

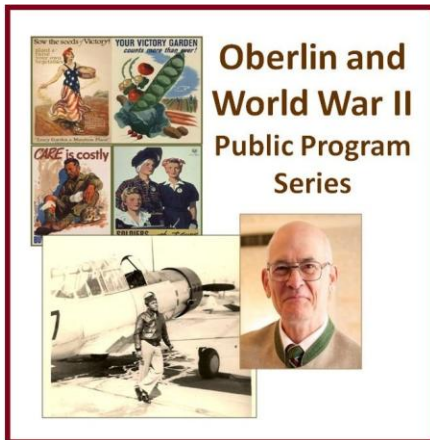


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Oberlin and World War II Series Receives Statewide Honor OLHA Presents History Outreach Award in Public Programming



The Ohio Local History Alliance (OLHA) will recognize the Oberlin Heritage Center with an Outstanding Achievement Award during the OLHA annual conference taking place this month in Dublin, Ohio. The two-part series on Oberlin's participation in World War II was researched, created and presented earlier this year by Heritage Center Trustee **Stephen Johnson**, with assistance from OHC staff and Oberlin College Winter Term student interns. The series looked at life on the home front during the war, including relief programs and sacrifices made by the community for the good of the war effort, and it also focused on many of the local individuals who actively served in the military during the war. The

series stood out as an excellent example of educating the community about national historic events through the lens of a local perspective, inspiring community and family pride, and enlightening the public on the significance of passing on family stories, documents and photographs as a means to preserving our history. Johnson and OHC Executive Director **Liz Schultz** will accept the award at the OLHA awards luncheon on Saturday, October 7.

A Night at the Apollo: Film, Fun and Frivolity Great Scott! Get Your Tickets Now for October 12 Event!

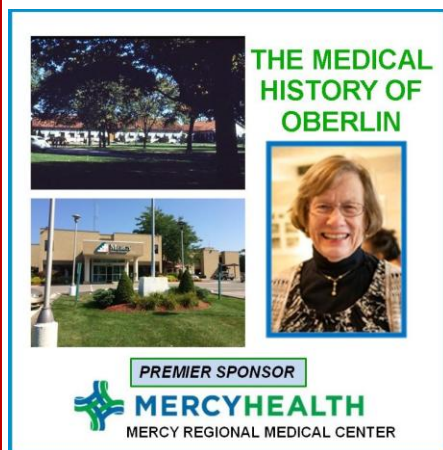


The Oberlin Heritage Center presents a great evening of time travel with style! Join us for a special 7:00 p.m. showing of the ever-popular classic film *Back to the Future* on the Apollo Theatre's big screen and enjoy many movie-themed activities swirling around the main event. Come dressed as if you stepped out of the 1950s or the '80s or as Marty McFly, Doc Brown or another of your favorite *Back to the Future* characters -- prizes will be awarded for the best costume worn by someone under 18 years of age, best costume 18 and older, and best-dressed family or group. Take part in our trivia contest, basket raffles, and have your photo taken in front of the coolest DeLorean car you'll ever see up-close! Tickets can be

purchased in advance through the Cleveland Cinemas/Apollo Theatre website; if seats remain, tickets also will be sold at the door. All ticket proceeds benefit the Oberlin Heritage Center's ongoing programs and services. Special thanks to community partners **Kurt G. Sarringhaus Co., Ltd.** and **Ratsy's Store of Oberlin** for helping to sponsor the event, and to Cleveland Cinemas and The Tuck Shop of Oberlin for donating contest prizes. The historic Apollo Theatre is located at 19 East College Street in Oberlin. For more information, or to purchase tickets, visit <http://clevelandcinemas.com/movie/6377/Back-to-the-Future-Trailer-and-Info>.

