

Oberlin Heritage Center E-Gazette – February 2011

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Winter Storm Cancels “Fannie Bailey” Program Scheduled for February 1

Due to the dire forecast of yet another severe winter ice/snow storm heading to northeast Ohio, the Oberlin Heritage Center has postponed the community program, “**Fannie Bailey, Oberlin and the Civil War,**” scheduled for Tuesday, February 1 at 7:15 p.m. at Kendal at Oberlin’s Heiser Auditorium. **Dr. Kelly D. Selby**, a Walsh University (Canton, OH) assistant professor of history, will be rescheduled at a later (and surely warmer!) date.

Student Project Showcase: Learning and Labor

Student interns and volunteers from Oberlin College and elsewhere contribute a great deal to the Oberlin Heritage Center – now hear about the work they do in their own words! Students will recount their projects and experiences, ranging from dollhouse restoration to website exhibits to what it is like to be a docent. As the students reflect on the significance of their work, it will be clear that the Oberlin College motto of “Learning and Labor” is very much alive! Join us at Kendal at Oberlin’s Heiser Auditorium on **Wednesday, February 16 at 7:15 p.m.** for a program full of youthful energy and enthusiasm! Free and open to the public.

“Behind Bayonets”: The Civil War in Northern Ohio.

The Oberlin Heritage Center and the AmeriCorps Ohio History Service Program are co-hosting a free presentation by Cleveland historian **John Vacha** on **Thursday, February 24 at 3:30 p.m.** It also includes a meet-and-greet for leaders of local historical organizations, museums, schools, and libraries to encourage local programming commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. Heritage Center members and the general public are invited. Please RSVP to Karyn Norwood, the regional AmeriCorps Civil War 150 coordinator, by calling 440-774-1700 or emailing cw150@oberlinheritage.org. Location: Oberlin Public Library (65 South Main Street).

Time Explorers! Spring Break Camp

Sign up by March 7 and receive the Early Bird discount for the Oberlin Heritage Center’s NEW Spring Break Camp offered **Monday, March 28 through Friday, April 1** at the Oberlin Depot. Boy and girls ages 8-13 will have fun (while learning, too!) as they create a kingdom, “rough it” in the west, march for their rights, play games that are thousands of years old, or wave their banners while traveling through five different time periods (Ancient China, Medieval Europe, the American Frontier, the Civil War Era, and the 1960s Social Revolution). Campers can enroll in one, two, five days—as many as they wish. Reasonably priced, with discounts for Oberlin Heritage Center members. For more information, or to register, visit the OHC [website](http://www.oberlinheritage.org), or contact Liz Schultz at tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org (or 440-774-1700).

Save the Dates

Celebrate Jim White as the *Oberlin News-Tribune's* “**Oberlinian of the Year**” by attending a community-wide reception on **Saturday, March 19 from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.** at First Church of Oberlin, U.C.C. The event is co-sponsored by the Oberlin Heritage Center and the *Oberlin News-Tribune*. Free and open to all.

Plan to attend the **John Mercer Langston Symposium**, co-sponsored by the John Mercer Langston Institute and the Oberlin Heritage Center, featuring two distinct illustrated presentations by **Dr. Judith E. King-Calnek**, an educational anthropologist and instructor at the United Nations International School and a Langston relative. *John Mercer Langston and the Shaping of African American Education in the 19th Century* takes place **Tuesday, March 29 at 7:15 p.m.** at Kendal at Oberlin's Heiser Auditorium. *The Langston-Quarles Family: An Untold American Story* is offered **Wednesday, March 30 at 7 p.m.** at the Oberlin Public Library. Both events are free and open to all.

Don't miss the fun annual gathering of members and friends at the **Oberlin Heritage Center's Annual Meeting and Dinner** on **Wednesday, April 6** at the Oberlin Inn. Our featured speaker will be **Burt Logan**, CEO of the Ohio Historical Society, and the evening will include presentations to the recipients of the Oberlin Heritage Center's 10th Annual Community Awards as well as a brief OHC business meeting. Tickets purchased by March 25 are \$25 for OHC members and \$30 for the general public; after March 25, tickets are \$30 (OHC members) and \$35 (general public). All reservations must be made by April 1. More information will be mailed to OHC members later this spring; if you do not receive a flyer, or need more information, visit www.oberlinheritage.org, call (440) 774-1700 or e-mail members@oberlinheritage.org.

