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## Bouquets of Thanks for Your Year-End Support!

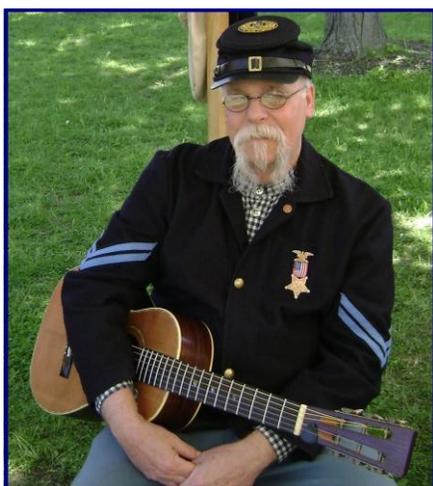


Thanks to the generosity of many members and friends, the year 2018 ended with a flourish for the Oberlin Heritage Center. In November, OHC received notification that **Nordson Corporation** would continue its support of youth education with a grant of \$4,565 to fund school-age outreach and on-site history programming in the New Year. **The Community Foundation of Lorain County's Jane and Eric Nord Fund** approved a grant of \$25,000 in support of programming, strategic initiatives to collect and share the histories of community members, and operating costs. And by the end of the year, the Heritage Center set a new record for its Annual Fund campaign, raising \$52,362 with the support of more than 300 donors. (This boon was especially critical in coming to the aid of some unexpected end-of-year furnace break-downs at the Heritage Center!) The Annual Fund campaign received the support of **44%** of the organization's membership, with 100% of the OHC Board and Staff contributing.

What do OHC's Annual Fund donors make possible? Children hearing inspirational stories about individuals who challenged stereotypes. New residents discovering the history of their houses. College students creating a home-away-from-home through service and learning. Families enjoying a fun day together. Researchers finding new leads. Volunteers continually learning and connecting. The Heritage Center is tremendously grateful to all who serve and support OHC's mission to preserve and share Oberlin's unique heritage and make our community a better place to live, learn, work and visit.

## Music of the American Civil War

Tuesday, January 15 at 7:15 p.m.



Have you ever experienced the transformative power of music, feeling as though you've been swept away to another place and time? Musician and Civil War re-enactor Timothy Krugman takes his audience back to the 19th century with period instruments and melodies in this free public program that takes place at Kendal at Oberlin's Heiser Auditorium. As he performs with guitar, banjo and vocals, Krugman shares insights about the role of music on the Civil War battlefield and reveals how the mood of the nation and song shifted over time. Find out more about this and other upcoming Heritage Center events by visiting [www.oberlinheritagecenter.org](http://www.oberlinheritagecenter.org) or calling (440) 774-1700.

*Photo: courtesy of Timothy Krugman*

# Salute Those Who Make Oberlin Special

## Last Call for Community Awards Nominations



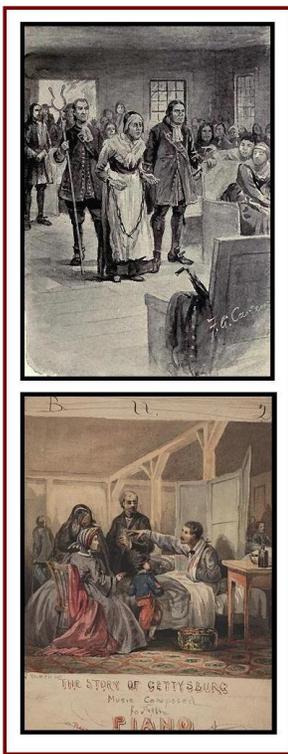
A few minutes are all it takes to nominate someone who is doing good work in local history, historic preservation or service to the community. The Heritage Center's Community Awards program, now in its 18th year, recognizes individuals, businesses, or organizations whose accomplishments are in keeping with OHC's mission to preserve and share Oberlin's unique heritage and to make the community a better place to live, learn, work and visit. Categories include:

- **Community Historian**
- **Heritage Guardian**
- **Keep Oberlin Beautiful**
- **History Teacher of the Year**
- **Community Teacher of the Year** (*who encourages student service*)
- **OHC Volunteer of the Year**
- **Business Service Leader**
- **Youth Community Service**

Nominations may be brief and you're likely to discover that the process of writing a paragraph or two about someone who inspires you is rewarding in itself -- try it and see! Submit your nomination by February 1, 2019. Award recipients will be honored at the Heritage Center's Annual Meeting, which takes place at The Hotel at Oberlin on Tuesday, April 2, 2019. Find out more or download a nomination form at [www.oberlinheritagecenter.org](http://www.oberlinheritagecenter.org) or call (440) 774-1700.