The Medical History of Oberlin

Two Dates/Locations for Dr. W. Jeanne McKibben's Illustrated Program



Dr. James Dascomb arrived in Oberlin in 1834, relying on such remedies as essence of cinnamon, calomel, cough drops and quinine for treating Oberlin residents and students at that time. Fast forward to 2017, when Oberlin's Mercy Allen Hospital is one of a few remaining critical access hospitals in Ohio serving a broad rural area. **Dr. Jeanne McKibben** has spent decades documenting the medical history of Oberlin through photographs and rare video interviews. She will share some of her insights and clips of her documentaries in a free public program offered on two separate occasions in Oberlin. Join us either **Thursday, October 19 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Oberlin Public Library (65 South Main

Street) or **Tuesday, October 24 at 7:15 p.m.** at Kendal at Oberlin's Heiser Auditorium (600 Kendal Drive). The Heritage Center is grateful to **Mercy Regional Medical Center** for serving as the premier sponsor for the program. Find out more at www.oberlinheritagecenter.org or call (440) 774-1700.

Looking ahead: This program is an informative prelude to Dr. McKibben's medical-and-film history exhibit, "Lenses, Scopes and Other Views," hosted by the Firelands Association for the Visual Arts/FAVA from November 12 through December 21, 2017 at the New Union Center for the Arts (39 South Main Street).

Every Good Story Has a Plot

Living History Tours at Oberlin's Westwood Cemetery October 27 & 28



Last year's fall cemetery tour included OHC Board Member Judy Cook (right) portraying Adelia Field Johnston, the first female faculty member at Oberlin College (1878) who later became Dean of Women.

Enjoy a fascinating, family-friendly (and non-frightening) look at local history this Halloween season when the Heritage Center presents an autumn stroll through Westwood Cemetery featuring tales of early Oberlin citizens told by costumed interpreters of the past. This year's one-hour guided tour introduces new characters and their stories focusing on medicine, diet, and health in Oberlin. Reservations should be made in advance and tickets are \$10 for adults/\$5 for children (most likely to be enjoyed by ages 7 and up) or \$8 adults/\$4 children for OHC members. The tour begins at 4:00 p.m. each day, and participants should gather at the cemetery entrance (429 Morgan Street). This event filled up quickly last year, so make your reservations early at www.oberlinheritagecenter.org or call (440) 774-1700.

Learn to Share Your Passion for History

Docent Training Workshop Saturday, October 7 from 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.



If you enjoy taking guided tours and exploring historic places, wouldn't you like to learn how to give a tour of your own? This free workshop is designed to train volunteers to lead tours or serve as room docents in the Heritage Center's three historic buildings (1866 Monroe House, 1836 Little Red Schoolhouse, and 1884 Jewett House). Trained docents are asked to make a commitment of helping with at least four tours or open house events per year as part of OHC's volunteer program.

Prospective docents should take part in a guided tour of the Oberlin Heritage Center prior to signing up for the workshop; talk with Museum Education and Tour Coordinator **Amanda Manahan** to receive a complimentary tour ticket to observe a tour to see what being a docent is all about. Enrollment in the docent training workshop is limited, and participants should register in advance by contacting Amanda Manahan at (440) 774-1700 or tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org.

Save the Date!

Community Trivia Night – Friday, November 10 from 6-8 p.m.



Start getting your team together now -- or plan to come on your own -- for a fast-moving, family-friendly night of trivia emceed by **Radio Stations WOBL/WDLW's Super Dave!** If you think you know your Oberlin history, your sports specifics, and your pop culture particulars, this is the perfect opportunity to show off how much you *do* know (or perhaps be surprised by how much you *don't!*). Advance tickets are \$10/adults and \$5/children (\$12/\$6 at the door) and include pizza and beverage. In addition, there will be side games, raffles, prizes, activities for the youngest members of the family, and more. Thank you to the

evening's premier sponsor **Mercy Regional Medical Center** and co-sponsors **Herrick Jewelry** and **Northwest Bank**. Learn more or reserve a seat at www.oberlinheritagecenter.org.

