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Oberlin Women's History Walk Offered by Heritage Center

Stroll through picturesque downtown Oberlin while learning about women's rights and the fight to secure them in a Women's History Month special offering of **One Step More: Oberlin Women's History Walk**. The Oberlin Heritage Center's guided tour takes place **Saturday, March 25 at 10:30 a.m.** and features women's stories and landmarks from both campus and community. The tour begins at the southeast corner of Tappan Square, at the intersection of Main (State Route 58) and College streets in Oberlin. Advance reservations are necessary and may be made at www.oberlinheritagecenter.org or by calling (440) 774-1700. The fee is \$6 for adults, while OHC members, children and college students are free.

In 1834, "founding father" John J. Shipherd pledged Oberlin's commitment to "the elevation of the female character" through education. Little did he know, there was dynamite in that promise, and women carried the matches. This 90-minute history walk explores how Oberlin confronted and defined issues of femininity in the 19th and 20th centuries. Hear stories of powerful Oberlin women including Lucy Stone, Marianne Parker Dascomb, Adelia Field Johnston, Mary Church Terrell, and Lucy Stanton Day, and learn how they used John J. Shipherd's promise to shape what it meant to be a woman in Oberlin and in the United States.

Volunteers interested in learning how to lead this history walk can attend a free docent training workshop presented at the Heritage Center on Saturday, April 29 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. If you have not yet experienced the Oberlin Women's History Walk, and are considering becoming a docent volunteer, contact Museum Education & Tour Coordinator Amanda Manahan to receive a complimentary ticket for the March 25 offering.

For more information about tours, history walks, and other special events at the Oberlin Heritage Center, visit www.oberlinheritagecenter.org, call (440) 774-1700, or stop by the Monroe House main office at 73 ½ South Professor Street during business hours, Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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