Oberlin Heritage Center Seeks Volunteers for History Walks

The Oberlin Heritage Center will offer a training workshop on Saturday, March 14 from 1-4 p.m. for volunteer docents interested in learning how to guide the Freedom’s Friends (Underground Railroad) History Walk. The training begins at the Monroe House (73½ South Professor Street) before moving on to cover the history walk route.

Volunteers will learn about Oberlin’s role in the history of abolition and the Underground Railroad and how to present the walking tour in a 75-minute stroll through historic neighborhoods surrounding downtown Oberlin. Registration is requested by March 9.

The workshop is free and open to the public. Volunteers need no previous training in leading tours; all that is required is a commitment to assist with at least four history walks within the coming year. Being a docent is a great way to learn more about the nationally significant history of Oberlin and to meet an array of interesting people from near and far who take part in these warm-weather walking tours. This summer, the Freedom’s Friends History Walk will be offered weekly to the public on Saturday mornings at 11 a.m. Additional dates may be added for group tours by appointment.

For more information, or to reserve your place at the workshop, visit www.oberlinheritagecenter.org, call 440-774-1700 or e-mail tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org.

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