OHC End-of-Year Campaign Underway

Goal is \$42,000 by December 31



It's time for the Heritage Center's year-end campaign for annual operating support. While memberships, tour fees, and fee-for-service projects help pay the bills, they do not *fully* cover the basic costs of operations. The Annual Fund is a planned once-a-year appeal to aid in filling the gaps and keep the organization healthy and strong. Thank you to 137 donors who already have contributed \$14,999 (35%) toward this year's goal. Last year the Heritage Center shared history with over 4,800 program and event guests, more than 2,200 tour visitors, and almost 30,000 website questers. Your gift today is needed and

appreciated and will go far in continuing the work of connecting people with Oberlin history in many different ways. **Make a gift today at <https://secure.oberlinheritage.org/donation.shtml>.**

Volunteer(s) Needed for Grounds Care

Perks of Autumn: Fresh Air, Exercise and a Black Walnut Bonus!

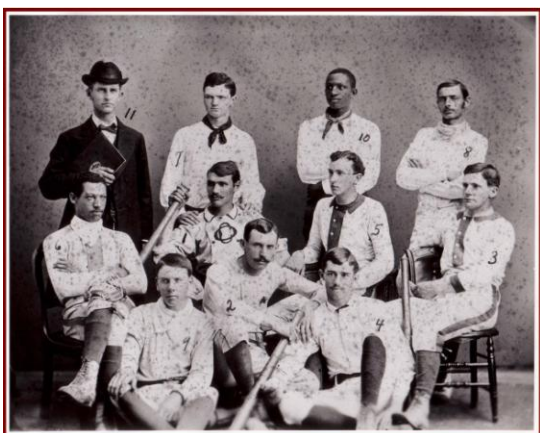


The Heritage Center's beautiful shade trees drop *a lot* of leaves each fall. Two trees in particular scatter walnuts all along the brick pathway, making it a bit of an obstacle course for visitors, volunteers, staff members and passersby. The staff has been taking turns sweeping the walking paths and could use some good help in raking and bagging up leaves and picking up walnuts. This is a great community service project for a student or anyone looking to volunteer but has limited time to give. Even 30 minutes

weekly would be a big help at any time over the next month or two. Rakes, brooms and bags provided or bring your own. If you can lend a hand, please contact [Liz Schultz](#). *And anyone who would like black walnuts -- take them!*

History-in-a-Minute

Moses Fleetwood Walker Rounding Bases to be Honored with Own Day



**Oberlin College's 1881 Baseball Team -- the first varsity nine to play an inter-collegiate game -- included #6, Yeoman catcher Moses Fleetwood Walker (middle row, far left) and his brother #10, right fielder Weldy W. Walker (back row, third from left).
Courtesy of Oberlin College Archives.**

Moses Fleetwood "Fleet" Walker (1856-1924) attended Oberlin College and, with his brother Weldy, played on the very first varsity Yeoman baseball team. Fleet later played briefly for the Toledo Blue Stockings and is recognized as the first African American player in the major leagues, appearing in the line-up more than half-a-century before the much more well-recognized Jackie Robinson shattered the color barrier in major league baseball. Walker's "fleeting" time playing professional ball on a team that folded shortly thereafter left him largely sidelined in baseball history. In recent years more attention has been given to this bare-handed catcher who now has a timeline credit and photo in the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY, and will be inducted into the Ohio Civil Rights Commission Hall of Fame this year at the Ohio Statehouse on October 5. Now, an annual observance of Fleet Walker, who unknowingly made history, is just one

pitch away from becoming an official day of commemoration on the State of Ohio's annual calendar. Recently, House Bill 59, declaring October 7 (his birthday) as **Moses Fleetwood Walker Day**, passed through the Ohio Senate, after being approved by the House months before. The bill will complete the final step of its journey with a signature from Governor John Kasich. Since the bill would take effect 90 days after being signed by the Governor, the first celebration of Fleet Walker Day most likely will occur next year.

