

Oberlin Heritage Center E-Gazette – April 27, 2010

Don't Let the Big Parade Pass You By!

Get ready for fun – Oberlin's traditionally colorful, whimsical and unforgettable BIG PARADE takes place on Saturday, May 8th beginning at Eastwood School on East College Street at 11:00 a.m. Heritage Center staff and volunteers attired in costumes that recall Oberlin's past will walk in the parade and hand out information about summer camps and summer programs. If you'd like to be part of the Oberlin Heritage Center group, please contact Prue Richards at history@oberlinheritage.org or call her at 440-774-1700 or join us at Eastwood School by 10:45 a.m.

The History of Aviation in Lorain County

Local historians **Bill and Bonnie Cutcher** offer a salute to Lorain County's aviation history in this free illustrated, one-hour presentation spotlighting local pilots, airports, instructors, inventors, and much, much more. The program takes place on Tuesday, May 11th at 7:15 p.m. at Kendal at Oberlin's Heiser Auditorium.

Pride Day

Roll up your sleeves and join us for the Oberlin Heritage Center's annual outdoor spring spruce-up on Saturday, May 15th. From 9 a.m. to noon we will welcome volunteers to help weed, trim, and clean up our grounds. Meet at the brick crossroads and bring your favorite gardening gloves (and tools, if you wish).

Oberlin's 20th Century Musical Heritage

Throughout the spring semester, students in Colin Roust's "American Art Music" course at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music have been researching and documenting varied and little known aspects of Oberlin's rich musical heritage and the musicians who have passed through the town and college. Professor Roust and his students will present the results of their work in a free public program hosted by the Oberlin Heritage Center on Sunday, May 16 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at Heiser Auditorium at Kendal at Oberlin. All are welcome. You'll enjoy hearing about the people and organizations that have made our town one of the leading musical centers in the country.

Put on Your Walking Shoes and Take Part in a History Walk!

The Oberlin Heritage Center is offering two neighborhood history walks each week beginning in mid-May and continuing through mid-September for those interested in getting out, enjoying the warmer weather, and learning more about Oberlin's powerful history which has played a significant role in our nation's history. The 60-minute **Tappan Square History Walk** takes place on Fridays at 11:00 a.m. starting May 14. Participants will learn about early residents and hear stories of triumph and misfortune and walk away with a lively appreciation of Oberlin's unique heritage and buildings. Tickets must be purchased 48 hours in advance. For more information, visit the Oberlin Heritage Center's [website](#) or call 440-774-1700. The 75-minute **Freedom's Friends History Walk** showcases Oberlin's important contributions to the history of abolition and the Underground Railroad and is offered Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. starting May 15. For more information, or to reserve your tickets, visit the Heritage Center's [website](#) or stop by the Monroe House Museum Store at 73½ South Professor Street.

Walking tours are a great way to entertain guests over the Memorial Day holiday weekend. There will be extra offerings of both walking tours during the weekend of May 28-31, 2010 which coincides with Oberlin College's Commencement/Reunion Weekend. Visit www.oberlinheritage.org for additional dates and times.

I Spy Oberlin: History and Architecture Scavenger Hunt

Youngsters age 5-11, along with an adult companion, can enjoy their very own engaging and educational one-hour history walk when they take part in this new guided tour which starts at the Monroe House (73½ South Professor Street) on Saturday, May 29th at 3 p.m. Explore historic downtown Oberlin while keeping eyes peeled for historic markers, decorative details and Oberlin oddities. [Reservations](#) required: \$5 fee per child/free for their adult companions. This event moves inside the Heritage Center's buildings in case of rain. This program will be repeated on the Saturday afternoons of [June 26](#), [July 24](#), and [August 28](#) and is available for groups by reservation.

Calling All Teens!

The Oberlin Heritage Center's second annual [Junior Docent Camp](#) will take place Monday, June 21 through Friday, June 25 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. for teens between the ages of 13 and 18 who are interested in history, community service and leadership. Through fun activities and excursions they'll learn about greeting visitors, public speaking, giving tours, teaching historic games, and much more. After the camp, participants are invited to assist with tours, special events and programs, as their schedules permit. The program fee is \$75 (\$65 for members), with \$50 reimbursed if the student completes 15 hours of service for the Heritage Center by the end of 2010. Questions? tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org or contact Liz Schultz at 440-774-1700.

Early Bird Deadline Approaching

June 11th is the last day to receive an early bird discount for the Heritage Center's 2010 summer day camp programs which range from one-day workshops to week-long adventures. Most are geared for children ages 8 to 13. For more information, visit www.oberlinheritage.org, send an e-mail to tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org or contact Liz Schultz at 440-774-1700.

Best Wishes to Theron Burnett!

The Board, staff and volunteers of the Oberlin Heritage Center extend warmest wishes to our good friend and colleague, Theron Burnett, as he retires after nearly ten years as the Building and Grounds Assistant. Theron worked at the Heritage Center under the auspices of Mature Services, Inc. Lucky for us, Theron plans to continue volunteering for the Oberlin Heritage Center as often as he can. Should you happen to see Theron, please thank him for a decade of service and wish him well!

One-Size-Fits-All For Your Spring Gift List

Mother's Day, Father's Day, Graduations, Birthdays, Anniversaries, Retirements – no matter the occasion, an inscribed century-old brick at the Oberlin Heritage Center is a unique and perfect way to honor someone special or mark a special occasion. Choose either a one-, two- or three-line inscribed brick (12 characters per line including punctuation) to be installed along the community pathway that crosses the Oberlin Heritage Center grounds. Gift cards available. \$50 for one- or two-line brick; \$75 for three-line brick. Proceeds benefit the Oberlin Heritage Center's historic landscaping projects. To order online or to print a mail-in order form, visit the Oberlin Heritage Center's [website](#) or call 440-774-1700 for more information.

Also of Interest

Take Part in the Ohio Historic Preservation Office's Study of Modern Architecture (from 1945 to 1970). Vote for your favorite examples of contemporary architecture and provide your input through an on-line [survey](#) that seeks to identify events, individuals, buildings, and landscapes that are associated with Ohio's recent past. Here's your chance to bring to the forefront some of Oberlin's (or another favorite community's) more modern structures, architects and landscape designs!

History Webinar on First Ohioans. Register for a webinar offered by the Buckeye Council for History Education (BCHE) on First Ohioans. It will take place on Thursday, May 27, from 6:00 – 8:30PM. This webinar discusses the early inhabitants of Ohio, including the Adena and Hopewell cultures. All you need to participate is a computer with a high-speed internet connection. Buckeye Council for History Education webinars are free for BCHE members and \$20 for non-members. To learn more, visit the Gateway to History [website](#).

Help Support Local History in Ohio. State Representative Kathleen Chandler (D-Kent) and Representative Mike Moran (D-Hudson) have sponsored legislation that would create an income tax check-off program for Ohio Historical Society activities. House Bill 75 would allow Ohio taxpayers the option to voluntarily donate a portion of their individual income tax refund to be directed to the Ohio Historical Society. The Society would then use the new revenues to create a competitive matching grants program for local history-related organizations. The bill passed the Ohio House with overwhelming support of 95-1. Next step -- local historians need you to urge your State Senator to support House Bill 75!

Apply now to attend the National Trust for Historic Preservation's National Conference! The Diversity Scholarship Program provides financial assistance to community leaders from diverse backgrounds to attend the National Preservation Conference, to be held in Austin, Texas, October 27-30, 2010. For information, please visit the National Trust's [website](#) or contact scholarship@nthp.org. Applications must be submitted electronically by June 1.

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