

Oberlin Heritage Center April 2022 Gazette

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OHC Needs Your Help!



Do you recognize us? In 2021 OHC received a donation of slides from Oberlin Community Services. Dating from the late 1960s, the slides primarily show people participating in classes and demonstrations, some possibly at the Community Center formerly located on South Main Street (now the green space south of the Post Office). Like many donations of this type, information about the individuals pictured has been lost to time. **This is where you come in!** Please take a moment to view the images, which have been uploaded to Google Drive. If you recognize someone or have other information to share, email OHC's Collection Manager, Maren McKee, at history@oberlinheritage.com.

[See all of the Photos on Google Drive](https://bit.ly/38jqKsf)
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Upcoming Events

Join us the morning of Saturday, April 30 to help spruce up the grounds of the Heritage Center for summer visitors! Projects include trimming, weeding, and general yard clean up. Tools and supplies are provided, or volunteers are welcome to bring their own. (Volunteers can park in the lot behind the Monroe House, off of Vine Street.) For more information or to sign up, contact Liz Schultz at (440) 774-1700 or director@oberlinheritage.org.

Photo: Helpers at the 2021 Grounds Day



Behind the Basement Door: Swimsuit Edition!

Friday, May 20, 3:30 p.m.

Kick off the warmer weather with a look at OHC's historic swimwear collection. Join OHC's Collection Manager, Maren McKee, for a behind the scenes look at some rarely seen items from the costume collection.

This program will be broadcast live on OHC's Facebook page. You don't have to have a Facebook account to be able to view the Oberlin Heritage Center's page. Just go to: <https://www.facebook.com/oberlinheritagecenter> at the time of the program. (If Facebook prompts you to join, you can just select "Not Now.")



Photo: Josephine Dickson's Oberlin College photo memory book c.1918. Gift of James and Andree Underwood.

Museum Professional Development Workshop: Modernizing Collections Management

Tuesday, May 24, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.



In the ever-increasing digital age of the 21st century, museums must plan for managing digital objects. But how do you incorporate digital objects into already existing collections management practices? In this webinar, Ohio History Service Corps member Erin Robichaud will outline accepting, recording, storing, and sharing digital objects through policies that are sustainable for small historical organizations. Participants will leave this webinar with an understanding of how to manage various digital files and be able to incorporate these practices at their own organizations. A Q&A session

will follow the presentation.

Attendance is free for this Zoom webinar and open to anyone with an interest. Advance registration is required. Please register for this program here: <https://bit.ly/3qvD7Ye>

Summer Camps



OHC is excited to offer three unique summer camp experiences for children ages 8-13. We will start with a trip through time in **Ancient Cultures Camp (7/18-7/22)**, featuring music, art, and games from all around the ancient world. Next is **Architecture Camp (8/1-8/5)**, which will allow campers to explore building materials, try construction challenges, and sketch their own designs. Our final offering this summer season will be **Kids Through the Decades (8/8-8/12)**, which will let campers explore the clothing that children wore in the 1900s, how they played, and the cultures in which they were immersed.

All programs run Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Oberlin Depot. Camps cost \$125 per registrant, with discounts for members of OHC and early registration. *Scholarships are available to students who qualify for free or reduced school lunch programs.*

For more information about camps or registration, visit our camp registration page (<https://bit.ly/3wTca4M>) or contact Museum Education and Tour Coordinator Amanda Manahan at (440) 774-1700 or tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org.

Last Chance to Register for OHC's Annual Meeting

The registration deadline for OHC's Annual Meeting is April 4! Join with others to welcome new board members, thank outgoing board members, hear brief announcements, and congratulate Community Award recipients. The meeting will be followed by an optional social hour with hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

Please pick up a registration form at OHC or call us at 440-774-1700.

We hope to see you there!

News From OHC

Thank You, Volunteers!



While we appreciate you 24/7, year-round, April is National Volunteer Month and we wanted to send a special thank you to all of the many people who make OHC's work possible. Volunteers do it all: greeting visitors, organizing physical and digital collections, leading tours, sprucing up the grounds, preparing mailings, creating new research resources, serving on boards, and acting as history ambassadors. We are truly humbled by your generosity.

Conversations with Lothrop



We are happy to share that several more "Conversations with Lothrop" interviews have been processed and approved for public viewing: Marian Baum, Steve Dupee, Peter Goldsmith, Micah Hamlin-Mitchell McCarey, Krista Long, Lynn Powell, Sylvan Suskin, and Sal Talarico.

Visit our [YouTube playlist](https://bit.ly/3Lsd1gU) (<https://bit.ly/3Lsd1gU>) to watch the interviews. Thank you again to Linda Lewis and the Ohio Historical Records and

Advisory Board for supporting this project.

Members Update & News from the Second Floor

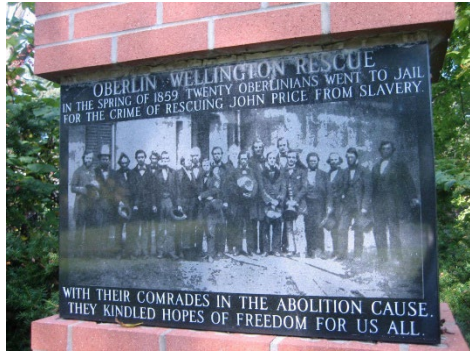


We were honored to receive a \$18,725 grant from The Nord Family Foundation to address repair and maintenance needs of OHC's four historic buildings and grounds. Priorities for this year include the weathered side porch of the Jewett House (pictured), paint and trim of the Little Red Schoolhouse, windows on the Civil War era barn, repaving the parking lot, and more. While the growing Pat Murphy Endowment for Heritage Preservation is helping fund costs like these, right now we are still extremely grateful to have grant

funds to proactively maintain these one-of-a-kind historic resources.

Welcome to newest OHC members Judy (Rogers) Hoffman, Anne & J.J. Schaum, and the Caroline Jackson-Smith family! We note with sorrow the passing of Endowed Life Member Ann Craig and OHC members Dick Dunn and Don Gilbert. We also send warm wishes of support to others who have lost loved ones.

Freedoms Friends History Walk Training April 30, 1:00-3:30



Being a docent is a great way to learn more about the nationally significant history of Oberlin and to meet many interesting people from near and far. Training for the Freedom's Friends: Abolition and Underground Railroad History Walk will be held on Saturday, April 30 from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. (register by April 22). Training starts at the Monroe House (73 1/2 South Professor Street).

Training is free and open to the public. Volunteers need no previous experience in leading tours; all that is required is a commitment to assist with at least four history walks within the coming year. Find out more or register today by contacting Museum Education and Tour Coordinator Amanda Manahan at tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org or (440) 774-1700.

Also of Interest:

Lorain County History Happenings

- April 9 - Amherst Historical Society's "Egg"stravaganza
- May 12 - Lorain Historical Society's Annual Meeting
- May 19 - Lorain County Historical Society's Annual Meeting

OHC on WEOL Morning Show

In case you missed it, Executive Director Liz Schultz was a guest on WEOL's Morning Show with Bruce Van Dyke and Craig Adams. Check out this 16 minute clip of upcoming events and museum musings (<https://bit.ly/36NxYEh>).



Oberlin Public Library Book Sale April 28 - May 1



The Friends of the Oberlin Public Library are welcoming back the book sale. The Spring 2022 Book Sale starts the evening of Wednesday, April 27 for Friends members and opens to the general public on Thursday, April 28 and continues through Sunday, May 1.



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