



Oberlin Heritage Center August 2023 Gazette

OHC PRESENTS:

ROOT BEER & YESTERYEAR

OBERLIN IGA

SEPTEMBER 23 - 1PM TO 4PM

Join friends old and new at the Oberlin Heritage Center for this family-friendly (and FREE!) event featuring live music performances, historic portrayals, old-fashioned games, exhibits and best of all -- root beer floats for everyone! Why root beer? Throughout most of its history Oberlin was a "dry" town, meaning you couldn't buy alcohol within city limits. Times have changed but a fondness for this summer treat hasn't. The floats are generously provided by Oberlin IGA, while free popcorn is made possible by the Oberlin Athletic Boosters Club and Bethany Hobbs.

Save the date and watch for more details in our September newsletter.

Volunteers are still needed!

Please contact Liz Schultz at director@oberlinheritage.org or (440) 774-1700 if you can help make this event possible! We need volunteers in 2-hour shifts between 12:30 and 4:30 p.m. to serve root beer floats and popcorn, greet guests at the information table, and supervise games at the Little Red Schoolhouse. We would also appreciate set-up helpers at 11:30 a.m. that morning.

Upcoming Events

History Walk: Civil War to Civil Rights

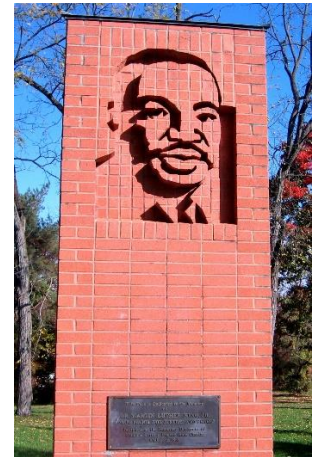
August 5, 12, 19, 26 at 11:00 am

This August, OHC is offering its downtown Civil War to Civil Rights walking tour on Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. This 90-minute tour highlights historic events that reveal both Oberlin's progress and setbacks in race relations dating from early Oberlin all the way up to the 21st Century. Learn how Oberlin was a leader in abolition, participating heavily in events such as the Oberlin-Wellington Rescue, the Raid on Harpers Ferry, and the American Civil War, but also struggled with its own issues of equality and racism during these early years and later through Reconstruction, Jim Crow, Civil Rights, and today.

This tour meets on the front steps of First Church U.C.C. at the corner of Main St. (Rt. 58) and Lorain St. (Rt. 511).

The tour is \$6 for adults and free for children, students, or members. **Advanced registration is strongly recommended.** Book online at www.oberlinheritagecenter.org

Photo: Martin Luther King, Jr. Park Monument



Every Good Story Has A Plot: Mainstreet Memories

Saturday, September 30 at 1:30 and 4:30 p.m.

Shopkeepers, business owners, families, and con artists have all walked Oberlin's Main Street. Join the Oberlin Heritage Center and meet some of these familiar faces at our Every Good Story Has a Plot: Main Street Memories program on Saturday, September 30 at 1:30 PM or 4:30 PM. Walk through Westwood Cemetery for this 60-minute experience and talk to a few of the many interesting individuals who have impacted Oberlin's history. Reservations are required in advance as space is limited to 20 people per time slot. The tour will remain on paths, but some may be uneven or contain loose gravel.

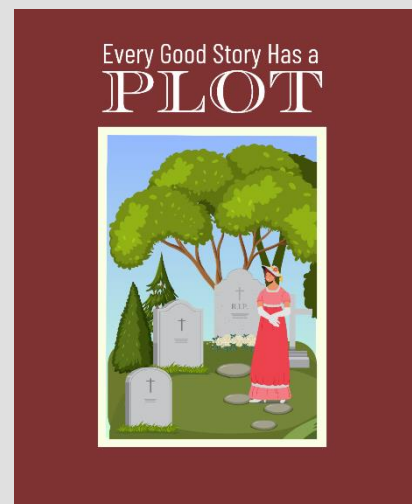
For mobility concerns or questions, please reach out to Liz Schultz at director@oberlinheritage.org. In case of rain at start time, the tour will be cancelled and fees refunded. Book online at www.oberlinheritagecenter.org

Pricing:

Adults: \$15

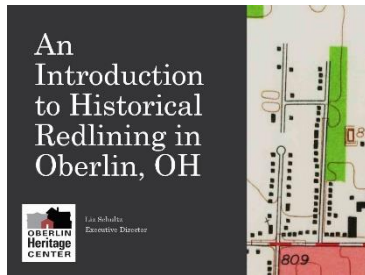
Members: \$12

Children: \$5



Redlining Program At The Oberlin Public Library

Tuesday, October 17 at 6:30 p.m.



OHC has developed a program examining the history of redlining in Oberlin and the Oberlin Public Library will be hosting it this October. 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.

OHC will present this new program at the Oberlin Public Library in the Community Room on Oct. 17 at 6:30 p.m. This program is free and registration is not required.

Save the Date for These Upcoming Events

- 11/3-11/5 is Oberlin College's Parents Weekend and OHC will be offering a slate of public walking tours throughout the weekend.
- 11/10 OHC will present its much loved community Trivia Night.

Farewell to Stephanie Bohnak



Our current Museum Education and Tour Manager, Stephanie Bohnak, has recently accepted a new role as the Director of Education and Outreach at the National First Ladies' Library in Canton, Ohio and will be ending her time at the Oberlin Heritage Center this August. Stephanie has thoroughly enjoyed her time in Oberlin and has especially valued working with dedicated volunteers and community partners who help to further OHC's mission. She is looking forward to focusing on women's history in her new role and plans to remain a supporter and volunteer of Oberlin Heritage Center.

