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## **Oberlin Heritage Center and Lorain Museum of Hispanic and Latino Cultures Partner Together with Special Exhibit**

Celebrate shared and distinct local histories, diverse cultures, and community collaborations with a visit to the Oberlin Heritage Center in September to view a special guest exhibit presented by the Museum of Hispanic and Latino Cultures based in neighboring Lorain. Artifacts and art from Mexico, Spain, Puerto Rico, Peru, Costa Rica, Panama, Guatemala, Honduras and more will be displayed in the intimate setting of the historic (1866) Monroe House. There are several ways to explore the exhibit throughout the month, and all proceeds will support the missions of both museums.

- Visitors can enjoy a guided 90-minute “Upstairs/Downstairs” tour of the Heritage Center’s three historic buildings, which combines Oberlin history with the guest exhibit. This presentation is offered as a bilingual tour (English and Spanish) on Saturdays in September at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. The same presentation is offered as an English-speaking tour on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Each tour/exhibit combination is \$6/adults; \$5 for OHC members; and free for children and any college student. Advance registration is encouraged ([www.oberlinheritagecenter.org](http://www.oberlinheritagecenter.org)).
- Those who prefer to view the exhibit alone can take part in a guided 45-minute English-speaking tour on Thursdays in September at 5:15 p.m. The cost is \$3/adults; \$2 for OHC members, and free for children and college students. Advance registration is encouraged.
- There also is an option to learn at your own pace on a Self-Guided Exhibit Tour offered Saturdays in September between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. The cost is \$3/adults; \$2 for OHC members; and free for children and college students.

A highlight of the month-long collaboration will be the **Fiesta en la Biblioteca** on **Saturday, September 23 (3-5 p.m.)** at the Oberlin Public Library (65 South Main Street). This lively gathering will include music, food and fun for all ages. The event is free and open to the public, with special thanks to The Community Foundation of Lorain County for its support.

Because many museums around the country take part in Smithsonian Museum Day during the month of September, and emulate the free-admission policy of Washington, DC's Smithsonian museums, the bilingual and self-guided tours will be FREE at the Heritage Center on Saturday, September 23.

Educators interested in bringing students to this special exhibit should contact the Heritage Center's Museum Education and Tour Coordinator, Amanda Manahan, to schedule a visit ([tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org](mailto:tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org)) during September. To learn more about the Oberlin Heritage Center, contact Executive Director Liz Schultz ([director@oberlinheritage.org](mailto:director@oberlinheritage.org)). For more about the Museum of Hispanic and Latino Cultures, contact President and Curator Guillermo Arriaga ([lorainhispanicmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:lorainhispanicmuseum@gmail.com)).

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