



## Oberlin Heritage Center October 2022 Gazette

### Hope You Enjoyed The Root Beer Floats!



Root Beer and Yesteryear was a smashing success! We would like to thank all who came out and volunteered or participated to make it happen, with a special thanks to the Oberlin IGA for supplying all of our root beer and ice cream. For our guests, we hope everyone was able to experience some of our free exhibits and tours while enjoying their root beer floats and popcorn. Thank you also to performers and exhibitors Dr. Camille Hamlin Allen, Fr. Brian Wilbert, Steven Rice, Maren McKee band members Tom Somsak, Craig Zacharyasz, Dave Mann Wolf, Rick Hetsko and Dave Parsh, and all our interns and volunteers. We at the Oberlin Heritage Center are grateful to be part of such a vibrant and supportive local community.

### Upcoming Events

#### October's History Walk: Small Downtown, Big Stories

October 8, 15, 22 & 29 at 1:00 p.m.

This October, OHC is offering our **Small Downtown, Big Stories** walking tour on Saturdays at 1:00 p.m.

The people and places of downtown Oberlin have come and gone but the history is rich with stories of generational commitment to serving the community. This tour draws on oral histories of those who lived through shaping and preserving the "small town-ness" that is such a part of Oberlin's charm. Learn the history of



some of the buildings, but mostly learn of the people who once walked these streets and called Oberlin home. Note: This tour begins in front of the Oberlin Post Office building.

Tickets are \$6 for adults and free for children, students, or members. **Advanced registration is strongly recommended.**

To register please visit [oberlinheritagecenter.org](http://oberlinheritagecenter.org)

## Parents & Family Weekend Tour Schedule

*Friday through Sunday, November 4, 5, & 6*

Oberlin College's Parents & Family Weekend is one of the Oberlin Heritage Center's last big tour weekends of the year. If you haven't yet experienced a guided history walk across neighborhoods surrounding downtown Oberlin or a tour inside the Monroe House, this is your chance! Tours are open to the public as well as to campus visitors.

Advance Registration is required for the History Walks. To register follow the link below or call 440-774-1700.

### Friday, November 4:

- Self Guided Tours 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Civil War to Civil Rights 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

### Saturday, November 5:

- Self Guided Tours 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Freedom's Friends 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 a.m.
- Architecture Tour 1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

### Sunday, November 6:

- Freedom's Friends 1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

To register please visit [oberlinheritagecenter.org](http://oberlinheritagecenter.org)

## “Celebrating 100 Years: Latino History in Lorain” special exhibit

*Open through Oct 8 during Oberlin Public Library hours*



We were excited to have so many guests at the exhibit launch for "Celebrating 100 Years: Latino History in Lorain, Ohio." The exhibit, created through a partnership of El Centro, the Lorain Historical Society, and Oberlin College, highlights the initial work of the Latino Lorain History Project and features photographs and oral histories, particularly focused on the history of Vine Avenue in Lorain. The exhibit is available for viewing any time the

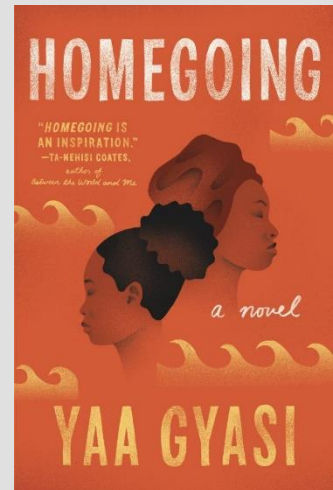
Oberlin Public Library is open through October 8, which also falls during National Hispanic Heritage Month. Interactive elements have been incorporated for people to share comments and connect with the Oberlin Heritage Center to share memories about Oberlin Latino history as well.

We would like to thank Oberlin Public Library and Gina Perez in particular for their support in hosting the exhibit launch which included as speakers LHS's Barb Piscopo and El Centro's Victor Leandry in addition to Oberlin College's Gina Perez and OHC's own Executive Director Liz Schultz.

## Free Freedom Friends Tour Offered For Big Read Oberlin

OHC is delighted to be a partner of the Big Read initiative kicking off this fall. This community reading program, coordinated by Oberlin College, is focusing on the book *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi. Big Read events, which will take place throughout the 2022-2023 academic year, are meant to inspire meaningful conversations, artistic responses, and new discoveries and connections within the community.

