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Oberlin Heritage Center Annual Meeting Features Ohio Historical Society CEO *2011 Community Awards Recipients Also Honored*

The public is invited to the annual dinner meeting of the Oberlin Heritage Center on Wednesday, April 6 at the Oberlin Inn. The evening will include a celebratory look back at the highlights of the past year and a glimpse at what the future holds for the organization. Burt Logan, Executive Director and CEO of the Ohio Historical Society, one of the largest state historical organizations in the country, will be the featured speaker for the evening's program. Following his remarks, the Oberlin Heritage Center will present its Tenth Annual Community Awards to several local leaders in history education, historic preservation, and community service. The event begins at 5:00 p.m. with a Social Hour (cash bar), followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m., and the program beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Burt Logan came to the Ohio Historical Society as its Director in December 2009. OHS is a private, nonprofit organization established in 1885 that serves as the state's partner in preserving and interpreting Ohio's history, archaeology, natural history, and historic architecture. He oversees more than 180 employees and a \$19 million operating budget. The society administers 58 historic sites and museums – the largest statewide network in the nation and provides a broad spectrum of history education and historic preservation services in nearly every community in the state. Prior to coming to Columbus, Mr. Logan led the U.S.S. Constitution Museum in Boston from 1995 to 2009, and is well-recognized in the museum field for serving in numerous capacities at both the state and national levels.

The evening concludes with the tenth annual presentation of the Oberlin Heritage Center Community Awards and a brief business meeting. This year's award recipients are: **Charlotte Bosch** (Oberlin Heritage Center Volunteer of the Year), **Anna Ernst** (Community Historian Award), **Victoria Hardnett** (Youth Community Service Award), **Bill Roniger** (History Teacher of the Year), and **LorMet Community Federal Credit Union** (Keep Oberlin Beautiful Award).

Reservations for the Oberlin Heritage Center's annual meeting are available for \$25 per person for Heritage Center members and \$30 per person for the general public if purchased by March 25. (Reservations are \$30 and \$35 for tickets purchased after March 25.) Menu options are Beef Kabobs, Chicken Walnut Ravioli (available without chicken as a vegetarian option), and Baked Lemon Pepper White Fish. Reservations may be made online at www.oberlinheritage.org, or you may request a reservation form by calling 440-774-1700, sending an e-mail to members@oberlinheritage.org, or visiting the Oberlin Heritage Center's office at the Monroe House, located at 73½ South Professor Street (back of Conservatory of Music parking lot), during office hours, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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