Out and About: Staff News

Pat Murphy will participate in an American Association of Museums' gathering on February 7-8 in Chicago with 20 other museum leaders from around the country who are working on reinventing the museum accreditation process. She represented the American Association of Museums and the Oberlin Heritage Center as a speaker at the Ohio Historical Society's celebration of the accreditation of the Fort Meigs State Memorial on January 28. She was recently appointed to the Kendal at Oberlin Board's Wellness, Health Care and Resident Life Committee and recently completed 16 years of service on the City of Oberlin Historic Preservation Commission. **Liz Schultz** appeared live on the WEOL Morning Show with Jeff Thomas on Wednesday, January 26, 2011, talking about upcoming activities at the Oberlin Heritage Center including the new Spring Break Camp. Liz also will judge History Day projects at the Christian Community School in Grafton on February 3, and she recently was invited to join the Oberlin's Chalk Walk Committee. AmeriCorps member **Karyn Norwood** has been out and about the region meeting with historical organizations about Civil War 150 opportunities—most recently, she met with the Lakewood Historical Society and talked with the Summit County Historical Society in Akron; she also spoke at the Northeastern Ohio Inter-Museum Council Meeting in Cleveland on January 18th.

Tune In!

The Oberlin Heritage Center is one of three sites from around the state selected to take part in a free opportunity to be promoted on television in a major metropolitan area! “**Celebrate Black History Month through Travel**” will air live on **Thursday, February 10, 2011** on the Columbus (Ohio) NBC television station, WCMH TV-4. The travel segment is part of a Discover Ohio series that appears on the noon News program called Midday. Interspersed with a live interview of Ohio Tourism Division Public Relations Manager, Tamara Brown, each of the sites will be discussed for roughly 30 seconds and include photos of the featured attractions. If you can't tune in personally, the Heritage Center will receive a DVD of the show for our Resource Library.

Oberlin Heritage Center Members are “Time Travelers” As Well!

Did you know that your membership at the Oberlin Heritage Center gives you additional benefits at hundreds of historical sites and museums throughout the United States? The Heritage Center is part of the Time Travelers program, created by the Missouri History Museum in 1998 so that members of historical institutions could receive exclusive benefits and privileges at each other's history-related institutions. These benefits may include free or reduced admission, gift shop discounts, free parking, and much more. Currently, 208 institutions within 41 states participate in the Time Travelers program. The following Ohio museums take part in the program; contact us for a list of other participating institutions from around the country, or visit timetravelers.mohistory.org.

[Armstrong Air & Space Museum](#)

Wapakoneta, Ohio 45895

Web site: www.armstrongmuseum.org

[Cincinnati History Museum at Cincinnati Museum Center](#)

Cincinnati, Ohio 45203

Web site: www.cincymuseum.org

[Fort Meigs: Ohio's War of 1812 Battlefield](#)

Perrysburg, Ohio 43551

Web site: www.fortmeigs.org

[Johnston Farm & Indian Agency](#)

Piqua, Ohio 45356

Web site: www.ohiohistory.org/johnstonfarm

[Merry-Go-Round Museum](#)

Sandusky, Ohio 44870

Web site: www.merrygoroundmuseum.org

[National Afro-American Museum & Cultural Center](#)

Wilberforce, Ohio 45384

Web site: www.ohiohistory.org/afroam

[Oberlin Heritage Center](#)

Oberlin, OH 44074

Web site: www.oberlinheritage.org

[Ohio Historical Center and Ohio Village](#)

Columbus, Ohio 43211

Web site: www.ohiohistory.org

[Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center](#)

Fremont, Ohio 43420

Web site: www.rbhayes.org

[The Our House Museum](#)

Gallipolis, Ohio 45631

Phone: (740) 446-0586

[The Shelby County Historical Society](#)

Sidney, Ohio 45365

Web site: www.shelbycountyhistory.org

[The Western Reserve Historical Society](#)

Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Web site: www.wrhs.org

[Wahkeena Nature Preserve](#)

Sugar Grove, Ohio 43155

Web site: www.ohiohistory.org/portal/places-p.html

History to Go!

Some Oberlin Heritage Center workshops, presentations by speakers, and **Lessons in the Past** (old-fashioned school program for youth) are available for groups for a fee. Groups of 8 or more may reserve a private History Walk during the months of April through October. Topics include: **Freedom's Friends** (Underground Railroad), **Radicals and Reformers** (Westwood Cemetery), **Scholars and Settlers** (Tappan Square), and the **NEW Soldiers and Civilians** (Civil War), as well as the **I Spy Scavenger Hunt** for children. These are not only great ideas for school visits, but those of us past school-age also can keep the Heritage Center in mind when planning a club or organization's calendar, coordinating a reunion, or looking for a unique way to entertain out-of-town guests (such as those visiting for a weekend wedding or other special occasion). Contact Liz Schultz, Museum Education and Tour Coordinator, by calling (440) 774-1700 or e-mailing tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org.

You Can Make a Good Thing Even Better!

The history of Oberlin is filled with people who played important roles in moving our nation forward. The Heritage Center helps preserve and share this rich heritage – and **members are the ones who keep the Oberlin Heritage Center moving forward!** If you are not yet a member, **join us today!** It's so easy – visit the Heritage Center [website](#) to sign-up online or download a mail-in membership form. If you already are a member, there are many other ways to help -- visit the [website](#) to find out how! Go to www.oberlinheritage.org and scroll across the top menu bar to the "Get Involved" tab; click on "Join" to become a new member, or "Make a Gift" to contribute in another way. Every donation is appreciated!

