



Oberlin Heritage Center July 2023 Gazette

OHC PRESENTS:

PITCHER PERFECT

at ESP Brewing in Amherst, OH



The Oberlin Heritage Center is thrilled to offer its summer social event this year at **6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 25** at another a locally owned food and beverage establishment, ESP Brewing Company at 8055 Leavitt Road in Amherst. Come with friends and family to enjoy craft beers and bar food staples while meeting and chatting with others.

The event is \$35 per person, and includes two drinks and food. As part of the evening's festivities, Mark Lesner, architect of the former Lorain County Visitor's Bureau building and 170 Pyle South Amherst Road in Oberlin, will take guests for a walk around the outside of the visitor's bureau building and answer questions about its construction and design. Additionally, there will be a 50/50 raffle and prize baskets.

This event is strictly for those over the age of 21; IDs will be checked at the door. Registration is limited so register soon. Register online at oberlinheritage.org or by calling 440-774-1700.

Upcoming Events

July's History Walk: Architecture

July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at 11:00 am

This July, OHC is offering its downtown Architecture walking tour on Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. Enjoy a leisurely stroll on this 1 hour-long tour which explores Oberlin's architecture with a focus on such individuals as Walter Blythe, Cass Gilbert, and Minoru Yamasaki. This walk provides an opportunity to view an array of historic buildings that feature various styles, including Gothic Modernist, Neo-Classical Revival, Romanesque, Late Victorian, and Queen Anne Revival.



The tour is \$6 for adults and free for children, students, or members. **Advanced registration is strongly recommended.** Register online at oberlinheritage.org or by calling 440-774-1700.

Photo: The Goodrich Block, designed by Architect Walter Blythe and constructed in 1873

Redlining Program Availability



OHC has a new illustrated program discussing historical redlining in Oberlin. Redlining is the discriminatory practice in which services, often financial services like loans, are withheld from neighborhoods often occupied by minorities, low-income, or otherwise marginalized groups. It is also a term used to describe many forms of housing segregation. If your organization or club is interested in having someone from the Heritage Center come and present this program, please contact

us at least three weeks prior to your desired date to give us time to organize and plan for giving the presentation.

Booking the presentation is free for Oberlin groups. If you are from outside of Oberlin and would like to have use present this program there is a fee associated with this service, please get in touch with us at 440-774-1700 or email Liz Schultz at director@oberlinheritage.org

Mark Your Calendars! Summer Camps 2023 with OHC



Spots are still available for both camps!

Architecture Camp:

August 7-11 from 9:30 am - 4:00 pm each day for ages 8-13

Members (including children/grandchildren of members) - \$110

Non Members - \$125

Astronomy and Antiquity Camp:

August 14-18 from 9:30am - 4:00pm each day for ages 10-15
Members (including children/grandchildren of members) - \$110
Non Members - \$125

For more information, please email our Museum Education and Tour Manager at tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org

News From OHC

Welcome Museum Housekeeper Glenn Hobbs

Glenn is a rising senior at Oberlin High School. He plays on the high school soccer team and enjoys auto racing. He wants to study engineering when he goes to college next year. His duties will include keeping all the public spaces tidy for OHC guests and helping Collection Manager Maren McKee care for and clean some of OHC's historic furniture.

Glenn is the son of Jeff and Bethany Hobbs, OHC's Development and Business Manager, and comes from a long line of OHC volunteers. Bethany is not Glenn's direct supervisor probably to their mutual relief.



Say Hello to our Summer Interns



Madeline Morse - Education And Research Intern

Madeline is a rising sophomore at Baldwin Wallace University and is double majoring in Adolescents & Young Adult Education as well as History with a concentration in early U.S. History. She will be working on exploring the history surrounding the Oberlin City Schools along with another project around the OHC grounds involving the living plants and animals that support the ecosystem here in Oberlin.

Alex LoPresto - Leadership Lorain County Intern

Alex is a rising senior at Baldwin Wallace University and is majoring in History with a double minor in Public History and Educational Studies. He is working on transcribing oral histories, learning to give tours around OHC's grounds & buildings, and is looking into the history of the modes of transportation used in Oberlin. He enjoys learning new things, spending time with loved ones, talking with professors, and reading.

