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Oberlin Heritage Center Offers History Walks and More for College Parents' Weekend

As part of Oberlin College's Parents' Weekend activities, the Oberlin Heritage Center has expanded its guided tour schedule Friday through Sunday, November 7-9. Out-of-town visitors and residents of the area are welcome to take part in one or more of the following:

Freedom's Friends History Walk: This neighborhood walking tour focuses on the historic decisions that shaped Oberlin's growth as a station of the Underground Railroad and highlights individuals and events that marked Oberlin as one of the most active stops on this network to freedom. Offered Friday, November 7 at 3:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 8 at 11:00 a.m. Pre-registration required; space is limited. \$6 adults; Free for OHC members and any college students with current ID, free to children accompanied by an adult. Best suited for ages 9 and above. History walk begins near the steps of The First Church of Oberlin, U.C.C. at the intersection of Main (SR 58) and Lorain Streets (SR 511).

Oberlin Origins/Sneak Peek Tours: Guided 30-minute tours of the first floor of the 1866 Monroe House with stories about the events and individuals that shaped Oberlin's first 100 years. Topics include Oberlin's founding, coeducation, and abolition. Offered Saturday, November 8 every half hour from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$3 adults, free for Oberlin Heritage Center members, college students and children. Walk-ins welcome.

"One Step More" Oberlin Women's History Walk: Learn more about the local impact on women's rights through this new guided neighborhood walking tour that combines Oberlin landmarks with stories of powerful 19th and 20th century women who helped shape what it meant to be a woman in Oberlin and in the United States. Offered Saturday, November 8 at 1 p.m. and Sunday, November 9 at 11 a.m. Pre-registration required; space is limited. \$6 adults; Free for OHC members and any college students with current ID, free to children accompanied by an adult. Best suited for ages 9 and above. History walk begins at the flagpoles on the southeast corner of Tappan Square, at the intersection of Main (SR 58) and College Streets.

Oberlin Connections through Hymns and Dedication of an Oberlin Historical Marker for Antoinette Brown Blackwell and First Church: All are invited to attend a very special celebration of music and history on **Sunday, November 9, 2014 from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.** when the Oberlin Heritage Center and The First Church in Oberlin, U.C.C. offer a stirring hour-long community "sing" of historic hymns in The First Church Meeting House, followed by the

dedication of a marker recognizing Antoinette Brown Blackwell (1825-1921) who graduated from Oberlin College in 1847 and became the first woman ordained as a minister in 1853. The marker also commemorates The First Church in Oberlin, United Church of Christ, which was built in the 1840s, and at that time was home to internationally famous minister Charles Grandison Finney. The event takes place at The First Church in Oberlin, U.C.C. (106 North Main Street) and is free and open to the public.

Advance reservations are required for the Freedom's Friends and Women's History walks and optional for the Sneak Peek tours. Online registration may be found at www.oberlinheritagecenter.org or call (440) 774-1700. In case of rain, the history walks will be cancelled and refunded, while the mini-tours take place rain or shine. No reservations are needed for the Hymn Sing and Marker Dedication. For more information, contact the Oberlin Heritage Center at (440)774-1700 or e-mail tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org.

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