

Oberlin Heritage Center E-Gazette - October 4, 2010

Jim White Honored by Statewide History Association

Applause, applause and hip-hip-hooray for the Oberlin Heritage Center's immediate past-president of the Board, **James W. White**, who was recognized by the Ohio Association of Historical Societies and Museums (OAHSM) with an **Outstanding Individual Achievement Award** at the OAHSM Annual Meeting in Dublin, Ohio on Saturday, October 2, 2010. White was nominated by the Oberlin Heritage Center's Executive Director, Pat Murphy, who commented, "Jim White inspires me with his passion and dedication for service to the Oberlin Heritage Center and to the community. He knows more about how non-profit organizations work than anyone I've ever met." As Board President from 2005-2010, Jim helped lead the Oberlin Heritage Center to new levels of excellence, which included accreditation by the American Association of Museums and successful completion of the first phase of the Endowment for History Education campaign. Make sure you give Jim a tip-of-the-hat in appreciation next time you see him!

The Republican Party, the Civil War and the West

Todd Arrington, Chief of Interpretation and Education for the National Park Service's James A. Garfield National Historic Site in Mentor, examines the early years of the Republican Party – the party of Abraham Lincoln and Oberlin's own James Monroe – and illuminates how this new political group created in 1854 quickly rose to become a major player on the national scene within a few short years. Join us on **Tuesday, October 5 at 7:15 p.m.** in Kendal at Oberlin's Heiser Auditorium for this free program which is open to all.

Annual Fund Campaign Needs Your Support!

It's time for the once-a-year, end-of-the-year campaign for annual operating support at the Oberlin Heritage Center. Members are invited to make a one-time additional donation over and above their membership dues. Non-members are encouraged to contribute, too, and help the Heritage Center continue its good work to keep Oberlin's proud history alive. The Heritage Center's annual budget is about \$300,000, and much is accomplished with each and every dollar! Consider: in 2010, this bottom line maintains three beautifully preserved historic buildings and their grounds, offers more than a dozen free public programs to the community, provides a regular schedule of tours and history walks which attracts thousands of visitors, and hosts another dozen special events specifically for children, including week-long summer camps, hands-on-history activities, and history and architecture scavenger hunts. The budget also supports the salaries of a staff of two full-time and 3 part-time employees, ably assisted by several College student interns and a vast crew of dedicated volunteers. In addition to such a wide array of educational programming, the Heritage Center also maintains a Resource Center and Library and assists with many inquiries on local history research, family genealogy, artifact conservation and historic preservation. The list goes on and on, and the Annual Fund helps tremendously in keeping it going! **Please support the Oberlin Heritage Center by making a contribution today.** Donate at <https://secure.oberlinheritage.org/donation.shtml> or mail your gift to the Oberlin Heritage Center Annual Fund, P.O. Box 0455, Oberlin, OH 44074. Thank you to more than 165 donors who have already contributed just over \$20,000 toward this year's goal of \$35,000. The Annual Fund campaign continues through December 31, 2010.

Community Arts and Culture Day – No School / Lots of Fun!

Five area arts and education organizations have teamed up to keep kids busy and parents happy by offering free, fun activities on **Friday, October 15 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** while local teachers take the day to participate in a wide-range of professional development workshops sponsored by the North Eastern Ohio Educational Association (NEOEA). This year's Arts and Culture Day theme is "Me and My Community," and children of all ages can enjoy games, crafts and more at several locations around town:

Weltzheimer Johnson House—led by staff and volunteers from the **Allen Memorial Art Museum**; park and enter from the 500 block of Morgan Street

New Union Center for the Arts—at 39 South Main Street, hosted by **FAVA (Firelands Association for the Visual Arts)**

Little Red Schoolhouse and Monroe House—located behind 73 South Professor Street, hosted by the **Oberlin Heritage Center**; parking available off of 20 West Vine Street

Oberlin Public Library—65 South Main Street, led by library staff and **America Reads** staff

Children must be accompanied by an adult (who may have even more fun than the kids!) For more information, visit www.oberlinheritage.org or contact Elizabeth Schultz, Museum Education and Tour Coordinator at the Oberlin Heritage Center at (440) 774-1700 or by e-mail at tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org.

