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Join OHC for a Mechanical, Musical, Magnificent Journey

The Oberlin Heritage Center is hosting a members-only trip to the Leek Pipe Organ Company in Berea, Ohio. The behind-the-scenes tour takes place Friday, July 20 from 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon. Visitors will learn about pipe families and materials, “voicing” a pipe, and how organ technology has changed (and not changed) over time.

The family-owned company was founded in 1976 by John G. P. Leek, former Curator of Pipe Organs at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music. His son, James P. Leek, also a master organ builder, is now president of the company, which was based in Oberlin until 2014. The company specializes in building custom Tracker-Electro-pneumatic pipe organs, restoring historic and modern pipe organs, technology upgrades to consoles and controls, voicing, tuning, repairs and maintenance.

The cost of the field trip is \$20 per person. Guests must be members of the Oberlin Heritage Center to participate in this group visit. (Not a member? Join online at www.oberlinheritagecenter.org or call 440/774-1700.) Participants may drive on their own and meet at the company (288 Karl Street, Berea) or car pooling is available from Oberlin. The excursion is recommended for adults and youth ages 12 and up.

For more on this event or others hosted by the Oberlin Heritage Center, visit www.oberlinheritagecenter.org or call (440) 774-1700. To learn more about the Leek Pipe Organ Company, visit www.leekpipeorgans.com.

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