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Oberlin Heritage Center Hosts New “Our Lady of Guadalupe” Exhibit from Lorain’s Museum of Hispanic and Latino Cultures

Celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15-October 15) with a visit to the Oberlin Heritage Center to view a new guest exhibit presented by the Museum of Hispanic and Latino Cultures, which is based in neighboring Lorain. **Mexican Imagery of Our Lady of Guadalupe** is displayed in the Heritage Center’s Monroe House from September 5-21, 2019. The exhibit features representations of the Virgin of Guadalupe, one of the most significant figures of Roman Catholicism, who also is known as patroness of the Americas. Visitors will learn about the symbolism in her portrayal and how she is tied to Mexico’s religious and social history.

The public may view the display as part of OHC’s guided Upstairs/Downstairs tours offered Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., or during 30-minute drop-in Sneak Peek tours between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Normal tour fees apply, ranging from \$3 to \$6 for adults (OHC members and children are free); visit www.oberlinheritagecenter.org for details.

The exhibit also will be open during the Heritage Center’s fun, free autumn event **Root Beer & Yesteryear** that takes place on the OHC campus Sunday, September 8 from 1-4 p.m. The afternoon will be filled with history in all its forms, including live music, historic portrayals, old-fashioned games and free root beer floats for all. The Heritage Center’s beautifully preserved house museums and their collections will be open to all, including the guest exhibit about Our Lady of Guadalupe. All activities are free that day.

Those interested in delving deeper into the exhibit’s content and context are encouraged to attend a one-hour **Parlor Chat** with President of the Museum of Hispanic and Latino Cultures **Guillermo Arriaga** on Saturday, September 14 at 1 p.m. in the Monroe House. The presentation is free, although reservations are needed due to limited seating. To make a reservation, visit www.oberlinheritagecenter.org or call (440) 774-1700.

The Heritage Center's Monroe House is located at 73½ South Professor Street (at the back of the Conservatory of Music parking lot) in Oberlin. Free museum parking is accessible off of 20 West Vine Street. To learn more about the Oberlin Heritage Center, contact Executive Director Liz Schultz (director@oberlinheritage.org). For more about the Museum of Hispanic and Latino Cultures, contact MHLC President Guillermo Arriaga (lorainhispanicmuseum@gmail.com).

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