

Oberlin Heritage Center E-Gazette – September 15, 2009

Autumn is a Favorite Time to Take a Walk!

The Oberlin Heritage Center's history walks are a fun way to explore the town's history and historic buildings and enjoy the outdoors. All history walks begin at 11 a.m. and last about 75 minutes. Each is given by a trained docent who shares stories and historic photographs. Pre-paid tickets are \$6 per adult. On the day of the tour, the fee is \$8 per adult. Members receive a \$1 discount. Each is limited to 20 people. This fall's remaining history walks are on:

- Sept. 19th – Tappan Square History Walk
- Sept. 26th – Freedom's Friends History Walk
- Oct. 2 – Tappan Square History Walk
- Oct. 9 – Freedom's Friends History Walk
- Oct. 17 – Tappan Square History Walk
- Oct. 24 – Freedom's Friends History Walk
- Nov. 7 – Tappan Square History Walk

The Tappan Square tour begins at the northwest corner of Main and College streets. The Freedom's Friends tour begins at the Martin Luther King monument at the northwest corner of Pleasant and Vine streets. For more information, please call (440) 774-1700 or send an e-mail to Liz Schultz at tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org or go to <http://www.oberlinheritage.org/visit/town>. History walks are also offered for groups by appointment.

P.S. - Planning is underway for 2010 history walks. Let us know if you have suggestions of topics or themes you'd like to see featured in the coming year's history walks or programs.

Docents Educate, Make New Friends, Reap Rewards!

If you have a passion for sharing your interests in history, education and the community, consider becoming an Oberlin Heritage Center volunteer docent. It's a great way to learn more about Oberlin, meet new people, make many friends, receive accolades from OHC members and visitors alike, and be a friendly ambassador for the community. An introductory docent training workshop is being offered on **Sunday, September 20th from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.** Coming on a tour and meeting with Museum Education and Tour Coordinator Liz Schultz beforehand are required. Call her at (440) 774-1700 or send an e-mail to tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org for information or to pre-register by Sept. 17th.

Smithsonian Magazine's 5th Annual Museum Day

Museum Day, Saturday, September 26, is a day when museums and cultural institutions nationwide open their doors free of charge to *Smithsonian* magazine readers and Smithsonian.com visitors, emulating the free-admission policy of the Smithsonian Institution's Washington, DC-based properties. One of more than 35 participating museums in Ohio, the Oberlin Heritage Center will offer guided tours of its three historic buildings at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Adults will receive a free tour for themselves plus one other adult guest (children are already free) when they present the Museum Day Admission Card found in the September 2009 *Smithsonian* Magazine or downloaded at <http://microsite.smithsonianmag.com/museumday/>.

OHC's Liz Schultz Presents at Annual Conference

History volunteers and professionals from throughout Ohio will gather at the Ohio Historical Society on October 1st through 3rd for the annual meeting and conference of the **Ohio Association of Historical Societies and Museums**. Liz Schultz from the Heritage Center will be speaking on *Summer Camps and Programs 101*:

Making History Exciting for Kids and will share our successes and challenges in introducing seven new summer camp programs in 2009. Several Heritage Center volunteers will attend the Saturday awards lunch; stay tuned for exciting news on that later! For more information about the conference, go to www.oahsm.org.

Oberlin Community Day

Saturday, October 3rd will be a great opportunity to enjoy fun, free, family activities all over town and celebrate the re-opening of the Apollo Theatre. Free tours of the Oberlin Heritage Center will be offered at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. beginning at the Monroe House. Or, from noon to 3 p.m., drop by and visit the Little Red Schoolhouse for hands on learning fun and stop in at the Monroe House where you'll enjoy hearing more about work underway to return the front parlor to the era of Julia Finney Monroe. You'll also have the opportunity to explore the first floor with teenage Junior Docents and adult Docents. Stop in the museum store at the Monroe House and sign up for a drawing for a free Apollo Theatre t-shirt and a free family membership. Also, enjoy a Community Day picnic at the Oberlin Municipal Light and Power System and the "Explore Oberlin" tour of various sites around town from 1 to 3 p.m. Pick up information about all the activities at Tappan Square at Main and College on the day of the event.

Oberlin Fourth Graders Present "The Rescue of John Price"

As part of their year-long study of Ohio History, students from Prospect School will present a free 30 minute play about the Oberlin-Wellington Rescue. The play was written by Prospect teacher and 2009 Oberlin Heritage Center Community Teacher Award recipient **Barbara Enos** and was first presented by Heritage Center summer campers for their parents and friends in 2008. The play will be presented twice on **Tuesday, October 6th**, at Kendal at Oberlin's Heiser Auditorium at 10 a.m. and at Prospect School Auditorium, 36 S. Prospect St., at 7 p.m. All are welcome at either performance. Our thanks to Barb Enos and the Oberlin Schools for making this possible.

