

The Oberlin Heritage Center's Community Awards Program celebrates and recognizes individuals, organizations and businesses whose outstanding accomplishments in serving the community are in keeping with our mission: *to preserve and share Oberlin's unique heritage and to make our community a better place to live, learn, work, and visit.* Previous awardees, current Oberlin Heritage Center trustees and paid staff members are not eligible for awards. Not every award is granted each year.

Award Categories

Community Historian Award

For an individual who adds to the knowledge of the history of our community through research, writing, and/or educating others.

Heritage Guardian Award

For an individual or group dedicated to the ideals of conservation and preservation and who serves our community as a leader in preserving history, historical records, or historic buildings.

OHC Volunteer of the Year Award

For a volunteer who makes extraordinary contributions of time and talent to the Oberlin Heritage Center.

Community Teacher of the Year Award

To be given to an area educator who inspires his or her students to get involved in community service.

History Teacher of the Year Award

To be given to an area educator who inspires his or her students to learn more about history.

Keep Oberlin Beautiful Award

For an individual, business, or organization that helps to enhance the aesthetics and appearance of the community.

Business Leader Service Award

For a business providing exceptional support to OHC in contributions and/or services.

Youth Community Service Award

For a young person who makes extraordinary contributions of time and talent to the Oberlin Heritage Center.

Nominations

Anyone may submit a nomination form; additional copies of this form are found at www.oberlinheritagecenter.org or may be obtained by contacting the Heritage Center directly.

Completed forms with supporting materials must be submitted to the OHC office by January 15, 2023 (mailing address: Oberlin Heritage Center, P.O. Box 0455, Oberlin, Ohio 44074) or to members@oberlinheritage.org.

Selection

The governance committee will recommend recipients for the awards to the Heritage Center Board of Trustees for approval at the February board meeting.

Awards

Individuals who receive awards are encouraged to attend the Oberlin Heritage Center's Annual Meeting on April 12, 2023 as guests of OHC. (Any guests that award recipients wish to bring must purchase their own tickets.)

Previous Award Winners

Community Historian Award:

Donald Payne; David Ashenhurst; Francis M. Stuart; Officer Bashshar Wiley; Sid Comings; Ron Gorman; W. Jeanne McKibben M.D.; Pat Gorske Price; Robert Q. Thompson; Anna Ernst; Phyllis Yarber Hogan; Gary Kornblith and Carol Lasser; Thelma Quinn Smith; Margaret Christian; William E. Bigglestone; Alfred R. Goerlich and Robert W. Oliphant; Marly Merrill, Dina Schoonmaker, and Priscilla Steinberg; Richard P. Lothrop

Heritage Guardian Award:

Don Hilton; Francine Toss and Sue Weidenbaum; Adenike Sharpley; Andria Derstine and Leo Evans, Jr. (AMAM); Oberlin African-American Genealogy and History Group; Mary Louise VanDyke; Allan Patterson; Rudd Crawford; Jean Foggo Simon; Norman C. Craig; Roland Baumann; Helen Davidson Johnson; Elizabeth Rumics; Jane Blodgett

Youth Community Service Award:

Carson Bauer; Emily Winnicki; Ruby Denneen and John Elrod; Zaria Amerson; Julia Elrod; Annalee Sekulic; Victoria Hardnett; Mary Enos; Michael English

OHC Volunteer of the Year Award:

Angela Cecil; Stephen Johnson III; Westwood Cemetery GPS Team (Camille Hamlin Allen, Amy Chuang, Judy Connolly, Judy Cook, Adam Freas and Rich Fredrickson); Carl W. Jacobson; Bud Spierling; Melissa Clifford and Eileen Telegdy; Beverly Miller; Eugenia Poporad Vanek; Dina Schoonmaker; Tim Krumreig; Charlotte Bosch; Scott Broadwell; Doris Sable & Kendal Mail Crew; Ann Livingston; Darlene Krato; Catharina Lester; Ruth Schwaegerle; Dick Holsworth; Terry Hobbs; Sarah MacLennan Kerr

Community Teacher of the Year Award:

Sarah Colson; Oberlin City Schools Music Educator Team of Robert Duerr, Len Gnizak and Audrey John Melzer; Ken Stanley; Danielle Camino; Beth Blissman; Denita Tolbert-Brown; Ronald J. Gresco; Barbara Enos; Harriett Thomas; Lorna Kretchmar; Harriett Thomas; Donna M. Shurr

History Teacher of the Year Award:

Ja'Niece Whitehead; Mike Demchak; Lisa Thacker; Prospect School Third Grade Team of Felicia Christian, Brandi Hicks-Watson, & Christine Hohman; Sheila Hicks; Michaelene Walzer; Rebecca Lahetta; Christine Baylis; William Roniger; Kurt Russell; Millie Arthrell; Jan DeMarinis, Jean Ebosh, Christine Hohman, and Gail Wood; Frances Welburn

Keep Oberlin Beautiful Award:

Community Mural Project; Green Circle Growers; Lorain County JVS; Sustainable Community Associates; LorMet Community Federal Credit Union; Jerry Anderson; Sigrid Boe; William P. Schreiner; Sharon Pearson of the City of Oberlin and Oberlin's 2006 America in Bloom Committee; Bert Latran, Jr.; Dennis Greive; Michael D. Ives

Business Leader Service Award:

Northwest Bank; Marty Buck/Techies; Radio Stations WOBL and WDLW (Doug and Lorie Wilber); Oberlin IGA (Leo Braid); Oberlin College's Community Service Work-Study Program; Mature Services (Elyria Office); Supers Landscape, Inc.; Kendal at Oberlin; McKay Lodge Conservation Laboratory, Inc.



2022 Award Recipients

Community Awards Program

Oberlin Heritage Center
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Oberlin Heritage Center Community Awards Entry Form

Name of Candidate for the Award

Mailing address: _____

Phone: _____ Email (if available): _____

Nominated by _____

Name: _____

Mailing address: _____

Phone: _____ Email (if available): _____

For the following award

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| _____ Community Historian Award | _____ Community Teacher of the Year Award |
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| | _____ Business Leader Service Award |
| | _____ Youth Community Service Award |

Attach to this form a narrative (1000 word maximum) explaining why this candidate deserves the award. If available, attach documentation such as news clippings, letters of support, photos of the project or individual and their work, brief biographical information, etc.

Please indicate if you would like your nomination materials returned: Yes No

Mail or deliver this form and the accompanying narrative and documentation to the Oberlin Heritage Center, P.O. Box 0455 (73½ S. Professor Street), Oberlin, OH, 44074 or submit via email to members@oberlinheritage.org by January 15, 2023.