as seen by Eliza Barchus and personal memorabilia from the Barchus estate, all part of a private collection.



A brilliant marketing mind combined with indescribable talent established Barchus as one of the most popular and prolific Pacific Northwest artists of the 19th and 20th centuries. Among the numerous accolades she received during her 102 year life, Barchus was invited to submit a painting for the National Academy of Design's 9th Annual Winter Exposition in 1890 – a great honor for any artist and unheard of for a western woman artist.

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Restoration Projects

Isabella Kirkman's bedroom had been partially restored in the 1980s, but the floors were never finished and a gold shag rug remained from the 1950s. Throughout January and February volunteers sanded the floor and restored missing molding. By the end of April the project was finished and the furniture was back in place. The room is now a fitting example of a late 19th century bedroom.

What's Cookin' at Kirkman? - the kitchen restoration project - is progressing rapidly. The chair rails and molding have been stripped to their natural finish and the damaged plaster on the walls and ceiling are prepped for repairs.

Ride 'em Cowgirl:

What do you get for the local cowgirl who has everything? The *Rodeo Queen* - a unique painting by renowned local artist Ruth Fluno! Kirkman House Museum seeks a buyer for this beautiful 48 x 36 inch acrylic on canvas, generously donated to the museum as a means to raise funds for our community programming. As Rodeo Queens know, there are few artists able to capture the persona of a woman tough as nails with the ability to charm even the wildest stallion. Fluno has done just that with *Rodeo Queen* - painted with the full-frontal stance of someone looking for trouble, her mischievous grin belies her giggles bubbling just beneath the surface. With her hands on her hips and a glint in her eye the *Rodeo Queen* is a wonderful addition to any collection.



Thank You:

- **Sweet Home Walla Walla homeowners**, your hospitality abounds.
- **Sweet Home Walla Walla volunteers**, each and every single one of you were fundamental to making the event such a success.
- **Shanna Stevenson**, for combining entertainment and education for museum supporters.
- **Maxwell House Bed & Breakfast**, for hosting our 2010 Founders' Luncheon keynote speaker.
- **Roy & Lianne Schellenberg**, for willingly entering into indentured servitude!
- **Linnea Bullion**, bon voyage!
- **Chelsea Kollmar**, for being willing to do the worst jobs.
- **R.I.D.E.R. & B.O.M.B. of Washington**, our fearless escorts for the Suffrage March.
- **Walla Walla Police Department, the City of Walla Walla and the County Commissioners** for authorization to conduct a public march and demonstration.
- **Mark Blanc**, irrigator extraordinaire!
- **Dan Dunn**, for sharing such a lovely story with us.
- **Suffrage March Marchers**, "to the women, give the vote!"
- **Whitman College, Walla Walla University & Walla Walla Community College students**, who are willing to do just about anything and smile throughout!



Whitman College Fraternity Sigma Chi helped clean out the Carriage House.

Museum Rentals

As you plan your 2010 events, 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.

Sweet Home Walla Walla

Sweet Home Walla Walla tour of historic homes was Sunday, April 25 this year. With the support of our sponsors and advertisers the tour was a smashing success with over 500 participants, including our wonderful homeowners and volunteers. We hope you will join us next year, stayed tuned for the date.

William Henry Kirkman Sponsors:

- Tourism Walla Walla

Myrtle Bell Kirkman Sponsors:

- Edward Jones
- Ken and Ginger Harrison
- Colonial Motel
- Best Western-Walla Walla Suites



Kirkman House hosts Barn Tour reception:



On Wednesday, May 5 Kirkman House Museum hosted the opening reception for the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation and the National Barn Alliance's Heritage Barn Conference. The guest list at this reception included names such as District 15 Senator Jim Honeyford and his wife Jerri Honeyford, board

member of the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation and of Maryhill Museum; District 16 Senator Mike Hewitt and his wife Corey Hewitt General Manager of the Walla Walla Fairgrounds, Jennifer Meisner, Director of the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation; James Lindberg of the National Trust for Historic Preservation; Michael Houser, Architectural Historian with the Washington State Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation and many other employees and board members of preservation-minded firms and organizations.

Don't miss this community event:

Fort Walla Walla Museum hosts Fort Walla Walla Days June 12 & 13; featuring delicious food, living history performances and the Horse Regalia exhibit co-sponsored by Crow's Shadow Institute.

Volunteers Needed:

Summer at the Kirkman House is busy, busy, busy! We need docents to greet all visitors and give tours of the museum and Hands on History program aides. Both are fun and exciting positions - you get to meet people from all around the world and help them connect to our community heritage. Contact the museum for more information.

Calendar of Events

May 5 through July 11, 2010

Eliza Barchus: The Majestic West

This exhibit features a private collection of original oil paintings of the Pacific Northwest and personal memorabilia of the artist.

June 9, 2010

Walla Walla Chamber Music Festival Open Rehearsal

10 A.M.

The Kirkman House Museum will once again host an open rehearsal of the Chamber Music Festival musicians. Seating is very limited so come early.

June 13, July 31, August 28, 2010

Bandstand Concert Series

June through August 2010

Hands on History

Wednesdays, 10 A.M. - 12 P.M.

Victorian themed day camps for 6 - 9 year-olds.

July 26-30, 2010

Fun with Fibers

Weaving workshop for 9 - 13 year-olds.

September 26, 2010

Sheep to Shawl Fall Festival

11 A.M. to 3 P.M.

10th annual Sheep to Shawl Fall Festival promises hours of fun, free activities and demonstrations to celebrate our community's rural heritage.

October 30th, 2010

Whispered Memories Psychic Tea

10 A.M. and 1 P.M.

Two sessions of this popular event recreating an interesting Victorian pastime will be offered this year.

October 31, 2010

Halloween Party

December 4, 2010

Victorian Christmas Jubilee

2:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

The museum kicks off the holiday season just in time for the Macy's Parade of Lights at 6 P.M.

January - April, 2011

Journey Stories

A traveling exhibit designed by the Smithsonian Institution examining stories of American spirit.

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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

2010 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**

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