OHC Co-Sponsors National History Day Workshop

Teachers seeking new ideas about how to engage their students in learning about history will not want to miss the **Wednesday, October 7th National History Day Workshop** which the Oberlin Heritage Center and the Ohio Historical Society are offering at the Oberlin Depot. For more information, contact Megan Wood, the History Day State Coordinator at the Ohio Historical Society at mwood@ohiohistory.org (614-297-2343) or Liz Schultz of the Oberlin Heritage Center at tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org (440-774-1700).

Be a Good Ancestor Workshop Back by Popular Demand

Reserve your place now for the one-day **Be a Good Ancestor Workshop: Collecting and Preserving Your Family History, Stories, Photographs and Artifacts** on **Wednesday, October 14th** at the Oberlin Depot. Pre-registration is required and information and a registration form are available at <http://www.oberlinheritage.org/whatsnew?view=44>

Annual Fund Campaign Underway

Now is the time to make a gift to the Oberlin Heritage Center's 2009 Annual Fund which provides much-needed general operating support. Our goal for this year's campaign is to raise \$30,000 by December 31, 2009. Your support helps the Oberlin Heritage Center collect, preserve and share history for future generations. Your help is especially important in a year when funding is extremely tight. Help us continue to serve our

community by making a contribution today. You may make a secure on-line contribution at <https://secure.oberlinheritage.org/donation.shtml> or send your gift to Oberlin Heritage Center Annual Fund, P.O. Box 0455, Oberlin, OH 44074.

History and Ice Cream!

Reproductions of historic photographs from the Oberlin Heritage Center's collections are now on display at Yesterday's Ice Cream Shoppe, 53 S. Main Street. Stop in and while you enjoy your ice cream, see if you can find the historic photograph of the building that now houses Yesterday's. The building was built in 1914 and known as the Hobbs Block. Among its first tenants were the Rex Theater (an early competitor to the Apollo) and the Oberlin School of Commerce/Oberlin Business College. Yesterday's Ice Cream Shoppe is one of the Oberlin Heritage Center's valued business members.

New Westwood Flyer Now Available

The Oberlin Heritage Center's Westwood Cemetery volunteers produced a handsome, new, fact-filled two-sided "Welcome to Westwood" brochure, which is now available to Westwood visitors in a new information box posted near the Ohio Historical Marker at the cemetery entrance. Thanks to City of Oberlin City Manager Eric Norenberg, and employees Dennis Cuthbertson and Jeff Baumann for their assistance on this project. To check out the new brochure on line, go to <http://www.oberlinheritage.org/cms/files/File/WW%20Guide%20General.pdf>

Welcome to Heritage Center's Fall Student Interns and Student Volunteers

We are delighted to welcome back seniors Ondrea Keith, Sarah Schaffer and Andrew Watiker and also to welcome new students Francesca Krihely, from Roslyn, New York who is a senior majoring in history and sociology; Ellen Pierce, a freshman from Mercersburg, Pennsylvania who plans on majoring in history and English; Elena Rippel, a senior from Pittsburgh who is majoring in history and German Studies and who previously volunteered for the Heritage Center; and Erin Swenson-Klatt, a first year student from Minneapolis who plans on majoring in history and who has had extensive experience as a volunteer at the Minnesota Historical Society.

Thank You to the Oberlin Heritage Center's Gracious Bed and Breakfast Hosts

We are grateful to the friendly and hospitable group of volunteers who provided accommodations in their homes for parents of incoming first year students when they arrived in August. This once-a-year fund-raiser is an important source of operating support. This year 28 families and individuals hosted guests, raising \$6370 for the Heritage Center.

Neighborhood Watch!

The Oberlin Heritage Center has experienced repeated episodes of vandalism to the grounds and buildings in recent months. We are very grateful to our volunteer grounds crew and to the many local residents who help keep a watchful eye when they visit us or stroll through, bike through or pass by the Heritage Center.

Attention Members – Coming Soon to a Mailbox Near You!

Watch your mail box within the next week for our jam-packed fall event calendar and 2008 annual report. Our annual report is printed for less than \$1 per copy. The design and layout is all done by super volunteer Sally Kerr. The annual report is published at this point in the year after the completion of our annual CPA audit so that it can include an audited financial statement. If you are not yet a Heritage Center member, we'd love to have you join. Details at <http://www.oberlinheritage.org/getinvolved/join>.

You May be Interested...

The **Ohio Historical Society** will soon welcome a new executive director, **Burt Logan**, the president of the USS Constitution Museum in Boston. The Ohio Historical Society's Board President Richard T. Prass called Logan "the ideal person to lead the Ohio Historical Society into the future."

Please share this information with a friend.

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