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Oberlin Heritage Center Offers Training for History Walk Docents

The Oberlin Heritage Center will offer two free training workshops for volunteers interested in leading themed history walks this summer in and around downtown Oberlin. Each workshop will begin at the Heritage Center's Monroe House (73½ South Professor Street in Oberlin) and move on from there. Parking is available in the Heritage Center's parking lot accessed off of 20 West Vine Street (behind Midas Muffler).

Docents learn to lead 75-minute guided history walks in either of two themes:

The **One Step More: Oberlin Women's History Walk** engages visitors through stories of powerful 19th and early 20th century Oberlin women who helped shape what it meant to be a woman in a small town and across America. This training workshop takes place **Saturday, April 23 from 1-4 p.m.** Register by April 18.

The **Freedom's Friends Underground Railroad and Abolition History Walk** shares stories about Oberlin's most famous freedom seekers and people known to have helped them make their way to freedom. This workshop takes place **Saturday, April 30 from 1-4 p.m.** Register by April 25.

Both workshops are free and open to the public. Trained docents are asked to make a commitment of helping with at least four tours per year as part of the Oberlin Heritage Center's volunteer program.

The Freedom's Friends History Walk will be offered every Saturday at 11 a.m. in June, July and August or at other times for groups by appointment. The Oberlin Women's History Walk will be offered the *first* Saturday of the summer months at 2 p.m. Special offerings of each history walk also will take place during Oberlin College's Commencement/Reunion Weekend (May 21-22).

For more information, or to reserve your place at the docent training workshop, please contact Amanda Manahan, the Heritage Center's Museum Education and Tour Coordinator, at tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org or (440) 774-1700.

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