



Heritage Center Celebrates Jewett Family Day

26th Annual Family Fun Fair and Jewett Family Reunion – August 4



The Oberlin Heritage Center celebrates "family" during the community's annual Family Fun Fair by shining the spotlight on its 1884 Jewett House, the home's first residents, Frank Fanning and Sarah Frances Gulick Jewett, and their ties to other Jewetts on the family tree. Special guests for the day will include members of the national association of the Jewett Family of America (JFA) and others interested in the history and lineage of the Jewett Family, whose roots in this country span nearly 400 years. Festivities take place within and around the Victorian Jewett House (73 South Professor Street) and are free and open to the public. The line-up includes:

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Old-fashioned games on the lawn of the 1836 Little Red Schoolhouse.

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Self-guided tours of the first floor of the 1866 Monroe House.

11 a.m. "I Spy Oberlin" walking tour, designed especially for younger children (ages 5-11) accompanied by an adult. Reservations encouraged. Location: Departs from the Monroe House.

2 p.m. Mini-program about Frank and Fannie Jewett

who lived in the house from 1884-1923. The Jewett family has connections to national events and social movements particularly in the Civil War era. Discover the Jewett ties to Harriet Beecher Stowe's 1852 anti-slavery novel *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. Learn about Jewetts who served as officers in the 54th Massachusetts regiment, the first African-American company in the Civil War.

Following the program, guests will be invited to view newly installed history panels about Frank's extended family and tour the house at their own pace. Location: Jewett House.

Find out more about the day's events or make a reservation for the "I Spy Tour" at www.oberlinheritagecenter.org or call (440) 774-1700.

You are Invited: Lucy Stone's 200th Birthday Celebration!

Saturday, August 11 at 4 p.m.



The Oberlin Heritage Center is throwing a birthday party for one of Oberlin College's earliest and best known female graduates, abolitionist and women's suffragist Lucy Stone (class of 1847). All are invited to gather at the Little Red Schoolhouse (behind 73 South Professor Street) for birthday cake and merriment to celebrate this pioneering woman. Local "Lucy Stoners" (women who retained their maiden names upon marriage) are especially encouraged to stop by and take part in a fun photo opportunity as a salute to Stone.

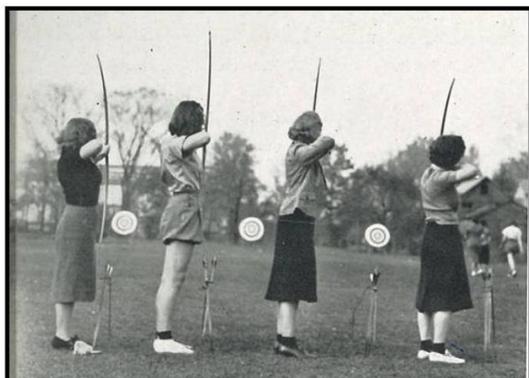
Brief remarks will be offered at 4:15 p.m., and special guest **Jen Graham** (Oberlin College, class of 2012, pictured at left with a portrait of Lucy Stone) will read a few excerpts from one of Stone's speeches. Graham served as an Ohio Local History Corps/AmeriCorps member at the Oberlin Heritage Center during the 2013-2014 year and created OHC's "One Step More: Oberlin

Women's History Walk" during her time with the organization. She is currently employed by the Cleveland Metroparks as a historical interpreter.

Learn more about Lucy Stone at <http://www2.oberlin.edu/external/EOG/OYTT-images/LucyStone.html>.

From Private Sphere to Public Sphere: A History of Early 20th Century Oberlin Women

Tuesday, August 14 at 7:15 p.m.



Ohio History Service Corps/AmeriCorps member **Sara Fisher** explores how the rise of physical education -- locally influenced by Oberlin College's Delphine Hanna and Gertrude Moulton -- intersected with reinvigorated women's social movements in the early 20th century. Fisher will provide a historical glimpse into women's public activities in Oberlin that, along with the rise of physical education, proved to have a lasting impact on the community's history and on larger social and health-related initiatives across the nation. Fisher is completing her second year as an AmeriCorps member, having spent her first year at the Quaker Heritage Center in Wilmington, Ohio.

The Heritage Center also will salute Kendal at Oberlin's 25th Anniversary year and the positive influence that the Kendal community has had on the ongoing work of the

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local nonprofit. OHC's Assistant to the Director **Mary Anne Cunningham** will precede Sara Fisher's women's history program, presenting a 15-minute illustrated tribute with highlights from Kendal's involvement in the Heritage Center's development and growth over the past quarter-of-a-century. Cunningham, coincidentally, has served on the Heritage Center staff for the past 25 years as well.

