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Oberlin Heritage Center Hosts Workshop on Caring for Family Textile Treasures

Learn how to take care of Grandmother's old quilt, or Uncle John's dress military uniform and other family heirlooms at the Oberlin Heritage Center's workshop on "**Textile Care and Preservation in Your Own Home.**" Collections Assistant **Prue Richards** shares a wealth of professional experience and personal insights at this one-day event held at the Oberlin Depot (240 South Main Street) on Saturday, July 14 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. You'll learn techniques to improve and extend the lives of textiles that you wish to preserve in your own home. Participants may bring one or two textile pieces of their own for evaluation during the afternoon session. A take-home folder of handouts and resources will be provided to each attendee.

Prue Richards has been the Collections Assistant at the Oberlin Heritage Center since January 2000 and volunteered at OHC for many years prior to joining the staff. She is a graduate of Oberlin College and has attended specialized museum and collections training at the Winterthur Institute for the American Decorative Arts in Delaware and at the Campbell Center for Historic Preservation Studies in Illinois. She also has attended seminars offered by the Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts and the American Association of Museums. Prue received the Ohio Association of Historical Societies and Museums Outstanding Individual Achievement Award in 2007.

The workshop fee of \$50 (\$45 for OHC members) includes a box lunch. Pre-registration is required by July 9, and the workshop is limited to 15 participants. You may register online at www.oberlinheritage.org or call the Heritage Center at (440) 774-1700 (or e-mail members@oberlinheritage.org) to receive a registration flyer.

The workshop, as well as a series of "Quilt as Story Teller" guided tours in June, are the Oberlin Heritage Center's contributions to the community of Oberlin's "Quilt Connection 2012," a summer celebration of quilts and creativity. The many and varied events are being offered in conjunction with *The Artist as Quiltmaker XV*, the 15th biennial exhibition of contemporary quilts at the Firelands Association of Visual Arts (FAVA) from May 13 - July 29, 2012. For more, visit www.favagallery.org or call (440) 774-7158.

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