## Spring Break Camp Registration Now Open

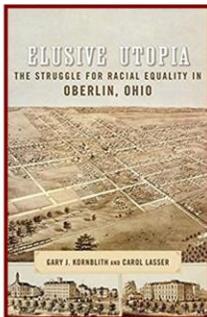
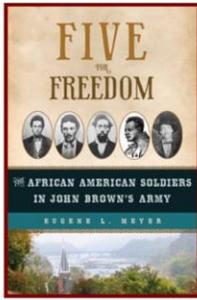
### Kids Learn About Change and Progress through "Horrible Histories"



Area schools have different spring breaks, so the Heritage Center is offering TWO weeks of camps in March and April. Choose either the week of **March 25-29** or the week of **April 22-26** (9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.) when boys and girls ages 8-13 will explore some of the terrible tales of the past. For instance, did you know that in colonial America a woman could be accused of witchcraft for having an argument with a neighbor? Or that more soldiers died from disease than from fighting during the American Civil War? While the horrible side of history includes people and events that make us shudder, it also has pushed others to make improvements for themselves and the world around them. Campers will find this a fascinating week of exploring some of the foul facts of world history and discovering how progress can be made as they are encouraged to think of creative solutions to problems of the past and present. Camps are taught by Museum Education & Tour Coordinator Amanda Manahan and held at the Oberlin Depot (240 South Main Street). Register by March 1 and receive an early bird discount. Scholarship assistance is available for those who qualify for free or reduced school lunches. Find out more or register now at [www.oberlinheritagecenter.org](http://www.oberlinheritagecenter.org) or call (440) 774-1700.

# OHC Winter/Spring Events Calendar on its Way to Members

## Connecting with History in New and Creative Ways



The Heritage Center's 2019 Events Calendar will be mailed to members in the next few days. There's a great line-up of free community programming in store, which includes exploring history through music, re-enactment, and film, sharing your own history treasures in a museum setting, kids camps, volunteer opportunities and so much more. You will also be able to view the calendar on the OHC website. Meantime, save these upcoming dates:

**February 12 at 7:00 p.m.** Award-winning journalist, author and historian **Eugene L. Meyer** presents *Five for Freedom: Oberlin's Connections to the Raid on Harpers Ferry*.

Location: The First Church in Oberlin, U.C.C. Meeting House (106 North Main Street).

**March 10 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.** Enjoy a fun, fascinating visit to our **Community Pop-Up Museum** co-hosted by the Oberlin Heritage Center and the Oberlin African American Genealogy & History Group. Everyone is encouraged to bring an item that fits the theme "*Older Than I Am*" to display in the afternoon exhibit. Location: The First Church in Oberlin, U.C.C. Fellowship Hall (106 North Main Street).

**March 19 at 7:15 p.m.** Join us during Women's History Month as actress **Stephanie Kramer** shares a first-person portrayal of Katharine Wright, the Oberlin College-educated sister of aviation pioneers Orville and Wilbur Wright. In *The Wind Beneath Their Wings*, Kramer discusses the Wright sister's life, family, and courtship through narrative and song. Location:

Kendal at Oberlin's Heiser Auditorium (600 Kendal Drive).

**April 2, 6:00-8:30 p.m. OHC Annual Meeting, Dinner and Community Awards Presentations.** (Note change of date from the traditional "first Wednesday" to this year's *Tuesday* night event.) This evening of history, fellowship and recognition features historians **Gary Kornblith and Carol Lasser** sharing insights from their new book "*Elusive Utopia: The Struggle for Racial Equality in Oberlin, Ohio*." Invitations will be sent to all OHC members in mid-February. Location: The Hotel at Oberlin (10 East College Street).