Find out more at www.oberlinheritagecenter.org or call the Heritage Center at (440) 774-1700.

Top photo: Baseball instruction was provided in class as well as in extra-curricular activities in the spring at Oberlin College. Bottom: Archery was also an activity taught during the women's physical education classes. There was an All-College Tournament in the fall to determine the college champion. Source: Oberlin College Hi-O-Hi 1939 yearbook.

Enjoy Outdoor History Fun Before Summer Ends **History Walks and Old-Fashioned Games Continue through August**



If you've been meaning to take one of the Heritage Center's summer History Walks -- now is the time. These popular history walks guide visitors through the community to see landmarks up-close, hear stories of local figures who once walked the same pathways, and view historical images that connect both past and present. The waning days of summer are a great time to see the world around you in a new enlightening way with one of these 90-minute strolls through history:

- **Freedom's Friends Abolition & Underground Railroad History Walk** - Saturdays, August 4, 11, 18 and 25 at 11 a.m.
- **Radicals & Reformers (Westwood Cemetery) History Walk** - Sunday, August 5 at 1 p.m.

Take time out for play and discover a bit of history on the side! Enjoy the Heritage Center's outdoor **Old-Fashioned Games** by inviting a friend or family member to join you in some fresh-air-and-fun on the OHC grounds; FREE for all ages. Sign-out games such as hoops & sticks, jump ropes, quoits, and more at the Monroe House (at 73½ South Professor Street) Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Advance reservations are required for history walks. Visit www.oberlinheritagecenter.org for tour fee information and starting locations.

Looking Ahead - Save the Dates!

Scanning Saturdays, Special Tours, Docent Training and More

All kinds of opportunities are coming your way for preserving your own history or learning more about the history around you:

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Scanning Saturdays, September 8 and 22 (10 a.m. to 5 p.m. by appointment). From families, to events, to pets, to homes, we want to assist you in preserving and sharing your special photographic memories by helping to archive them digitally. Sign up for a 30-minute slot to receive a high-quality scan of photos up to 11 X 17 inches. While the scanning is underway, Collections Manager **Maren McKee** will share ideas for storing and labeling your photo collection. Bring up to 10 items to scan at \$1 each (\$.50 for OHC members). Location: Monroe House. Contact history@oberlinheritage.org.

Cabinets, Closets & Cupboards, September 15 (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.). The Heritage Center hosts free guided tours of behind-the-scenes areas in the Jewett House as part of the statewide Ohio Open Doors event.

Upstairs Downstairs Docent Training, September 29 (9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) Free training beginning at the Monroe House; arrange to take a free tour in advance to see what being a docent is all about. Contact tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org.



Peek Through the Portal, September 29 at 11 a.m. A history of the people, structure, and artwork associated with the original Oberlin Conservatory building, Warner Hall, which sat on the space occupied today by the King building (corner of College and Professor Streets) and was replaced in the early 1960s by the present-day Conservatory building across the street. This 60-minute outdoor conversation is led by volunteer **Sid Comings**, with assistance from **Bruce Colbert** and **Katherine (Kitty) Denny-Smith**. Save the date now and check back in the September *E-Gazette* for more details.

Photo: A peek through the portal windows of the new Conservatory building looking out onto the old Conservatory (Warner Hall), circa 1964. Courtesy Oberlin College Archives.

History Minute **A History Drive-By**



Liz Schultz gave a mini history program about the first automobiles in Oberlin at the Vintage and Vintner gathering on July 24. Here are a few highlights from that presentation for those of you who weren't able to attend:

The first automobiles rolled through Oberlin in 1899. According to the *Oberlin News*, "They were in too much of a hurry for the newspaper men to ascertain from whence they came or whither they were bound." Another newspaper revealed that the two cars were on their way from Cleveland to Chicago. One of the drivers was Alexander Winton himself, inventor and

A History Drive-By (continued)

manufacturer of the Winton automobile. His business partner, Thomas Henderson, later lived in Oberlin on State Route 511.

Dr. H. W. Pyle was the first Oberlin resident to purchase and use an automobile, a Stanley Steamer. "The Doctor will use it for pleasure and in his professional calls when the roads are good."

In the early years, it was nearly impossible to drive an automobile on Oberlin roads in the winter.

By 1903 an ordinance had been passed regulating the use of automobiles. "No person shall propel or drive any automobile upon any street or avenue in said village at any rate of speed exceeding eight miles per hour."

If you liked these tidbits and want more, consider arranging for OHC to give a mini program at your next club meeting, reunion, class, or other gathering.

