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How to Be a Good Ancestor

Oberlin Heritage Center Repeats Popular Workshop

The Oberlin Heritage Center will offer “How to Be a Good Ancestor: Collecting and Preserving Your Family History, Stories, Photographs, and Artifacts” on Wednesday, October 14, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Oberlin Depot (240 South Main Street). Sessions are led by Oberlin Heritage Center Collections Assistant Prue Richards and Librarian/Genealogist Pat Holsworth.

The workshop will be given in two parts, and participants may register for the entire day, or choose to attend only the morning or the afternoon session. Part I will address proper care of artifacts, documents, textiles and photographs, and will run from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Part II continues from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. and provides guidance on preserving family histories, genealogy, and oral history. Lunch with the presenters takes place from 12 noon to 1:00 p.m. All participants will receive a folder of resource materials to take home with them.

Pre-registration is required. There is a fee of $55 for the full day ($50 for Oberlin Heritage Center members), which includes lunch and an optional 30-minute individual follow-up consultation, to be scheduled at a later date with one of the instructors. Those who choose to attend Part I only or Part II only will pay $35 ($30 for Oberlin Heritage Center members). If you wish to add lunch to one part or the other, the cost is an additional $10. Those who wish to attend may register online at www.oberlinheritage.org, or may prefer to download a printable registration form and mail it or drop it off in person at the Oberlin Heritage Center’s main office in the Monroe House, 73½ South Professor Street in Oberlin (parking is available off of West Vine Street). Checks (made payable to the Oberlin Heritage Center) and credit cards (Visa, MasterCard, and Discover) are accepted. Reserve space soon as the workshop is limited to the first 25 participants. For more information go to www.oberlinheritage.org or call 440-774-1700 or e-mail ohcbiz@oberlinheritage.org (Pat Holsworth) or history@oberlinheritage.org (Prue Richards).

The Oberlin Heritage Center is an award-winning history museum, historical society, and historic preservation group, located 35 miles west of Cleveland in Lorain County, Ohio. It is accredited by the American Association of Museums, and was honored this year as one of the first eleven organizations in the nation to be designated a Preserve America Steward by the U.S. Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

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