Get a jump on these upcoming programs by purchasing Eugene Meyer's book *Five for Freedom: The African-American Soldiers in John Brown's Army* or Gary Kornblith and Carol Lasser's book *Elusive Utopia: The Struggle for Racial Equality in Oberlin, Ohio* in the Oberlin Heritage Center's Museum Store, open Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Monroe House (73½ South Professor Street), or online at <https://secure.oberlinheritage.org/store.shtml>.

*Book photos courtesy of Eugene L. Meyer and Gary Kornblith/Carol Lasser. Photo of Katharine Wright courtesy of Wright State University Special Collections and Archives.*

## Giving Made Simple and Convenient with Insta-Charge Tailor Charitable Contributions to Best Fit Your Budget and Calendar

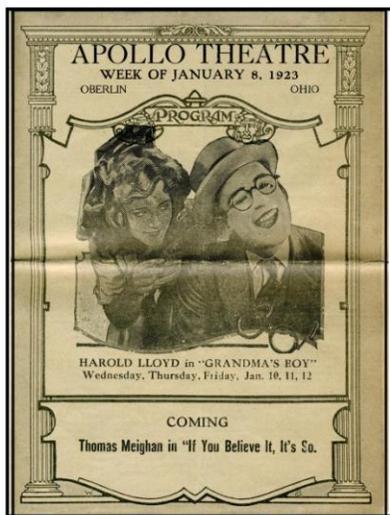
The end of each calendar year brings many requests from worthy causes. Did you know that donors to the Oberlin Heritage Center can sign-up for automatic credit card payments to handle membership renewals, Annual Fund giving, and other contributions so that they are made at any time of the year that is most convenient for you? Last year, an OHC member contacted our organization to see if she could sync up her annual donations around the time of her birthday -- that way she knew when she last gave and when she planned to give again. "Absolutely!" was the response from this end.

Other OHC members wanted to step up their giving to become Endowed Life Members (ELMs) without feeling a "pinch" to their budgets by making a larger contribution. A small monthly donation via automatic credit card payments was the perfect way for these members to make a sizeable gift over several years.

As the New Year gets underway, consider automatic credit card payments to simplify or stretch your giving to the Heritage Center. It's easy, secure and saves time and money for both the donor and recipient. For more information, contact OHC Business Manager Bethany Hobbs by e-mail at [ohcbiz@oberlinheritage.org](mailto:ohcbiz@oberlinheritage.org) or by calling (440) 774-1700.

## History Minute

### This Week at Oberlin's Apollo Theater -- 96 years ago, that is!



In the early 1920s, the Apollo Theater mailed weekly programs to interested patrons who left their address at the ticket counter. Several of these programs are in the Oberlin Heritage Center's collection and allow us a fun glimpse into the theater offerings of the time. During the week of January 8, 1923, visitors had the opportunity to see several screenings of the silent film *Grandma's Boy* starring Harold Lloyd. The film is notable for combining character development with comedy gags and is a pioneer of the feature length comedy film genre. Photographs of Lloyd were handed out to children who attended the screenings at the Apollo. This Apollo program also contained an editorial that featured great directors of the time, plus advertisements for local Oberlin businesses and other upcoming films at the Apollo.

*With thanks to Linda Worcester who donated several Apollo Theater programs to OHC's Resource Center in memory of Aletha Worcester Doane.*

## OHC Members Update

The Oberlin Heritage Center welcomed 57 new members to the organization in 2018, more than one-third of whom live outside of Oberlin, throughout Ohio and across the country. Some of OHC's newest members include: **Nancy L. Davis** (Los Angeles, CA), **Karolyn Dawley** (Morrice, MI), **Susan Haller**, **Alan & Anne Lockwood**, and **Linda I. Williams** (Richmond Heights), Members are from Oberlin unless indicated otherwise.

