

# Oberlin Heritage Center E-Gazette

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## **Exterior Painting and Historic Color for Your Older Home**

Popular “old house” workshop presenter, Sara Hobbs, who is the Associate Director of Heritage Partner Development for the Cleveland Restoration Society and Field Representative for the national Trust for Historic Preservation will return to Oberlin on **Tuesday, April 28** at 7 p.m. at the Oberlin Public Library. She’ll be talking about the best way to repaint your older home with an appealing and historically accurate color scheme. Learn how to avoid paint failure with proper surface preparation, why manufactured siding is not a solution to paint problems, and what to look for when hiring a painting contractor. Co-sponsored by the Oberlin Heritage Center, the City of Oberlin Historic Preservation Commission, Cleveland Restoration Society, and the Lorain County Preservation Network.

## **Mission Apollo: This Place Matters**

A group of Apollo Theater fans from the college, community and Oberlin Heritage Center are encouraging the college to maintain the single-screen theater and preserve the existing façade and marquee. They also hope the college will retain the building’s store fronts for use as retail establishments which would help keep downtown alive and also offset the costs of operating the theater. For more information, please visit the Mission Apollo Facebook page or go to [www.AlwaysAGoodShow.com](http://www.AlwaysAGoodShow.com). Mission Apollo will be taking part in Oberlin’s Big Parade on **Saturday, May 2nd** and invites you to join in by meeting at Eastwood School at **10 a.m.** Also, please gather in front of the Apollo at **12:30 p.m.** after the Parade for a group photograph as part of the National Trust for Historic Place’s “This Place Matters” campaign. Hope to see you there! P.S. Check out the National Trust’s website at [www.preservationnation.org](http://www.preservationnation.org).

## **Oberlin History Walks**

Put on your walking shoes and bask in the spring sunshine on one of the Heritage Center’s history walks. There are two offerings to enjoy:

**Tappan Square History Walk** provides a tour of the history and architecture around the square every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at 11:00 a.m. from May through October. Register for our next walks coming up on **Friday, May 1** and **Saturday, May 16**. The cost is \$6 per person with advance paid reservation or \$8 per person on the day of the tour. There is a \$1 discount for Oberlin Heritage Center members. This walk begins at the flagpole on the southeast corner of Tappan Square, Main and College Streets.

**Freedom’s Friends: Underground Railroad and Abolitionist History Walk** showcases Oberlin’s important role in the history of abolition and the Underground. It is offered at 11:00 a.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month from May through October. During its initial launch in the months of May and June, Oberlin Heritage Center members are invited to take this tour free of charge. Non-members’ tour fee is \$6 per person with advance paid reservation or \$8 per person on the day of the tour. Upcoming walks will be offered on **Friday, May 8** and **Saturday, May 23**. The walk begins on the northwest corner of Vine and Pleasant Streets, in Martin Luther King, Jr. Park.

Each history walk lasts approximately one hour and is given by a trained docent who shares stories and historic photographs. Walks may be cancelled and refunds will be made if fewer than five pre-register or if it is raining at tour time. Each walk is limited to 20 people. Call (440) 774-1700 or visit our website [www.oberlinheritage.org](http://www.oberlinheritage.org) for additional information.

## **Calling All Volunteers**

Volunteers are needed for the Grand Oberlin History Extravaganza at the Oberlin Depot hosted by the Oberlin Heritage Center from **Friday, May 22 through Monday, May 25** in association with Oberlin College's Commencement/Reunion festivities and Memorial Day Weekend. There will be a wonderful array of activities, a photo exhibit, live presentations, and more at the Depot for area residents, visiting alumni, families of graduating students and all to enjoy. Volunteers are needed to greet visitors or supervise children's activities each afternoon, as well as Saturday morning, in two-and-one-half-hour shifts. If you could please help with one or more shifts, contact Liz Schultz at (440) 774-1700 or e-mail [tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org](mailto:tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org)

**A Docent Training Introductory Workshop** will be held on **Sunday, June 7**, from 1-5 p.m. at the James Monroe House. Being a volunteer docent is a great way to learn more about Oberlin and its unique history whether you are new in town or have lived in Oberlin forever. Take a complimentary tour before the training to see whether docenting is your "cup of tea." This fun and diverse group of volunteers of all ages and backgrounds meets periodically throughout the year for information gatherings, field trips and more. Talk to Museum Education and Tour Coordinator Liz Schultz (e-mail: [tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org](mailto:tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org) or phone: 440-774-1700) for a free tour ticket for a prospective docent or for more information. Pre-registration is required.

## **Unique Gift Ideas for Spring**

Looking for something a little different for Mother's Day, high school or college graduations, Father's Day, or other special family occasions this spring? Consider a gift that offers *a chance to become part of Oberlin history*. An inscribed century-old brick placed along the walkway at the Oberlin Heritage Center is a creative way to recognize family and friends and leaves a lasting legacy for future generations. For more information, visit the Heritage Center's website at <http://www.oberlinheritage.org/brick.pdf>.

There also are many unique gift ideas at the Oberlin Heritage Center's Museum Store. New this spring – order an Ohio Buckeye Tree, our Great State Tree, and have it delivered in spring or fall. *Grow a little piece of Ohio's history!* For more traditional giving, our fine collection of Oberlin history books, historic playing cards, Oberlin afghans, the *1868 Birds-Eye View of Oberlin*, old-fashioned toys, hand-crafted jewelry – all make great gifts for any special occasion. Gift cards, gift wrap and shipping all provided upon request. Visa, MasterCard and Discover accepted.

## **Lost and Found Department**

If you attended the Oberlin Heritage Center's Annual Meeting at the Oberlin Inn this year, did you happen to find a Texas Instrument (TI) 4 X 6 case that was being used as a camera case? Inside was a hand strap and a 2 GB photo card. If you happened to pick it up, please contact the Oberlin Heritage Center at (440) 774-1700, and we'll return it to the owner.

## **You May Be Interested...**

TrueNorth Cultural Arts is bringing a wide range of arts experiences to Lorain County. Partnered with the Lorain County Metro Parks, the original play “Freedom’s Light: A Stop Along the Underground Railroad” will be presented May 1-17 at the French Creek Nature Center located at 4530 Colorado Avenue in Sheffield Village, OH (440)949-5200. Tickets are \$10 per person. Volunteers are needed to help at the front of the house each night; if interested, please call Susan Schauer at (440) 967-8188. For more information, visit [www.loraincountymetroparks.com](http://www.loraincountymetroparks.com).

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