Another Oberlin history connection: *Ednah Mason, the daughter of a New Russia Township wagon maker, was Walker's second wife, and is buried in Westwood Cemetery beneath a marker that reads "beloved wife of Moses F. Walker." Ednah graduated from Oberlin High School in 1878 and from Oberlin College a few years later. Ednah and Moses married c. 1898; she died in 1920.*

Members Update

Welcome new members: **Enid Cleary** (Oberlin) and **Debbie Overmann** (Fuquay-Varina, NC). So glad you joined as members of the Heritage Center!

We mourn the recent passing of Endowed Life Members **William Farquhar** (who also was a former Board member of this organization) and **Victoria Young**. We lost some other special friends last month with the passing of two Community Award recipients: **Katy Lester**, who received the OHC Volunteer of the Year in 2006 and **William Schreiner**, who was honored with the Keep Oberlin Beautiful Award in 2008.

OHC members hail from 165 different communities around the globe, representing 32 states and the District of Columbia, as well as five foreign countries. If you are not yet a member, please consider joining this worldwide circle of supporters who help to preserve Oberlin's powerful history. **Join now at www.oberlinheritagecenter.org and click on the "Join" button at the top of the home page.**

OHC Staff, Board, Volunteer and Intern News



A warm welcome goes to **Sara Fisher** (*left*) who is the newest Ohio History Service Corps/AmeriCorps member based at the Oberlin Heritage Center. Sara will spend half her time helping with OHC tours, social media administration, and special projects, while spending the other half in service to local history organizations throughout a 5-county region in northeast Ohio. Sara's family home is in Port Clinton, Ohio and soon she will be making her own home in Oberlin. She has an undergraduate degree in History (with a minor in Women & Gender

Studies) from Ohio University and a Masters in History (with a concentration in Public History) from Wright State University. Sara is in her second year as an AmeriCorps member, having spent her first year at the Quaker Heritage Center in Wilmington, Ohio. She also has past experience working for the Lakewood Historical Society as its part-time Collections Manager/Curator. In the small world department, Sara attended graduate school with OHC's former AmeriCorps member **Kaitlyn (Goss) Donaldson**. While at the Lakewood Historical Society, Sara also got to know OHC's former AmeriCorps member **Mary Manning** when Mary helped that organization with a project as part of her own History Corps service.

OHC also is pleased to introduce a great team of new student interns this year, including: **Nico Alvarez** (OC '21), a percussion performance Conservatory student from Greer, SC; **Malachi Clemons** (OC '21), a Bonner Scholar and Psychology major from Princeton, NJ; and **Brianne Cotter** (OC '20) from New York, NY, who is exploring options for her major. They are joined by **Ruby Denneen** (OHS '19), a local high school student who plans to volunteer with the Heritage Center on a weekly basis. Returning college student interns include **Lauryn Countess** (OC '20), from Randallstown, MD and not yet declared in her major; **Lucy Haskell** (OC '20), from Guilford, CT, who intends to major in Art History; **Nia Owen** (OC '18), a Studio Art (Photography) and Art History major from Crymych, Wales, UK; and **Rebecca Posner** (OC '18),

OHC Staff, Board, Volunteer and Intern News continued...

an Art History and Computer Science major from Chicago, IL. The Heritage Center's interns assist with leading tours, doing research, and helping with a myriad of special projects.

Museum Education and Tour Coordinator **Amanda Manahan** was a guest on the WEOL AM 930 Morning Show in mid-September, providing a great overview of the Heritage Center's line-up of fall programs. If you missed it, you can listen in at <http://weol.northcoastnow.com/weol-morning-show/>. Later in the month she was on-the-road again, presenting Underground Railroad hands-on-history sessions to more than 350 third-through-fifth graders during the annual Pioneer Craftsman Experience at Mill Hollow in the Lorain County Metro Parks Vermilion River Reservation.