### *OHC Members Update...continued*

The Heritage Center also welcomed 3 new Endowed Life Members (ELMs) this past year, and were thrilled when two more current ELMs stepped up to a higher level of giving. This circle of OHC friends has been especially helpful in furthering the good work of the Heritage Center through their warm support. Special thanks to our most recent ELM -- **Carl Jacobson** of Oberlin. We're delighted to welcome Carl as a new Endowed Life Member and are very grateful for his generosity.

If you are not yet an OHC member, make it your New Year's resolution to join! You'll enjoy being part of a great community organization -- and the Heritage Center will make sure you know how much you are appreciated! Join or renew your membership today at [www.oberlinheritagecenter.org](http://www.oberlinheritagecenter.org) (and click the "Join Now" button at the top of the home page) or call (440) 774-1700 for more information.

## **Heritage Center Staff, Intern and Volunteer News**



A warm welcome goes to three winter-term students from Oberlin College who are assisting with special projects at the Heritage Center during the month of January. **Olive Hwang** (OC '21) from Indiana (*in photo, on right*), and **Cady Stoloski** (OC '22) from Massachusetts (*far left*), will be researching and making historical costumes, while **Maya Colman** (OC '21) also from Massachusetts, will research and develop a new tour for the Heritage Center about working class citizens of the town.

AmeriCorps member **Riley Thomas** has been busy working on various projects at the Heritage Center and assisting local history organizations throughout the region, including the Lorain Historical Society, Cleveland Grays Armory Museum and the Cleveland Police Museum. Local history organizations in northeast Ohio who would find Riley's help useful on particular projects may contact her at [riley.thomas@oberlinheritage.org](mailto:riley.thomas@oberlinheritage.org) or (440) 774-1700.

## **New Staff Position Opening at OHC!**

### **Seeking a Part-Time Office Assistant and Greeter**

The Oberlin Heritage Center is now accepting applications for a 9-hour-per-week temporary position (March-November 2019). The Office Assistant and Greeter will welcome guests to the museum and assist with administrative tasks, lead mini tours, and aid in special projects. This person would be a front-line employee who must be able to embody the community-oriented mission of the organization. The position is partially funded by a grant from The Community Foundation of Lorain County for the year 2019. Applications are due February 1, 2019.

Find out more about the position description and application process at <http://www.oberlinheritagecenter.org/about/work> or call (440) 774-1700.

## Also of Interest

The Heritage Center gives a BIG SHOUT-OUT to our friends at **The Hotel at Oberlin** for featuring local history and a visit to the Oberlin Heritage Center in its "Only in Oberlin" special overnight package. We hope to welcome many history aficionados to town in coming months!

**Dinner with a Slice of History: The Life of Bessie Coleman** is hosted by the International Women's Air & Space Museum (1501 North Marginal Road, Cleveland) on **February 15**. Gigi Coleman, great-niece of the first female African-American pilot, performs her one-woman show based on the life of this aviation pioneer who refused "to take no for an answer!" Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. with presentation to follow. Tickets: \$17 (IWASM members: \$15). Visit [www.iwasm.org](http://www.iwasm.org) or call (216) 623-1111.

Here's a marvelous opportunity to talk with and learn more about the interests and talents of our next generation of historians. Judges are needed in all levels (Grades 6-12) and categories (Exhibits, Documentaries, Website, Performances, and Papers) for the **Region 3 Ohio History Day** contest in Cleveland on **Saturday, March 16 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** No previous judging experience is needed. If you like talking to kids, consider yourself a critical thinker or an avid reader/writer, and can give constructive feedback, then you are qualified to be a History Day judge. You'll be paired with at least one experienced judge and receive on-site basic training on the morning of the competition, which takes place at the Cleveland History Center of the Western Reserve Historical Society (10825 East Blvd., Cleveland) and at the Case Western Reserve University School of Law. Register online at <https://oh-rtwrhsrc.nhd.org/?f=9e743898-ec95-40ef-a022-6e56f9236c6e> or contact **Mary Manning**, Region 3 Ohio History Day Coordinator, at [historyday@wrhs.org](mailto:historyday@wrhs.org) or (216) 721-5722, ext. 1503, if you have any questions.



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