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Enjoy “Root Beer & Yesteryear” at the Heritage Center

The Oberlin Heritage Center invites all to experience the historical society’s beautiful grounds in early autumn with a new family-friendly event that will refresh body, mind and spirit. **Root Beer & Yesteryear** takes place across the OHC campus, located at 73½ South Professor Street on **Sunday, September 8 from 1-4 p.m.** Free root beer floats will be served in honor of Professor Frank Jewett’s penchant for the bubbly drink, which he liked to make in his 19th century home, now one of three beautifully preserved historic buildings that the Heritage Center will have open for self-guided tours on its site.

The afternoon includes live performances featuring a variety of musical and dramatic presentations. Beginning at 1:30 p.m., enjoy a rare, up-close opportunity to listen to selections performed on the Heritage Center’s circa 1800 Astor piano in the Monroe House. Pianists are Shangru Du and Zuguang Xiao, students of David Breitman, Associate Professor of Historical Performance at Oberlin Conservatory.

At 2 p.m. in the Jewett House, historic re-enactor Diane Stanley of Wellington brings to life Oberlin College graduate (1847) Lucy Stone, a female pioneer in the abolition and suffrage movements. At 2:30 p.m., local resident Pat Serio entertains outdoors (weather permitting) on the mountain dulcimer, a traditional instrument from the Appalachian region. At 3 p.m., hear the story of Sojourner Truth, an African-American abolitionist and 19th century women’s rights activist, as portrayed by Inez James, in association with the Lorain Negro Business and Professional Women’s Club.

Rounding out the day, the young and young-at-heart can try their hand with old-fashioned games or walk tall on the stilts around the schoolyard. All visitors also are welcome to view a new guest exhibit from the Museum of Hispanic and Latino Cultures of Lorain. “Mexican Imagery of Our Lady of Guadalupe” features representations of one of the most significant figures of Roman Catholicism, who also is known as patroness of the Americas. The exhibit runs through September 21 and is displayed throughout the first floor of the Monroe House.

All treats and activities are free and open to the public, with special thanks for support from these Oberlin businesses: premier sponsor Ben Franklin/Mindfair Books, co-sponsor Herrick Jewelry and root beer float sponsor Oberlin IGA. Free parking is available in the Conservatory of Music parking lot just north of the Heritage Center. For more information, visit www.oberlinheritagecenter.org or call (440) 774-1700.

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