As part of the initiative, the Oberlin Heritage Center is hosting a free offering of its Freedoms Friends History Walk. Register online at [www.oberlinheritagecenter.com](http://www.oberlinheritagecenter.com) for the walk which will take place on October 8 at 11:00 a.m.



Oberlin College was one of 62 organizations nationwide selected to receive an NEA Big Read Grant. Local partners include the Oberlin College Libraries, Oberlin Public Library, Oberlin Heritage Center, Friends of the Oberlin Public Library and others. Funding is provided by the National Endowment for the Arts and Arts Midwest.

## Community Trivia Night

Friday Nov. 11 - Doors open at 5:30 p.m., Contest at 6:00 p.m.



**Question:** The deepest known point of Earth's seabed is located at the southern end of the Mariana Trench. What is this location called?

Trivia Night is back, live and in-person! Round up a team of players, or come on your own, and test your knowledge of pop culture particulars, historical minutia, geographic oddities, animal anomalies, and more. We make sure to include some questions for the young and young-at-heart too. See if you can dethrone the reigning champions, The Arch Rivals (of Oberlin Foot and Ankle).

Join us in the Fellowship Hall of the First Church, in Oberlin, U.C.C. (106 North Main Street). The evening includes pizza from Lorenzo's (thank you for your support!), side games, basket and 50/50 raffles, prizes, and plenty of fun. We're excited to have the hosting duo of Kevin and Max Greenwood back. Advanced player registration is required: \$13 per OHC member, \$15 per non-member; Kids 11 and

under \$8 per OHC member, \$11 per non OHC member. Registration prices will go up \$2 each for registering the week of the contest. To register, visit our [Event Calendar on www.oberlinheritagecenter.com](#) or call Liz Schultz at 440-744-7100. Team captains can register their whole team at once or advise their players to register themselves. We'll be in touch with the Captains as soon as they register.

Teams this year will be strictly limited to up to 8 people, whether they're playing or not, so we can ensure distancing. (Kids 11 and under don't count toward the team limit but still need to register.) Attendees will be strongly encouraged to wear masks when not at their team tables. We are also limiting the number of tables, so be sure to register your team early. Thank you for helping us make this event safer and enjoyable for all attendees. All proceeds support the Oberlin Heritage Center's ongoing community programs and services.

**Answer:** *Challenger Deep*

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**Call for volunteers!**

*We still need a few more volunteers to help during Trivia Night. Open tasks include Answer Checkers, Registration, Side Game Monitors, and Raffle Sellers.*

*Cookie Bakers Needed*

*Feel like sharing your baking love with the community? We always appreciate it when volunteers support events like Trivia Night and help make it a delicious success.*

*Contact Liz if you want to learn more ([director@oberlinheritage.org](mailto:director@oberlinheritage.org)).*



## Ohio Indigenous Documentary Film Festival

October 8, 9, & 10 at the Apollo Theater from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Come celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day Weekend in Oberlin! The Cleveland American Indian Movement, in collaboration with Oberlin Indigenous Peoples' Day Committee, has selected a group of documentary films to highlight indigenous peoples from around the globe at their first annual indigenous documentary film festival.



All films will be screened at the Apollo Theater in Oberlin (19 East College Street) on Saturday, Sunday & Monday (October 8 - 10) from 10am to 2pm.

There will also be a reading of Oberlin's Indigenous Peoples' Day Proclamation in Tappan Square (corner of Main Street & West College Street) near the flagpoles on Monday October 10 at 12:00 p.m. A short rally will follow.

General Admission per film: \$12  
Students/Seniors: \$10

For more information please visit the Oberlin Indigenous Peoples Day Committee Facebook page

## Going High-Tech to Rediscover Ohio Indigenous Peoples' Earthworks

November 15, 7:00 p.m. Zoom Program

Dr. Jarrod Burks is a professional archaeologist specializing in geophysical surveys. He works for Ohio Valley Archaeology, Inc., a private archaeology firm in Columbus, Ohio. Jarrod received his PhD and MA degrees in anthropology (archaeology) from The Ohio State University and his BA degree in anthropology from the University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign. One of his great passions is relocating ancient earthwork sites through geophysical survey. To that end he has surveyed several dozen of these earthwork sites in Ohio, making numerous unique discoveries, including finding previously unknown sites. Jarrod is the President and a founder of the Heartland Earthworks Conservancy, and the Treasurer of the Ohio Archaeological Council.

