Oberlin Heritage Center Program Inspires Older Home Décors

Kerry Adams, of the Cleveland Restoration Society, explores the ever-evolving American interior over a fascinating 100-year period (1850-1950) in an illustrated presentation, The American Home Interior: Treatment and Transformation, which will be held at the Oberlin Public Library (65 South Main Street) on Tuesday, December 1 at 7:00 p.m. The event, co-sponsored by the Oberlin Heritage Center, is free and open to the public.

Adams, who is Senior Historic Preservation Specialist of the Cleveland Restoration Society (www.clevelandrestoration.org), offers a program that will appeal to owners of older homes as well as to anyone who enjoys period furnishings, décor and styles. Emphasis on stylistic trends from Greek Revival, Victorian Aesthetic, Arts & Crafts, Colonial Revival and Mid-Century Modern periods will be showcased. Adams will describe the “CSI” style approach that curators and preservationists use to restore interiors based on physical evidence, literature of the era, and searching out appropriate reproduction treatments. Whether you are considering a transformation of your own older home, or just want to learn more about period treatments and furnishings, you’ll find much to inspire you!

Adams has been on the staff of the Cleveland Restoration Society since 2004 and previously worked on historic house interpretation and restoration in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Dayton, Ohio and at Hale Farm & Village. He has a B.A. in Art History from Wright State University and an M.S. in Preservation from Eastern Michigan University.

Co-sponsors for the program include the Oberlin Heritage Center, the City of Oberlin Historic Preservation Commission, the Cleveland Restoration Society, and the Lorain County Preservation Network.

For more information about this event, please contact the Oberlin Heritage Center at (440) 774-1700 or e-mail members@oberlinheritage.org. For information about the Cleveland Restoration Society or other topics in preservation and maintenance of older homes, contact Kerry Adams at 216-426-3101 or KAdams@clevelandrestoration.org.