



Oberlin Heritage Center October 2024 Gazette



All are welcome at this community fundraiser for the Oberlin Heritage Center!

Get ready to have a spook-tacular time at the Ghostly Gala, presented by the Oberlin SCAREitage Center on Saturday, October 19 from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. Enjoy a fang-tastic evening complete with two drink tickets (cash bar for additional drinks), a ghoulishly good selection of hors d'oeuvres and sweets, and a full-size candy bar that'll make you feel like a kid on Halloween night. Enjoy music arranged by DJ Dolla Bill (Billie Neadham) and try your luck with our frightfully fun raffles, including a 50/50 raffle. Costumes are encouraged, so get creative and you might just snag a prize for best historical figure, couples costume, or group getup. Haunted hearts and spooky spirits, come out and support the Oberlin Scareitage Center—your ticket to the Ghostly Gala is sure to be a scream!

The festivities are at the New Russia Township Lodge (Cedar East), 46300 Butternut Ridge Road. Parking is available in the rear. Tickets are \$45 (this is a 21 and up event) (\$40 for OHC members). Reserve a table for six to save on admission and enjoy the night with friends for \$250 (\$220 for members). Tuesday, October 15 is the registration deadline for this event.

Thank you to these event sponsors! Aladdin's, Ben Franklin/Mindfair Books, Bistro Bella Luna, Deichler Auto and Tire Works, Larry Funk, Kendal at Oberlin, Pradnya Martz, Midas, Tanya Rosen-Jones. It's not too late to be a sponsor! Sponsorships start at \$50.

Upcoming Events

Jewett House Tours

Friday, October 4 at 1:30 p.m.

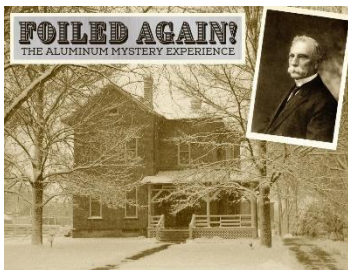


OHC's tour of the Jewett House, 73 South Professor Street, is available the first Friday of every month and will highlight Frank Fanning Jewett, Sarah Frances Gulick Jewett, Charles Martin Hall, the aluminum reduction process and life in Oberlin during the Progressive Era. Additional topics include architecture, interior design, social reform, and student boarders who stayed with the family during their time at Oberlin College.

Registration is recommended but not required. The group will meet at the Monroe House before walking to the Jewett House. You can register online using the [events calendar](#).

Foiled Again

Friday, October 11 at 2:00 p.m.



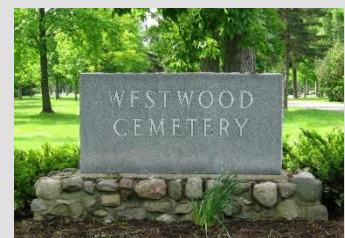
Foiled Again! The Aluminum Mystery Experience is available the second Friday of each month at 2:00 p.m. Foiled Again is perfect for your families, friends, teams, or clubs! Join us at the Oberlin Heritage Center and book this private mystery experience where your group will have a chance to help Professor Jewett solve the mystery of where his aluminum science notes went inside the Jewett House. Immerse yourself in the late 1800s as he helped his student, Charles Martin Hall, discover the Aluminum Reduction Process. This teamwork-based activity is best suited for detectives over the age of 9. We recommend groups between 3-8 participants.

Detectives will meet at the Jewett House after booking their group online via our [events page](#). This experience is \$20 per group, but OHC members receive a 10% discount. Groups are private once booked. All bookings must be made at least 24 hours prior to the booking time. Inquiries regarding additional dates can be directed to the Museum Education and Tour Manager at 440-774-1700 or via email tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org.

Radicals & Reformers History Walk of Westwood Cemetery

Thursday, October 17 at 5:30pm

This guided tour promises a pleasing balance of Westwood's scenic landmarks and stories of some of the many spirited men and women of Oberlin who simply refused the status quo. Find out which resident was remembered as "gentle, soft-spoken, tolerant and yet nobody's fool." Visit the headstone of the man who escaped from slavery (twice!) and later served on the Oberlin village council.



