



Oberlin Heritage Center December 2022 Gazette

Free Interactive Mystery Experience



Oberlin Professor Frank Fanning Jewett needs your help to find key evidence for an upcoming court case! Oberlin high school and college graduate Charles Martin Hall invented a new scientific process for manufacturing aluminum with assistance from professor Jewett but at a recent party the Jewetts threw for students of Oberlin College everything got moved around. Hall needs that evidence to prove that he invented the process first otherwise he will be accused of lying about his invention!

This experience is free while OHC is playtesting it but advanced registration is required. Each date has two private reservation times for this 30-minute experience:

- December 3, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. & 3:00 p.m.
- December 17, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. & 3:00 p.m. (Booked)

To register, call Liz Schultz at 440-744-7100 or visit oberlinheritagecenter.org .

Upcoming Events

Scanning Saturdays at Oberlin Public Library Craft Room

January 21 and 28, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. both days



Scanning Saturdays are back, and we are coming to a location near you! Do you want a high-quality digital copy of your grandmother's high school graduation photo? Or maybe of a snapshot of your uncle when he was in the service? Or a slide from that memorable vacation? From families, to parties, to pets, to homes, the Heritage Center can help you preserve and share your special photographic memories. While the scanner is moving, Collections Manager Maren McKee will be happy to share ideas for storing and labeling your photo collection.

Participants are asked to bring a

flash drive to take copies home. Appointments for this free service to scan up to 10 items are not required but are highly recommended. Make an appointment now by contacting Maren at history@oberlinheritage.org or (440) 774-1700.

OHC is also looking to expand our collection of Oberlin images from the recent past. If you have photos that document community events, church history, neighborhoods, families, business etc. from the 1960s on and would be willing to share copies with OHC, please consider making an appointment during Scanning Saturdays.

Walkin' in a Winter Oberlin

December 3, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

OHC will be participating in the City of Oberlin's Walkin' in a Winter Oberlin event the evening of Saturday, December 3. The city is having a holiday lights parade at 6:00 p.m. and the tree lighting will take place immediately after.

From 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Oberlin Heritage Center will be hosting a table with children's activities at Mill on Main (95 South Main Street), including an ornament craft and paper chain that everyone in the community can add to. Come join us!



Happy Holidays From OHC



We at the Oberlin Heritage Center would like to wish all who celebrate a happy and healthy holiday season!

Although the Heritage Center will be closed Saturday, December 24 for Christmas Eve, you can still bring your out-of-town guests to the Heritage Center between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Thursday the 22nd or Friday the 23rd, to take part in a self-guided tour of the Monroe House.

Jewett House Tours Are Returning in 2023

First Friday of Every Month at 1:30 p.m.

Our house tour of the Jewett residence, 73 South Professor Street, has been suspended since the beginning of the pandemic but starting on Friday, January 6th at 1:30 p.m. our Jewett House tour will be returning for the first Friday of every month.

Learn about Frank Fanning Jewett, Sarah Frances Gulick Jewett, Charles Martin Hall, the Aluminum Reduction Process and life in Oberlin during the Progressive Era. Additional topics include architecture, interior design, social reform, and student boarders who stayed with the family during their time at Oberlin College.



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News From OHC

Welcome to Our New Museum Housekeeper



Say hello to Luke DeCarlo-McCann, the Oberlin Heritage Center's new Museum Housekeeper.

Luke is a first year Oberlin College student studying archaeology and anthropology. He is from Red Bank, New Jersey and enjoys metal detecting and researching his family history in his free time.

Luke plans to pursue a career associated with archaeology and museums after graduation.

Your Holiday Shopping Can Benefit the Heritage Center

Two Easy Ways to Help OHC Raise Funds

Remember, the [Oberlin Heritage Center's Museum Store](#) is a great source of holiday gift-giving ideas. The store is stocked with history-themed books, Anti-Saloon League beverage glasses, Oberlin afghans and other mementos, all of which are available online or at the gift shop located just inside the front door of the Monroe House (73 1/2 South Professor Street, at the back of the Conservatory parking lot). Or, consider a truly one-of-a-kind and lasting gift by ordering an inscribed century-old brick to honor a special person or occasion in your life. A gift card announcement will be provided to the recipient for the holidays, and a photo of the installed brick will be sent when it is installed along the Heritage Center's brick pathway next summer.



You can also support the Oberlin Heritage Center while buying things from Amazon by using <https://smile.amazon.com> when you shop. Amazon will give to the charitable organization of your choice at no extra expense to you. The Heritage Center is listed under its legal name, the Oberlin Historical and Improvement Organization.

2023 Community Award Nominations



The Oberlin Heritage Center's Community Awards Program celebrates and recognizes individuals, organizations and businesses whose outstanding accomplishments in serving the community are in keeping with our mission: To preserve and share Oberlin's unique heritage and to make our community a better place to live, learn, work, and visit. Award categories include:

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

Nomination forms are available on oberlinheritagecenter.org, Nominations are due by January 15, 2023. 2023 Award Winners will be recognized at OHC's Annual Meeting on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 as special guests of the Oberlin Heritage Center.

Kurt Russel Names OHC as his Charity Recipient

2022 National Teacher of the Year Kurt Russel was recently honored by *Cleveland Magazine* and Great Lakes Publishing as a 2022 Community Leader of the Year. Congratulations to Kurt on yet another outstanding achievement!

As part of the award, the recipient is allowed to name a charity of their choice to receive a monetary donation and Mr. Russel has chosen to select the Oberlin Heritage Center as his charity. We are honored to be selected by him and would like to thank him for his undying commitment to education and Oberlin history.

If you would like to read more about this award, there is an [article](#) available online at the *Cleveland Magazine* website.



November Museum & Members Update



Question: In which country is the Strait of Magellan?

Congratulations to our Trivia Winners "The Trivets" and to our second and third place teams, The Lightning Rods and Incense and Sensibility! The competition was extremely close throughout the night between all teams.

Thank you to everyone who came out for Trivia, especially our volunteers, basket donors and all our competing teams: The Arch Rivals, The Bird Brains, King Hamilton's Court, Incense & Sensibility, Lightning Rods, Real Reserved, 2nd Block, Shansi You Later, The Trivets, Triviasaurus Rex, and Who Knew?

Answer: Chile

OHC would also like to thank Eloise Pulsifer who moved up an Endowed Life Member level to Aluminum as well as our newest members, ARRC One, For Ewe: An Inclusive Fiber Community, Amy Jacksic (IL), and Mill on Main.

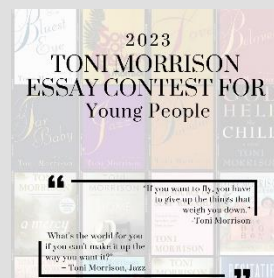
Photo: (left) The Trivets, (right) A wide perspective of Trivia Night

Also of Interest:

Toni Morrison Essay Contest

The Community Foundation of Lorain County has announced the opening of applications for their 2023 Toni Morrison Essay Contest for Young People.

If you would like read about the contest or learn how to apply please visit <https://www.peoplewhocare.org/toni-morrison-essay-contest-for-young-people>



Lorain County History Happenings

First Saturday Every Month - Oberlin African-American Genealogy & History Group
December 3 - Oberlin City Tree Lighting & Holiday Event



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