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Oberlin Heritage Center Invites Warm-Weather Walking

The Oberlin Heritage Center is offering two neighborhood history walks beginning in mid-May and continuing through mid-September for those interested in getting out, enjoying the warmer weather, and learning more about Oberlin's powerful history, which has played a significant role in our nation's history. Each history walk is led by a trained docent who shares stories of those who lived, worked and went to school in Oberlin in days gone by. Historic photographs add to the visual impact of the walking tours. Both history walks are offered weekly, including:

The **Tappan Square History Walk** is offered Fridays at 11:00 a.m. from May 14 through September 10. Participants will learn about early residents and hear stories of triumph and misfortune and walk away with a lively appreciation of Oberlin's unique heritage and buildings. This walk is approximately 60 minutes. Tickets must be purchased 48 hours in advance either on the Oberlin Heritage Center's website or at the Monroe House's Museum Store. The cost is \$6 per adult, with \$1 discount for OHC members, and free for children under 18 years of age (most likely to be enjoyed by children 9 years of age and up). This history walk may be cancelled and fees refunded if fewer than five people pre-register or if it is raining at the tour start time.

The **Freedom's Friends History Walk** showcases Oberlin's important contributions to the history of abolition and the Underground Railroad and is offered Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. from May 15 through September 11. It is a 75-minute walk. Reservations may be made in advance or purchased up to and including the day of the tour. Tickets must be purchased through the Oberlin Heritage Center's website (www.oberlinheritage.org) or at the Monroe House's Museum Store. The fee is \$6 per adult, with \$1 discount for OHC members; free for children under 18 years of age (most likely to be enjoyed by children 9 years of age and up). History walks may be cancelled and fees refunded if it is raining at the tour start time.

Walking tours are a great way to entertain guests over the Memorial Day holiday weekend. There will be extra offerings of both walking tours during the weekend of May 28-31, 2010 which coincides with Oberlin College's Commencement/Reunion Weekend. Visit www.oberlinheritage.org for additional dates and times.

For more information or to make a reservation, visit the Oberlin Heritage Center's website at www.oberlinheritage.org or stop by the Monroe House Museum Store at 73½ South Professor Street (parking available at the entrance to 20 West Vine Street), or call Elizabeth Schultz, Museum Education and Tour Coordinator, at (440) 774-1700 or e-mail tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org.

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