

Oberlin Heritage Center E-Gazette – March 2012

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Celebrate Women's History Month

Women's History Month will be recognized by the Oberlin Heritage Center with a program focused on exceptional Oberlin women, some well-known, others unsung, whose actions reflected and often created national shifts in the understanding of female potential, rights, and roles. *"You Cannot Resist the Call": Oberlin and Women's Changing Roles in the Nation* will be presented by Youngstown State University graduate student **Roger Juntunen** on **Wednesday, March 28 at 7:15 p.m.** at Kendal at Oberlin's Heiser Auditorium (600 Kendal Drive). Juntunen and fellow presenter, **Jane Spies**, have been researching Oberlin women as part of a YSU Department of History internship project at the Oberlin Heritage Center. Their findings will be shared in an illustrated presentation that includes rarely heard stories of outspoken women who lived in Oberlin or attended Oberlin College. The event is free and open to the public.

OHC Looking to Expand Docent Team

Love Oberlin and its history and want to help share it with others? Consider becoming an Oberlin Heritage Center volunteer docent and learn how to lead engaging, informative tours of the Monroe House, Jewett House and Little Red Schoolhouse. The next **Docent Training Introductory Workshop** will be held **Sunday, March 18 from 1-5 p.m.** This training is a great first step if you are interested in leading neighborhood history walks, too (specific trainings for history walks will be held later in the year). Our docent team is a fun and diverse group of all ages and backgrounds that meets periodically for informational gatherings, field trips and more. To get started: talk to Museum Education and Tour Coordinator Liz Schultz (tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org) and arrange to experience a complimentary tour prior to the training workshop just to see what it's all about. Register by March 14. Visit www.oberlinheritage.org or call 440-774-1700 for more information.

Spring Break Camps: Oh to be a Kid again!

The Oberlin Heritage Center is offering TWO weeks of **Spring Break Camp for Kids** this year. Each week features two separate mini-camps taking place at the Oberlin Depot (240 South Main Street) from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for boys and girls ages 8-12. Sign up now for *Legends, Tales, and History Camp* (**Monday and Tuesday, April 2-3**; repeated **Tuesday and Wednesday, April 10-11**) where children will explore classic legends and fairy tales and learn a bit of history along the way. Or, choose *Innovations and Technology of the Civil War Era Camp* (**Wednesday and Thursday, April 4-5**; repeated **Thursday and Friday, April 12-13**) where campers will investigate the workings of ironclad ships, the telegraph, camp cookery, and more through hands-on activities. Select one camp or both! Visit www.oberlinheritage.org to register online, or call 440-774-1700 to request a camp flyer be sent to you.

Get the "Inside Story" at the OHC Annual Meeting

You are invited to the **Oberlin Heritage Center's Annual Meeting** – a perennial favorite – at the Oberlin Inn on **Wednesday, April 4** beginning at 5:00 p.m. with a social hour (cash bar), dinner at 6:00 p.m., followed by a business meeting and program, including the annual Community Awards presentations (see more below). This year's program will offer accounts from behind the scenes as those at the hub of the activity share an insider's look at what makes the Oberlin Heritage Center an award-winning museum and such a great place to be involved. Reservation flyers will be mailed to members this week. You can also [download](#) a reservation form or register online at www.oberlinheritage.org, or you call (440) 774-1700 for more information.

Saluting OHC Community Awards Recipients

Congratulations to the honorees who will be feted at the **Oberlin Heritage Center's 11th Annual Community Awards** presentations next month: **Christine Baylis** (History Teacher of the Year), **Timothy Krumreig** (Oberlin Heritage Center Volunteer of the Year), **Jean Foggo Simon** (Heritage Guardian Award), **Robert Q. Thompson** (Community Historian Award), **Denita Tolbert-Brown** (Community Teacher of the Year) and **East College Street Project/Sustainable Community Associates** (Keep Oberlin Beautiful Award). To learn more about each of these award recipients, plan to attend the Oberlin Heritage Center's Annual Meeting at the Oberlin Inn on April 4 or contact members@oberlinheritage.org.

Oberlin Heritage Center Awarded CAP Grant

Hats off to Collections Assistant, **Prue Richards**, for securing a \$7,000 **Conservation Assessment Program (CAP)** grant for the Oberlin Heritage Center from Heritage Preservation, the National Institute for Conservation. The funds will be used to hire a professional conservator to assess OHC's collections and a historic preservation specialist to assess the historic buildings. Each will make a two-day site visit and prepare written reports of their findings, which will be used to guide staff and Board in developing long-term planning goals and objectives in those areas.