**Advanced Registration is required for this free Zoom program, to register please visit this address: <https://bit.ly/3ycoEVe>**

## New Self-Guided Tour of Westwood's Black Civil War Soldiers



OHC interns Adrienne Sato and Lauren Sands have worked hard for over a year to build a self-guided tour about Black Civil War soldiers buried in Westwood Cemetery. The tour, now public on [izi.travel](https://izi.travel), includes 60 points of interest with biographies of soldiers affiliated with USCT units, or United States Colored Troops, along with other military units. The tour is still being tweaked but we hope you will take a look - either from home or by venturing out to Westwood Cemetery. If you have any trouble finding or navigating the tour, please let us know because we're making improvements as more users give us feedback. If you have any

information to add to the biographies - we're interested

The Desktop Version:

To find the desktop version please visit [izi.travel](https://izi.travel) and search "Oberlin"

The Cell Phone Version:

To take the tour via your cellphone while at Westwood, download the [izi.travel](https://izi.travel) app and search for "Oberlin" to find the tour "Westwood Cemetery's Black Civil War Soldiers." (The app is free but will use your cell phone's data plan and fees might apply.) You can choose to view the graves in a particular order or select the option "Free Walk" to have the information pop-up as you get close. You may want to check out the other Oberlin tours listed as well.

## Job Posting

### Work with us!

The Oberlin Heritage Center is seeking a part-time, six-hour per week Museum Housekeeper. A work schedule, to be set during the museum's day-time open hours, will be determined by the employee in cooperation with the Executive Director and Collections Manager.

#### Position Summary:

The Museum Housekeeper works with other staff members and volunteers in cleaning and caring for the artifacts and interiors of the historic buildings at the Oberlin Heritage Center in accordance with accepted museum practices and standards for historic house museums.

**Application Deadline: October 15<sup>th</sup>**

To Apply or for more information please visit [oberlinheritagecenter.com](https://oberlinheritagecenter.com)

## News From OHC

### Congratulations to Gail Wood!

We were excited that OHC's Board President Gail Wood was honored with an Individual Achievement Award by the Ohio Local History Alliance on October 1st. After connecting with OHC in her role as an Oberlin elementary school teacher who brought students to the Little Red Schoolhouse every year, Gail then became a board member in 2010, Chair of the Development Committee, officer of various roles, and finally president from 2017 until her term expires at our 2023 Annual Meeting. Well deserved, Gail, and we are inspired by and grateful for all that you have done!



### Research Appointment Turned Family Reunion

When Jane Haylor stopped by the Heritage Center in August, she found an unexpected family connection. Jane met with Collections Manager Maren McKee to look into her family's Oberlin roots. Jane's grandfather was Ernest B. Haylor who owned a blacksmith and machinist shop on South Main Street in the early 1900s. She is also related to the Brown and Linehan families. At the end of the appointment Jane mentioned that some of her DNA matches on Ancestry.com (a genealogy website) had the last name of McKee and wondered if there was a connection. After looking at the list, they were delighted to discover that one of Jane's matches was Maren's uncle! Based on the information provided by the website, Jane and Maren's uncle are possibly sixth cousins. Unfortunately, they have not yet been able to pinpoint the exact family relationship, but the search is ongoing.

### Members Update

OHC would like to thank our newest members, Marta Giles, Dave Giles and Barbara Feldmar. We would also like highlight Fr. Brian Wilbert and Yorki Encalada for becoming Endowed Life Members this month!

We also note with sorrow the passing of OHC Members Jo-Ann Schmauch and Llyod Straight.

## Also of Interest:



### Documentary About Segregation in Ohio Available Online

"The Lincoln School Story: The Battle for School Integration in Ohio" is a 20 minute documentary available for [free viewing on Vimeo](#) and which was released with support from the Ohio Humanities organization.

You can view this documentary at <https://vimeo.com/736204640>

### Evans Home Historical Society Receives Major Grant

Congratulations to the Evans Home Historical Society for receiving a \$283,250 grant from the National Park Service's Save America's Treasures grant program for the continued rehabilitation of the house at 33 East Vine Street.

### Lorain County History Happenings

October 8 & 9 - Murder Mystery Dinner - Amherst Historical Society

October 13 - Southern Lorain County Historical Society Annual Meeting and Dinner

October 20, 22, & 25 - LCHS Spirit Walks at Elyria's Ridgelawn Cemetery

October 22 & 23 - By My Lantern's Light - Amherst Historical Society

Every Saturday - Sandstone Village Garage Sales in Amherst

First Saturday Every Month - Oberlin African-American Genealogy & History Group



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