

Oberlin Heritage Center E-Gazette

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Coming Soon -- Summer Camps Season!

The Oberlin Heritage Center is offering a variety of week-long and one-day camps for boys and girls. The programs include new themes such as “Hungry for History” (combining history and food!) and ever-popular topics such as “Kids and World Cultures” (this year focusing on cultures of the Ancient World). All camps are designed to stimulate children’s creativity and to whet their appetites for history, architecture, art, crafts, games, and the tastes and sounds of other cultures and other times. Summer camps are reasonably priced, with discounts for children and grandchildren of Oberlin Heritage Center members. Each session will be held at the air-conditioned Oberlin Depot (240 South Main Street). Registration is now underway. For more information, or to download a registration form, visit www.oberlinheritage.org

Heritage Center Staff to Present at Regional Meeting

The Ohio Association of Historical Societies and Museums (OAHSM) hosts its annual regional meeting for organizations in Cuyahoga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, and Summit Counties on Saturday, April 25, in Peninsula, Ohio. The Heritage Center is well-represented on the day’s agenda of presentations and roundtable discussions. **Liz Schultz**, the Oberlin Heritage Center’s Museum Education and Tour Coordinator, will lead participants in an opportunity for “Thinking or Rethinking Your Website for Greater Outreach,” while Executive Director, **Pat Murphy** and Assistant to the Director, **Mary Anne Cunningham** offer “Tips and Tools for Getting Greater Publicity and Membership.”

Reflections on the Life of Eric Thomas Nord

This beautiful memorial booklet is available to Oberlin Heritage Center members thanks to The Nord Family Foundation. Remarks made at the memorial service held in Finney Chapel on June 27, 2008 include those from Rev. Dr. Brian Wilbert (Christ Episcopal Church, Oberlin), Edward P. Campbell (Chairman, President, and CEO, Nordson Corporation), John J. Mullaney (Executive Director, The Nord Family Foundation), and Eric Barbato (Grandson). Stop by the Monroe House at 73½ South Professor Street during office hours, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to pick up a free booklet, or to request a copy sent to you, e-mail members@oberlinheritage.org or call (440) 774-1700.

Kudos Corner (*“Shout-Outs” to OHC Members Making News*)

Congratulations to Oberlin Heritage Center Trustee, Endowed Life Member, and Summer Camp Master Teacher, **Donna M. Shurr**, who received the 2009 District 3 History Day Teacher of Merit award at the District History Day held at Case Western Reserve University on March 21. One District teacher (out of eleven regional districts) will be named Ohio’s History Day Teacher of Merit and receive a trip to the National History Day competition, held at the University of Maryland (College Park) in mid-June. Best wishes, Donna!

The Oberlin Heritage Center salutes long-time business member and recipient of the Heritage Center’s 2006 Business Leader Service community award, **McKay Lodge Fine Arts Conservation Lab., Inc.** as Robert Lodge, Gina McKay Lodge, and staff mark 20 years of excellence in the conservation of art and historic artifacts. For more information about the art conservation center’s award-winning professional services, visit www.mckaylodge.com.

Applause, applause to all of the **Oberlin Heritage Center’s Volunteers** as National Volunteer Week is celebrated throughout the country, April 19-25, with its theme “*Celebrating People in Action.*”

Volunteers are in action every day helping the Heritage Center by guiding tours, designing flyers, transcribing oral histories, assisting with special projects, baking cookies, shoveling snow (yes, even in April!), delivering mail, serving as Trustees and committee members, welcoming visitors and sharing many talents and much time to keep the organization at its best. Thank you one and all (at last count, around 170 of you) for making the Oberlin Heritage Center such a great place! New volunteers always are welcome; visit www.oberlinheritage.org/volunteer.html.

You May Be Interested...

Celebrated author and Lorain native, Toni Morrison, will visit Oberlin on Thursday, April 23 to dedicate "A Bench by the Road" as part of 10 bench installations planned around the country through "The Bench by the Road Project" launched by the Toni Morrison Society. The public is invited to the dedication program commencing at 1:30 p.m. in the park at the corner of North Main Street (Rt. 58) and Lorain Street (Rt. 511), to honor the memory of the enslaved persons who sought refuge in Oberlin. The afternoon dedication precedes Morrison's Oberlin College Convocation address, "Home," at 8 p.m. in Oberlin's Finney Chapel. For more information, visit www.oberlin.edu.

Where are They Now?

It's wonderful to hear from former college student interns. Here is an update from **Kathy McCardwell**, an Oberlin College anthropology major, who was an intern and Museum Fellow at the Heritage Center from 2002-2006. After graduation, she took a year "off" to apply to graduate schools, while working at a local elementary school and the public library back home in Shelby County, Kentucky. The following summer, Kathy interned at the Hammer Museum in Haines, Alaska (www.hamtermuseum.org) before enrolling at the University of Kentucky to pursue an MS in Library Science. Her coursework included another opportunity to return to Alaska, where she did an internship with the Alaska State Museum in Juneau (www.museums.state.ak.us) before graduating with her degree in July 2008. Shortly thereafter, Kathy was hired as Hanover College's (Indiana) Rivers/Collection Development librarian, where she serves as a liaison to the Hanover College Rivers Institute in addition to her usual college librarian duties. (Visit www.riversinstitute.org for more information about this academic center for the study of river environments.) Thanks, Kathy, for staying in touch!

How You Can Help

Members are the Oberlin Heritage Center's most important resource. If you are not yet a member, consider becoming one today. Download a membership form at www.oberlinheritage.org/memberflyer2007.pdf and join the Oberlin Heritage Center! If you already are a member, there are many other ways to help -- visit www.oberlinheritage.org/contribute.html to find out how! Every contribution is appreciated!

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