Work With Us!

Museum Education and Tour Manager (Full-Time)

The Oberlin Heritage Center (OHC) seeks a Museum Education and Tour Manager (METM) to engage diverse residents and visitors using the nationally significant and inspirational history of Oberlin, Ohio. The primary responsibilities of the METM include managing, developing, implementing, and evaluating K-12 educational programs, on-site and off-site tours, and youth and adult outreach programs. The METM also recruits and supervises volunteers and interns and assists with research projects, online promotion of OHC's educational offerings, and other projects in accordance with the institution's strategic plan and mission. This is a full-time position with a 40-hour work week, including Saturdays and some evening duties. The METM reports to and works closely with the Executive Director and also works closely with three other staff members and a varied team of volunteers and interns. This person will often be a front-line employee at events

and at the museum and must be able to embody the community-oriented mission of the organization.

For more information and application details, visit www.oberlinheritagecenter.org/about/work. Applications are due by the end of the day August 23, 2023.

Special Projects Assistant (Part-Time)

Do you want to work in a museum, and contribute to long-term research projects concerning Oberlin's social history? If so, you're in luck! OHC is seeking a part-time special projects assistant to work for six hours on Saturdays starting in mid September. Primary duties include assisting with special events and projects, giving tours of the Heritage Center's buildings, greeting the public, and some light administrative work.

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Volunteer Store Manager

OHC is seeking a volunteer store manager to evaluate OHC's product stock and work with vendors to create or source new products, all in consultation with OHC staff and within OHC's resources. Much of this can be done from home. Contact Liz Schultz at director@oberlinheritage.org or by calling (440) 774-1700.

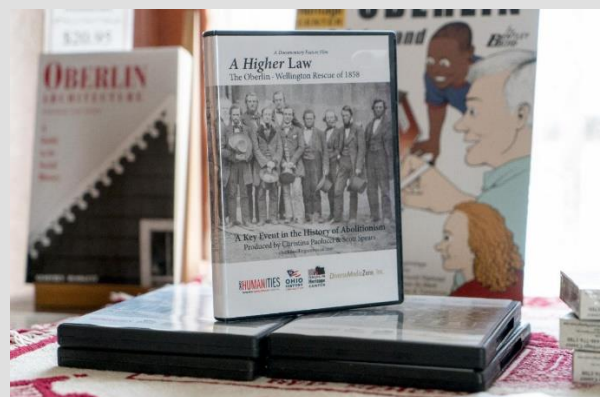
News From OHC

Are you Interested in Sponsoring Root Beer & Yesteryear or Trivia Night?

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.

"A Higher Law" DVDs are available now in the OHC gift shop.

DVDs of "A Higher Law", the recent documentary about the 1858 Oberlin-Wellington Rescue in which OHC was involved, are now available for \$20 + tax in OHC's Monroe House gift shop or via our online shop, <https://secure.oberlinheritage.org/store.shtml>, which adds shipping and handling for a fee.



Museum & Members Update



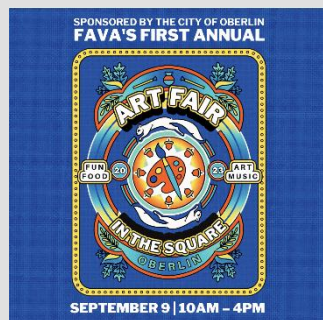
On July 22 the Bumps and Grinds Model T Club visited OHC's campus with nearly a dozen early Fords for a tour of the Little Red Schoolhouse and the Jewett House as a part of their weekend cruise. Here are few photos edited to look similarly vintage as the cars.

Thank you to Damien Tyree and the team at Oberlin UPS for donating your time and services to print large format maps for our ongoing Westwood Cemetery project!

We would like to thank and welcome our newest members: Elizabeth DesRosiers, Ladd Leder, Elena Pinto-Torres.

Our deep condolences go out to the families of Nancy Cecil and Joseph Harris for their recent losses.

Also of Interest:



Save the date for "Art Fair in the Square" on Sept. 9

FAVA will be hosting a new annual art event in the square on Saturday, September 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Welcome Home Reflections with Kurt Russell

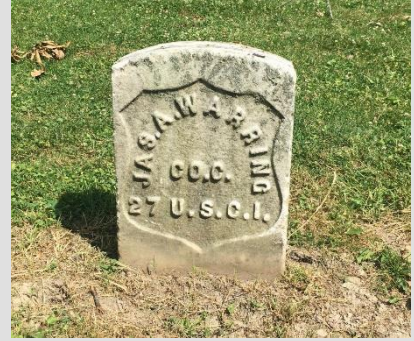
On Thursday, August 10 friends of Kurt Russell will be holding an event from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Oberlin Enrichment and Activity Center (OEAC) building at 36 South Prospect Street to welcome home Mr. Russell from his tour as National Teacher of the Year. As part of the event the audience will be able to ask him questions and there will be light refreshments provided.

This event is open to the public and no registration is required.

Gravestone Cleaning Volunteer Opportunities

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.



Save the date for the EHHS Annual Meeting

The Wilson Bruce Evans Home Historical Society will hold its Third Annual Meeting on Saturday, Sept. 9, 2023, beginning at 11 a.m. in Martin Luther King, Jr. Park in Oberlin.



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