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The Wind Beneath Their Wings

Most people are familiar with the Wright Brothers and their dogged pursuit of flight, but they may not know about Orville and Wilbur's lively and encouraging sister. Katharine Wright was born in Dayton, Ohio and attended Oberlin College from 1893-1898. She was the only Wright sibling to pursue a college education and when she joined her brothers' travels in Europe her language skills and diplomacy helped charm their new acquaintances and opened cultural, political, and financial doors. Find out more about the “Wright Sister” when the Oberlin Heritage Center presents actress Stephanie Kramer in a first-person portrayal of Katharine Wright, taking place on Tuesday, March 19 at 7:15 p.m. in Heiser Auditorium at Kendal at Oberlin (600 Kendal Drive). Kramer, as Katharine, reflects on her life, family and courtship, weaving together a rich tapestry of stories through narrative and song. The event, which celebrates Women’s History Month, is free and open to the public.

Stephanie Kramer spent most of her life in the Cleveland area, and has resided in Huron over the past 9 years. With an interest in history and over 25 years performing in community theatre she created HERITAGE THEATRE in 2000. Her first portrayal of an "exceptional woman in history" was First Lady, Edith Wilson. Over the past 18 years she has developed presentations of painter and conservationist Beatrix Potter; Nancy Edison, the mother of Thomas; poet Emily Dickinson; and Impressionist painter Mary Cassatt among others. She offers her programming for clubs, organizations, churches and libraries and also hosts formal teas in her home with first-person portrayals to entertain her guests.

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. Learn more about this upcoming 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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