Portrait Unveiled! Oberlin's First Settler Peter Pindar Pease

Celebrate the unveiling of a previously unknown portrait of the town's first settler, Peter Pindar Pease (1795-1861), painted in 1842 by Pease's nephew, artist Hiram Alonzo Pease (1820-1881), as this newly restored gem is added to the Oberlin Heritage Center collection. A special program with an up-close view of the portrait, its subject, and the artist, will take place on **Saturday, October 23, from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.** at Kendal at Oberlin's Heiser Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public.

Be a Good Ancestor Workshop Back by Popular Demand

Are your family pictures jammed in a drawer or in albums but unlabeled? Are your albums archivally safe? Is the family bible the only place your ancestors' names are listed and even that is out of date? Will your descendants open a closet and find a special wedding gown or quilt, but not know whose it was or why it's special? Are the old family letters in a shoe box in the attic? Are you thinking about writing or taping the stories of your youth and of other members of the family who died before your descendants were born? If you answered "YES" to any of these, then you need to attend this popular introductory workshop on **Saturday, November 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** at the Oberlin Depot (240 South Main Street). Sessions are led by Oberlin Heritage Center Collections Assistant **Prue Richards** and Librarian/Genealogist **Pat Holsworth**. For registration and fee information, visit www.oberlinheritage.org, or call (440) 774-1700 to request a flyer. Limited to 25 participants, so plan to sign up soon!

Museum Store Offers Beautiful Fireplace Tiles Replicas

Just in time for the holidays, the Oberlin Heritage Center's Museum Store is now featuring magnificent reproductions of the original tiles from Julia Monroe's signature blue parlor fireplace. The tiles were meticulously created for the Oberlin Heritage Center's Monroe House front parlor by Starbuck Goldner of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, designers and producers of distinctive handmade ceramic tiles. These 4" x 4" limited-edition tiles are one of the highlights of the ongoing restoration of Julia Monroe's lovely Anglo-Japanese parlor at the Monroe House and come gift-boxed and available for purchase at \$35 (additional \$5 for shipping). Visit www.oberlinheritage.org and click on the "Shop" tab to order online, or stop by the Oberlin Heritage Center's Museum Store in the Monroe House any Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Remember, Oberlin Heritage Center members receive a 10% discount on all Museum Store purchases.

Heritage Trail Brick Registry Now On-line

More than 300 inscribed bricks installed along the Oberlin Heritage Center's criss-crossing brick pathways are now listed online in a "[Brick Registry](#)" accessible through www.oberlinheritage.org. Click on the "Research and Learn" tab on the menu bar, scroll down to "Landmarks, Monuments and Markers" and select the Brick Heritage Trail to find the names of brick donors, identify specific brick locations, and read all those clever, creative messages that honor friends, family and special occasions. To order an inscribed brick for the upcoming holiday season, visit the "[Make a Gift](#)" section of the Heritage Center's website.

Also of Interest

The Oberlin Heritage Center is included in "**Get Moving Oberlin**" – a fun and lively campaign currently underway and continuing through October 15th, which is part of a new "Live Healthy Lorain County" program conducted through the Lorain County General Health District to promote increased physical activity and create healthier local communities. Learn more about registering a team or participating on your own by visiting www.livehealthyloraincounty.com. Scroll through the Walking Maps Category of the Live Health Resource Center to download a number of different Lorain County community walking maps at no cost.

Changes have been made to Oberlin's **Heritage Home Program** to provide more homeowners with greater incentives to improve efficiency. The program is administered by the non-profit **Cleveland Restoration Society**, and it provides both low-interest financing and free technical advice to owners of 1- to 3-unit residential properties. Recent changes include a lifting of the income restrictions for homeowners looking to tackle energy issues. Now any homeowner can take advantage of the program's great interest rates as long as they include some "eco" projects like a new heating/cooling system, insulation, or storm windows. Maximum loan amounts have also been increased. The conventional Heritage Program is still available for homeowners not addressing energy issues. Houses that are built before 1959 and have no vinyl or aluminum siding are eligible for both exterior and interior projects. For more information, contact the Cleveland Restoration Society at (216) 426-3116 or visit www.clevelandrestoration.org.

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