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

As part of Oberlin College's Parents and Family Weekend activities, the Oberlin Heritage Center has expanded its guided tour schedule Friday through Sunday, November 4-6. Out-of-town visitors and residents of the area are welcome to take part in one or more of the following:

Freedom's Friends Underground Railroad and Abolitionist History Walk: This neighborhood walking tour focuses on the historic decisions that shaped Oberlin's growth as a station of the Underground Railroad. Offered Friday, November 4 at 3:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 5 at 3:00 p.m. Reservations recommended; space is limited. \$6 adults; Free for OHC members, college students with current ID, and 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. Offered every half-hour on Friday, November 4 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 5 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (last tour begins at 3:30 p.m.). \$3 adults, Free for Oberlin Heritage Center members, college students and children. Walk-ins welcome. This tour begins at the Monroe House (73 ½ South Professor Street).

"One Step More" - Oberlin Women's History Walk: Learn more about the local impact on women's rights through this 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 5 at 11:00 a.m. Reservations recommended; space is limited. \$6 adults; Free for OHC members, college students with current ID, and 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.

Music in the Home Tour: Inspired by the 150th Anniversary of the Oberlin Conservatory of Music that is being celebrated this year, the Oberlin Heritage Center's guided tour includes artifacts and sounds of an earlier time. Discover how music was used for entertainment, fellowship and teaching in 19th-century homes during this 60-minute guided tour of the historic properties at the Heritage Center. Offered Sunday, November 6 at 11:00 a.m.

Reservations recommended; space is limited. \$6 adults; Free for OHC members, college students with current ID, and children accompanied by an adult. The tour begins at the Monroe House (73½ South Professor Street).

Scholars and Settlers History Walk: This guided walking tour leads participants around the community hub of Tappan Square accompanied by stories of the earliest residents of Oberlin and the triumphs, debates, and scandals linked to surrounding landmarks. Offered Sunday, November 6 at 1:00 p.m. Reservations recommended; space is limited. \$6 adults; Free for OHC members, any college students with current ID, and 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.

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 and Music in the Home Tour take place rain or shine. For more information, contact the Oberlin Heritage Center at (440)774-1700 or stop by the Monroe House at 73½ South Professor Street, at the back of the Conservatory of Music parking lot (behind the Kohl Jazz Building). OHC parking is accessible off of 20 West Vine Street in Oberlin.

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