Amanda and Executive Director **Liz Schultz** each were guests of Oberlin College classrooms last month as well. Amanda is advising a small group of Environmental Studies students this semester as they develop an educational program on recycling to be used as a school-age activity complimenting the Jewett House's aluminum history-and-development exhibit. Liz spoke to Professor **Erik Inglis'** "Monument and Memory" class on Oberlin landmarks.

Shout-outs go to 9 volunteer hosts who provided Bed-and-Breakfast accommodations in their homes to new Oberlin College students and their parents during campus orientation this year. OHC's small-but-very-hospitable-band of volunteers raised more than \$3,000 through this annual fundraiser for the Heritage Center's operating budget. Special thanks to Board officers **Gail Wood** and **Barb Enos** for coordinating the B&B program.

Volunteer **Melva Tolbert** shared her impressions in a new OHC blog post following a recent tour of Cincinnati's Harriet Beecher Stowe House. Visit <http://www.oberlinheritagecenter.org/blog/> to discover more about the connections Melva made between her visit to Cincinnati and the local history she has learned by participating in some of the Heritage Center's Oberlin History walks.

Also of Interest

Oberlin's Indigenous Peoples' Day Committee will host a weekend of free public events to observe the community's first celebration of **Indigenous Peoples' Day**:

- Part one of a film series titled "*America Through Native Eyes*" will be shown at the Oberlin Public Library (65 South Main Street) on **Thursday, October 5 at 6:00 p.m.**
- An afternoon of **Drumming and Dancing** takes place in Park Street Park (40 South Main Street) on **Saturday, October 7 from 2:00-5:00 p.m.**
- A **Display of Celebration** will be held on **Monday, October 9 from Noon-1:00 p.m.** in the southeast corner of Tappan Square (corner of Main and College Streets). Bring a colorful sign or just come to show your appreciation for Indigenous Peoples throughout the world.
- A **Service of Reconciliation** is offered on **Monday, October 9 at 7:00 p.m.** at Peace Community Church (44 East Lorain Street). All are invited.

The **Oberlin African-American Genealogy and History Group** meets **Saturday, October 7 at 11:00 a.m.** at the Oberlin Public Library (65 South Main Street) and features Dr. Deborah Abbott speaking on "Using Manuscripts and Other Collections in Your Genealogy Research." The program is free and open to the public. For more information visit www.oaaghg.com.

Also of Interest continued...

All are invited to commemorate the **175th anniversary of the historic Meeting House at The First Church in Oberlin, U.C.C.** (106 North Main Street) at a special service on **Sunday, October 8, 2017 from 10:30 a.m. to noon.** In years gone by, more than 2,000 people have been known to crowd in to the Meeting House to hear the words of well-known presenters; can the community do that again for this historic occasion? Come find out and be part of the joyful celebration of a community treasure since 1842.

Thousands of books will be offered at **The Friends of the Oberlin Public Library Fall 2017 Book Sale** running from **October 12 through 15** at the Oberlin Public Library (65 South Main Street). Proceeds from the sale benefit the Library's programs and services. For more information, including specific hours for each day, visit <https://www.facebook.com/foopl/> and click on the "Events" tab.

Teachers and home school families interested in having their students participate in the **Region 3 History Day** next spring are invited to attend a free workshop at the Cleveland History Center (10825 East Blvd., Cleveland; parking is \$5) on **Saturday, October 14 from 9:00 a.m. to noon.** Attendees can make a day of it as they will have free admission to explore the galleries in the museum (which includes a ride on the Euclid Beach Grand Carousel) and workshop participants can also attend the "History on Tap" program offered later in the day at the History Center. "*From Beer to There*" takes place from 1:00-4:00 p.m. and includes beer tastings, food, and some fun history on the breweries of Cleveland. Register for the workshop here or find out more by calling (216) 721-5722 x1503 or emailing historyday@wrhs.org.



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