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Oberlin Heritage Center Seeks Volunteers for History Walks

The Oberlin Heritage Center will offer two training workshops for volunteers interested in learning how to lead small groups of visitors on themed history walks in and around downtown Oberlin. No previous training is needed; all that is required is a commitment from docents to assist with at least four history walks within the coming year. Beginning June 1 and offered on alternating Saturday mornings at 11 a.m. through the end of August, the Heritage Center will present the Freedom's Friends (Underground Railroad) and Scholars and Settlers (Tappan Square) guided history walks. Volunteers may choose to attend the training for either or both of these tours. Each training session is free and begins at the Monroe House (73½ South Professor Street in Oberlin) before moving on from there.

The Freedom's Friends History Walk training takes place on Sunday, April 14 from 1-4 p.m. Volunteers will learn about Oberlin's role in the history of abolition and the Underground Railroad and how to present a 75-minute walking tour through historic neighborhoods surrounding downtown Oberlin. Registration is requested by April 12.

The Scholars and Settlers History Walk training takes place on Sunday, April 28 from 1-4 p.m. Volunteers will learn how to present stories (in the format of a 75-minute walking tour) about Oberlin's earliest residents and the triumphs, debates and scandals linked to the landmarks around Tappan Square. Registration is requested by April 23.

Enrollment is limited for each workshop, so register soon. For more information, or to reserve your place at the workshop, please call the Oberlin Heritage Center's Museum Education and Tour Coordinator, Elizabeth Schultz, at 440-774-1700 or send her an e-mail at tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org. Volunteers may also register online at www.oberlinheritage.org.

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