Myles Riggins - Junior Intern

Myles is a rising Senior at Oberlin High School and is also enrolled in the College Credit Plus Program at LCCC. He expects to earn his high school diploma and associate's degree next spring and is ultimately planning to earn a Masters of Public Administration.

He is working on updating the tablet tour of downtown Oberlin, assisting in uncovering the history of black judges in Oberlin, and looking into immigrant related histories in Oberlin.

Thanks to the Community Foundation of Lorain County, Leadership Lorain County, and the Nordson Corporation for making these internships possible!

Are you Interested in Sponsoring Root Beer & Yesteryear?

The Oberlin Heritage Center is currently seeking sponsors for its annual Root Beer & Yesteryear community event. If you are interested in sponsoring this or any other OHC event please contact us at 440-774-1700 or by emailing Liz Schultz at director@oberlinheritage.org.

Samuel Proctor Oral History Program Interview at Monroe House

OHC was delighted to offer the Monroe House as the backdrop for a special oral history interview. Courtney Cannon Scott was interviewed by the "Samuel Proctor Oral History Program" of the University of South Florida to discuss her ancestors, who were participants in and agents of the Underground Railroad in other areas of the nation. The National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom is a partner of this oral history initiative. The Oberlin Heritage Center is also listed on the Network to Freedom as a Research Center.



Museum & Members Update



Thank you to everyone that came out for Chalk Walk and Lorain County Pride and to the amazing volunteers who helped to staff OHC's various information tables. Chalk Walk saw a huge increase in participants this year compared to last year, with 1075 chalk drawings registered compared to 800 in 2022. Big congratulations to Barry Richard and Amanda Manahan as well as the rest of the Chalk Walk committee for all their work preparing for and setting up this vital annual event.

We would like to thank and welcome our newest members: David and Louise Coffin, Annabell Droz-Berrios and Steven Williams, Josie Jones, Jan Koepp, and Polly McIlrath.

Also of Interest:

Lorain County Historical Society Ice Cream Social

The Lorain County Historical Society invites all to the annual Ice Cream Social on Sunday, July 9 at Noon. Join them for an afternoon of live music, fun family activities, tours of the museum, antique cars, and pie and cake with ice cream. Enjoy your ice cream while listening to the musical selections of Solid Brass, trying some craft projects, hunting for clues to the outdoor scavenger hunt, or looking at the antique cars on the lawn. Mimi's food truck will be there selling delicious food for lunch. 50/50 raffle tickets will be on sale, with the winner pulled before the end of the event, as well as a fun assortment of basket raffles. Tickets are \$7 each



Gravestone Cleaning Volunteer Opportunities

Have you ever wanted to learn how to clean gravestones safely and without damaging the stone? The first Saturday of every month May through November you can stop by Westwood Cemetery around 9:30 a.m. for a lesson on gravestone cleaning techniques from the Friends of Westwood Cemetery. The work is not difficult and all supplies and equipment are provided.

The next cleaning session will happen on August 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Do you love local history? Join These Organizations!

[Evans Home Historical Society](https://evanshhs.org/) (EHHS) at <https://evanshhs.org/> - The Wilson Bruce Evans Home Historical Society is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to the conservation of the Wilson Bruce Evans Home and provision of public space that serves as a community and educational resource focused on the history of the Wilson Bruce Evans family.

[Friends of Westwood Cemetery](https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofWestwoodCemetery/) at [facebook.com/FriendsofWestwoodCemetery/](https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofWestwoodCemetery/) - The Friends of Westwood Cemetery is a community group dedicated to the preservation and maintenance of the Westwood Cemetery grounds.

[Oberlin African-American Genealogy & History Group](https://oaaghg.com/) (OAAGHG) <https://oaaghg.com/> - OAAGHG is dedicated to encouraging support for African-American Genealogy and Historical Research. Geneologists & researchers of all color are welcome to join.



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