This tour lasts approximately 75 minutes and covers approximately 1 walking mile. Please note there are no restrooms or facilities located at the cemetery.

Advance registration requested. Register on-line or call 440.774.1700. This history walk will be cancelled if it is raining at start time and registrants may request refunds or transfers.

Parents Weekend Tours and History Walk Schedule

Friday-Sunday, November 8-10

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 will be open to the public as well as to campus visitors.



Friday, November 8:

- [Oberlin Origins Self-Guided Tour of the Monroe House](#) 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- [Guided tour of the Jewett House](#) 1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Saturday, November 9:

- [Oberlin Origins Self-Guided Tour of the Monroe House](#) 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- [Freedom's Friends History Walk](#) 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- [Civil War to Civil Rights History Walk](#) 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- [Architecture History Walk](#) 3:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Sunday, November 10:

- [Oberlin Origins Self-Guided Tour of the Monroe House](#) 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- [Morning History Hustle](#) 9:15 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
- [Architecture History Walk](#) 10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
- [Freedom's Friends History Walk](#) 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Everything But Death: Black Prisoners of War in the Confederate South

Kendal at Oberlin on Tuesday, November 12, at 7:15 p.m.



OHC is happy to announce that in honor of Veteran's Day it invited Oberlin College professor Caroline Wood Newhall to Kendal at Oberlin on Tuesday, November 12 at 7:15 p.m. to present a program about African-American soldiers who became prisoners of war in the Confederacy. Caroline Wood Newhall specializes in 19th-century United States history, focusing on North American slavery and captivity, warfare, and the Civil War era. Her publications include numerous blog posts, book reviews, and forthcoming book chapters, and her public talks have been featured on C-SPAN and YouTube.

This program is free and open to the public with no registration required.

News From OHC

Donate to the Annual Fund Today!

As we approach the end of another year, it is a great time to reflect on the progress we've made. The Oberlin Heritage Center is more than a repository of history; it is a living, breathing embodiment of our collective past, present, and future. Our commitment to education, preservation, and community engagement is unwavering, and we continue to strive towards our vision to bring diverse individuals together as a community, and inspire all who seek to understand how history shapes our world today and in the future.



Contribute to the Annual Fund of the Oberlin Heritage Center today! Your assistance will help continue the outstanding tours and programs that are shared with our community and a wide audience of visitors. For more information or a physical copy of our donation form, visit our website oberlinheritagecenter.org

Free Seeds in the Little Free Library

Museum Education and Tour Coordinator Amanda Manahan has placed some free seeds in the Little Free Library in front of the Little Red Schoolhouse for anyone interested to take and plant. The seeds are mostly for native plants and are labelled. If you have any questions about the seeds please email Amanda at tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org or by calling 440-774-1700.

New HVAC Unit in Monroe House



OHC is excited to announce the installation of a dual fuel heat pump on the second floor of the Monroe House! The completion of this project fulfills two of OHC's goals: to provide a stable environment for OHC's museum collection and to become a more environmentally sustainable organization. Since the basement HVAC system was replaced with a heat pump last year, OHC has seen a 21% reduction in natural gas consumption, when compared to our average consumption for the previous 3 years. We look forward to this trend continuing upon completion of this second replacement.

This project is made possible in part by a grant from the Green EDGE Fund and the Ohio History Connection's History Fund. The History Fund is supported exclusively by voluntary donations of Ohio income tax refunds, sales of Ohio History "mastodon" license plates, and designated gifts to the Ohio History Connection. www.ohiohistory.org/historyfund.

The interns are back!

With the beginning of the school year, OHC's student interns Lillian Gibson and Naiya Patel-Kapka and student volunteer Malena Glover have returned and we are excited to share that we have a new intern this term, Bella Schmitt.



Bella is a second year Oberlin College student, originally from Saint Paul, Minnesota. They are majoring in History and will be joining OHC as a new Tour and Research Intern. They will be learning to give guided tours and are helping with recording audio for an OHC digital tour project.

There are also a few more new additions to the team in other positions as well!

New Museum Housekeeper Asase Lee

Asase recently joined the OHC team as its new Museum Housekeeper. She is originally from Oberlin and moved to Oklahoma for several years before returning to Oberlin with her husband. Her duties 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 collection.