A Warm Welcome to OHC's Newest Member!

Congratulations to Oberlin Heritage Center Board member, Brad Hayes, and his wife, Nicole, who welcomed their first child, **Henry Allen Hayes**, on January 31, 2011. We're happy to report the family is all-smiles and everyone is doing well!

In Memory

We note with sorrow the passing of long-time members **John Lott Brown** and **Dewey Ganzel**.

Also of Interest

Congratulations and hip hip hooray to the **Ohio Historical Society** which recently celebrated its reaccreditation by the **American Association of Museums** and the initial accreditation of six of its sites: Fort Meigs in Perrysburg, the Adena Mansion in Chilicothe, the Armstrong Air and Space Museum in Wapakoneta, Campus Martius Museum in Marietta, and the Johnston Farm and Indian Agency in Piqua.

The **Avon Historical Society** invites you to hear **Dr. Charles E. Herdendorf's** illustrated presentation on the **North Ridge Scenic Byway** on **Wednesday, February 2, 2011 at 7 p.m.** at the Old Town Hall of 1871, corner of Detroit and Stoney Ridge Road in Avon. The Byway, encompassing the entire length of SR 254 in Lorain County, is only nine miles long, but contains more than one hundred historic homes that date back to the 1830s. Dr. Herdendorf looks at both the natural and historic features along the North Ridge Scenic Byway and also will introduce a new book, *Images of America: Sheffield Village*, a joint publication by the Avon and the Sheffield Village Historical Societies. Herdendorf, president of the Sheffield Village Historical Society, has presented several well-received programs in recent years for the Oberlin Heritage Center as well.

Oberlin's Third Annual Freezin' Arts Fest. Embrace the cold weather with fun festivities up and down West College and South Main Streets in Downtown Oberlin on **Saturday, February 12 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Elegant Ice Creations will be carving ice sculptures on the West College Street sidewalk while area businesses will sponsor fun activities at their stores. Hosted by Oberlin Main Street-Chamber. For more information contact (440) 774-6262 or oberlinmainst@oberlin.net.

Charles Martin Hall Anniversary Celebration. In association with the International Year of Chemistry, Oberlin College and the community of Oberlin will celebrate the 125th Anniversary of Charles M. Hall's Discovery of the Process for Electrochemical Refining of Aluminum Metal with a full day of events on **Wednesday, February 23, 2011**. Plan to visit special exhibits at the Science Center (119 Woodland Street) or spend time at the Oberlin Archives Exhibit at the Mudd Center Library (148 West College Street). At 4:45 p.m., Greg Robinson (Franklin Professor of Chemistry at the University of Georgia) will lead a seminar on "***Lessons from Charles Hall: Stabilization of Highly Reactive Molecules***" in the Wright Lecture Hall (Physics Building, W201, 110 North Professor Street). The day's events culminate with the 8:00 p.m. keynote address, "***Aluminum, the Miracle Metal,***" by Kevin Anton, Vice President and Chief Sustainability Officer

at Alcoa. Anton will speak in the Norman C. Craig '53 Lecture Hall at the Science Center. For more information, visit the Oberlin College online [calendar](#) or contact public.programs@oberlin.edu.

Support Your Local Museums! The American Association of Museums (AAM) encourages you to participate in the national **Museum Advocacy Day (February 28 – March 1, 2011)** by taking a few moments to send a message to your local press or national legislators conveying the importance of museums in our communities and culture. Resources are available at speakupformuseums.org. Here in Ohio, remember **Statehood Day** is **March 1, 2011**, the anniversary of the date that Ohio officially became the country's 17th state (in 1803). The Ohio Historical Society and nine partner organizations invite you to celebrate by taking part in the annual legislative advocacy day for Ohio's history and heritage interests beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Statehouse in downtown Columbus. Following a morning session where you'll get background on current state legislative initiatives related to history and preservation, enjoy lunch and hear keynote speaker, former Ohio Senator John Glenn. Registration (including lunch) is \$25 through February 18 and \$35 after that date. Learn more at ohiohistory.org/statehoodday and register online at ohiohistory.org/register.

Great Paid Summer Internship Opportunities. Leadership Lorain County offers an array of paid summer internship opportunities with non-profit organizations and local governments for college/university students whose primary residence is Lorain County. The Oberlin Heritage Center has enjoyed welcoming summer interns through this program for many years. Now is the time to apply. Details are available at www.leadershiploraincounty.com or by contacting Clare Cygan Young, Leadership Lorain County Director of Community Outreach, at clare@leadershiploraincounty.com or 440-366-4704.

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