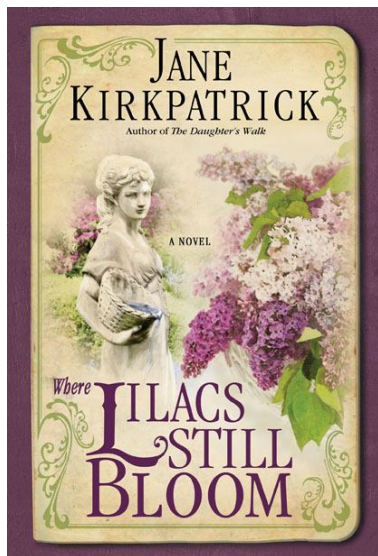


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PRESS RELEASE



On April 20, 2012, the Hulda Klager Lilac Gardens Society welcomes, Jane Kirkpatrick, the award-winning author of *Where Lilacs Still Bloom*, (WaterBrook, April 17, 2012). The critically acclaimed book follows fifty-years of Hulda Klager's life on a farm in Woodland, Washington, beginning at the turn of the 20th century. Kirkpatrick's presentation occurs the day before the official opening of 2012 Lilac Days - attendees receive free access to the 1880's farmhouse and the gardens – open from 11am to 2pm for this important event.

At presentations scheduled for 10 am to 12pm, and 1 pm to 3pm, Kirkpatrick will discuss the remarkable story of Hulda Klager and her lifelong work to develop over 250 individual varieties of lilacs. Battling major floods and a series of family tragedies, Hulda's humble and strong spirit perseveres. In 1948 when a major flood hits Woodland and the garden, Hulda's life-long work with lilacs is washed away. What happens next surprises Hulda most of all, as her future impact on the gardens and Woodland is disclosed.

Lilac Days 2012 is from April 21, through Mothers' Day, May 13, 2012. Each year during Lilac Days, love for the Hulda Klager Lilac Gardens achieves international attention as visitors journey to see the colorful and fragrant lilacs. For garden volunteers, the months of preparation are rewarded with appreciation by thousands of visitors.

Your \$35 prepaid reservation includes the *Where Lilacs Still Bloom* book, presentation by Jane Kirkpatrick, book signing, and refreshments at the Woodland Grange Hall, 404 Davidson, Woodland, Washington, Friday, April, 20, 2012. Mail your \$35 check, payable to: Hulda Klager Lilac Gardens, along with a self addressed stamped envelope and seating time preference to: HKLG Special Event, Judy Card, PO Box 1861, Woodland, WA 98674. Attendees also will have free access to the Hulda Klager Lilac Gardens and Farm Home -open from 11am to 2pm.

Jane Kirkpatrick books have collectively sold more than 500,000 copies, winning awards and critical acclaim including Best Books of 2009 by *Library Journal*. *Where Lilacs Still Bloom* is Jane's twenty-second book, her nineteenth novel. She is the proud owner of two lilacs from Hulda Klager's garden.