

Oberlin Heritage Center E-Gazette – August 12, 2009

Voices of the Tribe

It's always a beautiful day for baseball...and **Tuesday, August 18** is no exception! Local historian **John Mercer** offers a fun historical perspective on America's favorite summer pastime when he presents **Voices of the Tribe: Cleveland Indians Broadcasters from the 1920s to the 1990s**. The program takes place at Heiser Auditorium, Kendal at Oberlin, beginning at 7:15 p.m., and it is free and open to all. Mercer will share stories about Cleveland baseball's radio broadcasters from the beginning of radio broadcasts to the present day. You'll enjoy hearing about all of the Cleveland Indians' major radio voices including such legendary figures as Herb Score, Jack Graney, Pinky Hunter, and Tom Manning. Mercer's illustrated program includes a few favorite original audio broadcasting excerpts as well, and promises to offer plenty of fun and nostalgia for all! John Mercer is an Oberlin resident, a member of the Oberlin Heritage Center, and an Olmsted Falls High School teacher and Ph.D. candidate at Kent State University.

Oberlin Heritage Center In the News

The Sunday, August 9, 2009 edition of the *Cleveland Plain Dealer's* Travel section included a multi-feature spread commemorating the 150th anniversary of John Brown's anti-slavery raid in Harpers Ferry. Plain Dealer Travel Editor, **Susan Glaser**, visited the Oberlin Heritage Center in recent weeks as part of the background for her story, and took the opportunity to experience one of the OHC's Freedom's Friends History Walks, and talk extensively with Pat Murphy, Executive Director and Liz Schultz, Museum Education and Tour Coordinator. "Oberlin Keeps Abolitionist History Alive" is the result of her visit. Check it out at http://www.cleveland.com/living/index.ssf/2009/08/post_7.html

The Waning Days of Summer are a Great Time to...

...Exercise your mind and body with a leisurely-paced history lesson. Reserve your spot on one of the Oberlin Heritage Center's History Walks led by trained volunteer docents. Taking place now through October 31, the **Tappan Square History Walk** is offered on the First Friday and Third Saturday of the month, and the **Freedom's Friends History Walk** takes place on the Second Friday and Fourth Saturday. All History Walks begin at 11:00 a.m. and last approximately 75 minutes. For more information, or to make an advance reservation (\$6 per adult; or \$8 on the day of the tour; \$1 discount for OHC members), visit www.oberlinheritage.org or call (440) 774-1700.

...Plan a field trip to the Heritage Center's Little Red Schoolhouse for students, scout groups, youth groups, or the small fry at a family reunion. Make a reservation to experience **Lessons in the Past**, a 90-minute educational and fun program reflecting a typical school day in the early 1800s. Guests are welcomed by a costumed interpreter and immersed in historic school lessons including reading, penmanship, arithmetic, and more. Games and fun are mixed among the lessons, and weather permitting there even will be time for "recess" and old-fashioned diversions on the schoolhouse lawn. Advance reservations are required, with a fee of \$3 per child, while chaperones may attend free of charge. For information, contact Liz Schultz, the Oberlin Heritage Center's Museum Education and Tour Coordinator, at (440) 774-1700 or e-mail tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org.

... Promise yourself to start sorting through those old family photos and heirlooms or begin that family genealogy you've always wanted to do. Take the first step by attending the Oberlin Heritage Center's popular

workshop **Be a Good Ancestor Workshop; Collecting and Preserving Your Family History, Stories, Photographs and Artifacts**. Offered at the Oberlin Depot on **Wednesday, October 14 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**, this two-part workshop is a great way to learn from the pros, Oberlin Heritage Center staff members **Pat Holsworth** and **Prue Richards**. A morning session will address proper care of artifacts, documents, textiles and photographs. An afternoon session will provide guidance on genealogy and oral history. Lunch and an optional half-hour individual follow-up consultation with either of the presenters are included in the price for the all-day workshop which costs \$55 (\$50 for Oberlin Heritage Center members). Registration for either the morning or afternoon session is also available for \$35 (\$30 per members) plus \$10 should you wish to have lunch with the presenters and attendees. All attendees will receive a folder of resource materials to take home. Pre-registration is required and is limited to 25 participants. To receive a registration flyer, contact (440) 774-1700 or e-mail members@oberlinheritage.org.

Apollo Theater Tee Shirts

Fans of Oberlin's Apollo Theater have been seen wearing these great tee shirts all over town! This handsome black tee, which features the theater's brightly lit movie marquis, was created to celebrate the community's beloved single-screen theater and to promote its preservation. Made of 100% cotton (preshrunk), these tees come in adult sizes S, M, L, and XL for \$19, and also in youth sizes XS, S, M, and L for \$17. Oberlin Heritage Center members receive a 10% discount on all museum store purchases. Order online at www.oberlinheritage.org or visit the Monroe House in person at 73½ South Professor Street to purchase an Apollo tee shirt for yourself or a friend.

Museums for America Grant Helping to Make OHC Ever Stronger



The Oberlin Heritage Center was proud to be one of only two organizations in Ohio to receive a very competitive **Museums for America** grant last year from the **Institute of Museum and Library Services**. This \$106,581 three-year grant requires a local match and supports organizational capacity building, operating expenses and staffing, all vitally important to continuing our work. As part of the grant, the Board and staff are presently working to become certified by

the Ohio Association of Nonprofit Organization's Standards for Excellence program. Stay tuned for further updates!

OHC Extends Sympathy to Our Friends at the Ohio Historical Society

The Ohio Historical Society's Executive Director and CEO, **Dr. William K. Laidlaw, Jr.**, is being remembered as a leader and advocate for preserving Ohio's heritage by his friends and colleagues, after his sudden, unexpected death during a family vacation on Martha's Vineyard, Friday, August 7, 2009. Oberlin Heritage Center members and friends may recall Dr. Laidlaw as the Heritage Center's Annual Meeting's featured speaker in April 2006. For the full news story, visit the Ohio Historical Society's website at <http://www.ohiohistory.org/about/pr/080909a.html>.

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