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

As part of Oberlin College's Parents and Family Weekend activities, the Oberlin Heritage Center has expanded its public guided tour schedule Friday through Sunday, November 3-5. 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 90-minute neighborhood walking tour focuses on the historic decisions that shaped Oberlin's growth as a station of the Underground Railroad. Offered Friday and Saturday, November 3 and 4 at 3:00 p.m. and on Sunday, November 5 at 1:00 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 3 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 4 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 90-minute guided neighborhood walking tour that combines 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 4 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.

Historically Inaccurate Tour: This out-of-the-ordinary guided tour takes participants through the Heritage Center's three beautifully preserved buildings and includes some

lesser-known (yet true) stories of Oberlin's past, interspersed with tales that some may not know are simply popular myths. Tour-goers will have the chance to try to separate fact from fiction as the 75-minute tour moves along. Offered Sunday, November 5 at 11:00 a.m. Space is limited and reservations are encouraged. \$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).

Self-Guided Tablet Tours: Move at your own pace around town exploring Oberlin history through an iPad digital tour. Borrow an iPad between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Friday, November 3 or Saturday, November 4 for a fee of \$5/hour or \$20/day (20% discount for OHC members). Choose from two tours: *Freedom's Friends*, which leads you to local landmarks connected to Oberlin's abolitionist history, or *Picture the Past*, which covers a one-block radius of historic downtown Oberlin. Stop in to the Monroe House (73½ South Professor Street), e-mail (tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org), or call ahead (440-774-1700) to rent a tablet.

Online registration may be found at www.oberlinheritagecenter.org or call (440) 774-1700. In case of rain, the history walks may be cancelled and refunded, while the mini-tours and Historically Inaccurate 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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