Welcome New Members

The Oberlin Heritage Center extends a warm welcome to new members **Toni Clark** (Clayton), **Keith Downing & Malfrid Rustad**, **Jim & Karen R. Edwards** (North Ridgeville), **Gloria Erickson**, **Junji Miyazawa & Kristen Sutcliffe**, **Michele Norton**, **Paul Spierling & Pauline Handman**, **Jim & Erma Schultz** and new Business Member, **Mark Lesner, Architect** (Amherst). All are from Oberlin unless indicated otherwise. We LOVE new members; they are so important to keeping the Heritage Center vibrant and strong. Here's a fun challenge for all our members and friends -- presently, OHC members reside in 34 states around the country. Wouldn't it be great to have OHC members in all 50 states? If you are not yet a member, [please join](#), especially if you reside in Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Delaware, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Utah, West Virginia or Wyoming. Consider a gift membership for friends or families from those states, too! Visit www.oberlinheritage.org or call (440) 774-1700 (members@oberlinheritage.org) for more information.

OHC Staff, Intern and Volunteer Update

Museum Education and Tour Coordinator **Liz Schultz**, AmeriCorps/Civil War 150 volunteer **Richard Donegan**, and Board Member, **Ken Grossi** (Oberlin College Archivist) will participate as judges in the **District 2 History Day Contest**, scheduled for **Saturday, March 24**, in University Circle in Cleveland. This year's theme is "Revolution, Reaction, Reform in History."

We love following the lives of our interns after they leave the Oberlin Heritage Center. Congratulations to former Heritage Center Museum Fellow and hands-on-history-camp teacher **Maria Surovy** and her husband, Tom, upon the birth of their son, Desmond Joseph Holmes Surovy on January 31, 2012. In addition to being a new mom, Maria is teaching a class this semester at Lake Erie College in Painesville. Former OHC student intern **Adina Langer** (Oberlin College, 2006) participated in "Doing American History – Past, Present, Future," an Oberlin College symposium held on campus at the end of February in recognition of the upcoming retirement of Gary Kornblith (OC Professor of History). Adina, a staff member of the National September 11 Memorial Museum, took part in a panel discussion that addressed the future of how Americans practice and preserve their history. Recent intern **Brittnei Sherrod** (OC, 2011) worked as an intern this past year at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science and Fort Union Trading Post, a National Park Service site in North Dakota. At Fort Union, she made two terrific videos about the museum's collections. Check them out at <http://youtu.be/AawH1QhmZIM> and <http://youtu.be/DhbaCLk6jJk>.

Accent on Afghans

The OHC **Museum Store** has a fresh supply of Oberlin afghans just in time for the spring gift season (think: Mother's Day, Father's Day, graduations, weddings, and other special occasions). The lovely 100% cotton, washable, 48" X 65" woven afghan features twelve landmarks from the college and community interspersed with fun tidbits of Oberlin history. Choose cranberry/cream or black/cream for \$45; tapestry (multi-colored) for \$60. Order [online](#) at www.oberlinheritage.org or contact the Oberlin Heritage Center at (440) 774-1700 for more information. Members receive a 10% discount on all Museum Store purchases.

Also of Interest

Making Sense of the American Civil War is a scholar-led reading and discussion program for public audiences, presented by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association's Public Programs Office. The public is encouraged to participate in whatever level they feel comfortable. They may attend and simply listen, or they may join in the conversation. Reading the books that accompany the programs is helpful, but not required. Participants may attend one or all of the programs in the series. These free discussion groups are offered locally this spring at [Lorain County Community College](#) (an OHC member) and [Sandusky Library](#) (hosted by OHC member, Sandra Zagarell, a professor at Oberlin College). Advance registration is required for the LCCC group. For more information, call Jill Brophy, LCCC associate professor at (440) 366-7285 (jbrophy@lorainccc.edu) or George Vourlojianis, associate professor, Department of History (440) 366-7165 (gvourloj@lorainccc.edu). For the Sandusky event, call (419) 625-3834 or visit www.sandusky.lib.oh.us/.

Beck Center for the Arts in Lakewood, Ohio presents *Material Matters*, an exhibit of unique contemporary fiber art in the Jean Bulicek Galleria through March 19. This exhibit features the work of six Northern Ohio artists who each use different types of materials and processes in their distinctly personal work. *Material Matters* includes the art of **Liz Burgess, Linda Grashoff, Sue Copeland Jones, and Kathleen Van Meter**, all of whom also exhibit their work locally at Oberlin's **Ginko Gallery**, one of OHC's longest-time business members. For more information about the *Material Matters* artists and a calendar of other upcoming art exhibits at the Beck Center for the Arts, visit www.beckcenter.org.

In the Company of Extraordinary Women, a tea and performance series, takes place March 17 and 18 at the University of Akron's historic Hower House. This is the fourth year for the Hower House's signature event that includes an original program featuring a different group of women from northeast Ohio history. This year, guests will step back in time to the turn of the twentieth century and meet friends and family from "Mrs. Hower's Neighborhood," portrayed by actors from The University of Akron, Kent State University and the surrounding community. Reservations must be made by Friday, March 9. For information, visit www.uakron.edu/howehse or call (330) 972-6909.

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