Special Projects Assistant Lucy Freeman

Lucy joined OHC as its new Special Projects and Tour Assistant. She is a third year Oberlin College student studying History and Comparative American Studies. She is from Maplewood, New Jersey originally, though her family now lives in Philadelphia. She enjoys drawing, sewing and reading in her free time. She is learning to give tours for OHC and will be stationed at the Monroe House front desk on Saturdays.

OHC Featured in Underground Railroad Trail

Some of the Oberlin Heritage Center's offerings were recently highlighted in TourismOhio's "[Ohio Historical Underground Railroad Trail](#)". OHC's "Freedom's Friends" and "Civil War to Civil Rights" walking tours were specifically singled out. OHC thanks TourismOhio for sharing awareness about the importance of Oberlin's history and our various educational offerings with interested patrons.



Westwood Cemetery and some of OHC's Westwood related offerings were also highlighted in the same guide.

Thank You to Everyone Helping with Grounds Care

Thank you to everyone that has helped with OHC's grounds care needs over the past few months. Specifically we want to thank Scott Broadwell for becoming our Grounds Steward, Glenn Hobbs and Pat Price for lawn mowing, and Elizabeth Elrod for help with grounds care. You are vital to helping keep OHC's grounds safe and appealing to visitors year round!

Museum & Members Update



Thank you so much to everyone who helped make OHC's Root Beer and Yesteryear event such a smashing success on September 21! We hope you also enjoyed the free root beer floats, popcorn, live music, and history displays. Just shy of 300 people visited OHC during the event!

There are so many people to thank including: our generous sponsor Oberlin IGA, which provided the root beer and ice cream, The Bill Long Foundation, The Boosters for use of their popcorn machine, The Eerie Invaders who provided the live music, Lorain County Spinners & Weavers Guild, Lorain County Beekeepers Association, and Richard DeLombard of the Ohio Wheelmen. We also want to thank our amazing team of volunteers: Rev. Dr. Brian Wilbert who also brought and demonstrated his phonograph, Michele Andrews, Scott Broadwell, Amy Chuang, Wuu-Shung Chuang, Joe Cross, Lori Ebihara Flood, Elizabeth Elrod, Nancy Harper, Kathy Jaffee, Mark Jaffee, Carl Jacobson, Eva McFarlin, Anne Montoya, Gail Powell, Jeff Hobbs, Jean Simon, George Wright, Boy Scout Troop 517, and Mary Worthington. You all helped make this exciting day run as smoothly as it did and we could not have done it without your assistance.

OHC would like to welcome new member Callan Engstrom. Thank you for joining us. Your support is appreciated!

Also of Interest:

Indigenous People's Day Celebrations - Oct 12 & 14

Gather with others on Indigenous People's Day Monday, October 14 from 12:00-1:00 p.m. in Tappan Square for a vigil. This vigil will be a moment to honor the rich history, traditions, and contributions of Indigenous peoples. Stand together to recognize and support the rights and voices of Indigenous communities. All are welcome to join in this meaningful event.



There will also be festivities at the Oberlin Enrichment & Activity Center on Saturday, October 12 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. All are welcome to join the celebration for a day of storytelling, music, art, and community. Amplify Indigenous voices and come together as a community to learn, reflect, and stand in solidarity for justice, sovereignty, and preservation of sacred traditions at the 8th Annual Oberlin Indigenous People's Day celebration. These events are presented by Indigenous Peoples' Day Committee of Oberlin.

Lorain County Historical Society October Offerings

The Lorain County Historical Society has a wide variety of offerings this month. If you are looking for Halloween themed events beyond the offerings of the Oberlin Heritage Center check out these and other events at <https://lchs.org/events/>.



October 19:

- "Night" at the Museum Family Halloween party - 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

October 24 & 26:

- Night at the BOO!-seum social event - 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

October 27:

- "If These Walls Could Talk" Candlelight Tour - 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Access Statement:

Events are held in wheelchair accessible spaces unless otherwise noted. Restrooms at most venues are gender-specific and visitors are welcome to use their preferred restroom. For any additional queries about accessibility information please email director@oberlinheritage.org.



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