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## Heritage Center Presents The Medical History of Oberlin

Dr. James Dascomb arrived in Oberlin in 1834 and for two years treated Oberlin residents and students with such remedies as essence of cinnamon, calomel, cough drops, and quinine. Fast forward to 2017, when Mercy Allen Hospital is one of a few remaining critical access hospitals serving a broad rural area. Dr. W. Jeanne McKibben has spent decades documenting the medical history of Oberlin through notes, photographs and rare video interviews. In her illustrated presentation, she will share portions of her film-video journey through the years, while discussing the growth of Oberlin's medical field, its near collapse in 2000, and its re-emergence as a community healthcare hub with a vision for the future. The Oberlin Heritage Center hosts Dr. McKibben's program at the Oberlin Public Library (65 South Main Street) on Thursday, October 19 at 6:00 p.m., with a second opportunity to hear the presentation at Kendal at Oberlin's Heiser Auditorium (600 Kendal Drive) on Tuesday, October 24 at 7:15 p.m. Both venues are free and open to the public, with special thanks to Mercy Regional Medical Center for serving as the premier sponsor of these programs.

Jeanne McKibben entered medical school as a nontraditional student and single mother of three school-aged children. She received her MD degree in 1976 from Michigan State University's College of Human Medicine, and then trained further at the Cleveland Clinic with a specialty in Internal Medicine. She arrived in Oberlin in 1979 and joined the Oberlin Clinic; at its closing in 2000, Dr. McKibben moved to Physicians in Family Practice before retiring in 2004. During her tenure on the staff at Allen Hospital she served in several professional leadership positions both at the local and state levels. Among her many volunteer activities in the community, Jeanne is an active Oberlin Rotarian, has served as a volunteer physician at the Lorain Free Clinic, and is an Honorary Trustee of the Oberlin Heritage Center.

This program is an informative prelude to Dr. McKibben's medical-and-film history exhibit, *Lenses, Scopes and Other Views*, hosted by the Firelands Association for the Visual Arts/FAVA from November 12 through December 21, 2017. The exhibit appears in the South Gallery in conjunction with FAVA's Holiday Member Show at the New Union Center for the Arts (39 South Main Street, Oberlin).

For more information about this program and others activities hosted by the Oberlin Heritage Center, visit [www.oberlinheritagecenter.org](http://www.oberlinheritagecenter.org) or call (440) 774-1700.

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