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You Can Be Part of a One-of-a-Kind “Pop-Up” Museum in Oberlin

Believe it or not, a community museum is going to just “POP” out of nowhere in Oberlin on Sunday, March 10 from 2-4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of The First Church in Oberlin, United Church of Christ. The event is co-hosted by the Oberlin Heritage Center and the Oberlin African-American Genealogy and History Group, and anyone is invited to participate by bringing an item that fits the theme “*Older than I Am.*” Everyone has a favorite object, photograph, document, quilt, or something they’d love to show others and tell a little about its background and why it means so much to them. It does not have to be Oberlin-related; the only requirement is that you are able to carry your item in and out on your own. If bringing an item to share, plan to arrive at 1:30 p.m. to set up your item in the secure display area and fill out a brief descriptive object label provided upon arrival. Participants will have the opportunity to explain their items to guests visiting the “museum,” and also will have time to view the treasures brought in by others.

Register in advance, particularly if you plan to bring an item for display. Online registration is available at www.oberlinheritagecenter.org, or you may send an e-mail to ohcbiz@oberlinheritage.org or call (440) 774-1700. You don’t have to bring an item to attend, but it’s more fun that way! Guests who just wish to meander through and enjoy the museum display (without bringing an item of their own) should arrive anytime after 2 p.m. The museum is free and open to all. Refreshments and socializing will add to the enjoyment of this special afternoon.

The Oberlin Heritage Center is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums and is widely recognized as a model small museum, historical society and historic preservation organization. The Oberlin African-American Genealogy & History Group (www.oaaghg.com) is dedicated to encouraging support for African-American genealogy and historical research. Learn more about this Pop-Up Museum event and other ways to connect with local history by visiting www.oberlinheritagecenter.org or by calling the Oberlin Heritage Center at (440) 774-1700.

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