Photo: Nate Martin, proprietor of the Martin Hotel (no longer standing), in an early automobile parked in front of Carnegie Library. It appears to be a circa 1915 touring car. Suggestions welcome from auto-aficionados! From OHC's Bert Locke collection.

Heritage Center's Most Recent Audit Available on Website

The independent auditors' final report, conducted by **Cohen & Company of Cleveland**, is now available for review on the Oberlin Heritage Center website. The audit includes the organization's consolidated financial statements for the years ending December 31, 2017 and 2016. This report comes after a three day on-site visit by members of the Cohen staff this past May and a presentation from **Tina Dzik** (Senior Manager) to the OHC Board of Trustees in July. Review the latest audit at www.oberlinheritagecenter.org (and click on the "About" tab on the Main Menu, then scroll down to "IRS Form 990 / Audit.") You may also call the Heritage Center at (440) 774-1700 and request a copy of the audit be sent to you.

Members Update

Welcome to new members: **Roger Horn** (Olympia, WA), **Patricia Jacobson** (San Marcos, CA), **Bennie Stanton & Kimberly Thompson** (Oberlin), **Ann Slosser** (Oberlin) and new business members **The Leek Pipe Organ Company** (Berea) and Matus Winery (Wakeman).

Summer is a perfect time to become a new OHC member -- with opportunities to enjoy FREE history walks or to tap into Time Travelers reciprocal benefits at more than 300 history museums when vacationing around the state or across the country.

Join or renew as an OHC member at www.oberlinheritagecenter.org (and click on the "Join Now" button at the top of the home page), or call (440) 774-1700 to request a membership brochure. Find out more about the Time Travelers Network at <http://timetravelers.mohistory.org/>.

Staff and Volunteer News

We extend a warm welcome to **Alex Shaver**, an Art History student at Cleveland State University, who commutes all the way from Mentor, Ohio to help out with special projects, including research and grounds care.

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Welcome also to two more college students who have joined the OHC team for the summer. **Lara Edwards** (pictured at far left) is a rising senior history major at Oberlin College. Lara is busy helping with OHC's youth camps and working on other special projects. **Nicole DeWitt** (right) attends Washington College in Chestertown, MD and plans to graduate next spring with a degree in anthropology. Nikki volunteers several mornings each week in the Heritage Center's Resource Center indexing the Lothrop files.

Welcome back to former Winter Term intern **Brittany Craig** who graduated from Oberlin College in 2013 with a double degree in history and gender, sexuality and feminist studies. Presently, Brittany works as an outreach librarian for the Lorain Public Library System. Some of her free time will be spent volunteering at the Heritage Center with oral history and research projects.

We say farewell this month -- with gratitude and best wishes -- to Ohio History Service Corps/AmeriCorps member **Sara Fisher** who is completing her year of service with the Heritage Center. In addition to spending half her time assisting the Heritage Center by leading tours, coordinating the Heritage Center's social media presence, organizing a spring Painting Conservation Workshop, and presenting a women's history program this month (see feature story earlier in this newsletter), Sara has assisted 17 other organizations throughout northeast Ohio during her year of service. Projects have ranged from discussions in organizational foundation and development to hands-on guidance in collections management. Her vast experience with many small history organizations during the course of her two years of AmeriCorps service has resulted in Sara being selected to be part of the Standards of Excellence Program Enhancement Project through the American Association for State and Local History. You can read more about this in an article Sara wrote for the current issue of the Ohio Local History Alliance's newsletter, *The Local Historian* (pg. 4-5). To read the article online, go to www.ohiohistory.org and click on the "Preserve" tab in the main menu bar, then click on "Local History Services," then "Ohio Local History Alliance," then "The Local Historian" to find the July/August 2018 issue of the newsletter.

Also of Interest

Oberlin Patrol Officer Bashshar Wiley presents the *Case Files of the Durham Family* at the **Saturday, August 4, 2018** meeting of the **Oberlin African-American Genealogy & History Group (OAAGHG)**. The meeting begins at 11 a.m. at the Oberlin Public Library (65 South Main Street) and all are invited. Included in the presentation is a review of Samuel Durham's involvement with the on-duty death of Constable Franklin Stone (1881) and the unsolved murder of Windom Durham on Lincoln Street (1962).

The **Oberlin Indigenous Peoples Day Committee** will hold an open meeting on **Thursday, August 16, 2018 at 6 p.m.** at the Oberlin Public Library to prepare for the local Indigenous Peoples Day celebration in October 2018. All are invited; the group welcomes volunteers and positive suggestions from the community. For more information, contact **Jean Simon** at foggo@oberlin.net.